Black Lives Matter Timeline

2/26/2012: George Zimmerman Shoots Trayvon Martin In Sanford, FL

3/22/2012: A call for the arrest of George Zimmerman results in a petition on Change.org. It receives over 1.3 million signatures

3/26/2012: 6 NY State Senators wear hoodies in the capitol chamber in honor of Martin

3/1/2012: A Million Hoodies For Justice Is Created To Support The Arrest Of George Zimmerman

3/26/2012: A month after Trayvon Martin's death rallies take place across the county

3/28/2012: Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL) is thrown off of the House floor for wearing a hoodie in protest

4/4/2012: The CBC introduce a congressional resolution, H. Res. 612 regarding the death of Trayvon Martin and gun control

4/6/2012: A group of students from Gainesville, Tallahassee, Miami, and Orlando begin a 40-mile protest (The Dream Defenders)

4/11/2012: George Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder

4/19/2012: Stand Your Ground for Justice Town Hall held in Sanford, sponsored by the National Bar Association

6/20/2012: Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee Is Fired

7/13/2012: George Zimmerman is acquitted of the murder of Trayvon Martin

7/14/2013: Patrisse Cullors re-posts a message about the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the murder of Trayvon Martin with the hashtag #blacklivesmatter

7/20/2013: First massive protest occurs for Trayvon Martin; over 1,000 people stage a sit-in in Times Square
11/2/2013: Renisha McBride is killed by a Theodore Wafer in Dearborn Heights Michigan.


7/22/2014: About 100 people gather in a vigil and march for Eric Garner in Tompkinsville.

8/1/2014: The city's medical examiner rules Garner's death a homicide, saying a chokehold killed him.

8/9/2014: Michael Brown is shot by officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson Missouri.

8/10/2014: Brown’s parents hire attorney Benjamin Crump.


8/14/2014: McCaskill states that the military presence in Ferguson has increased due to the events of the protest.

8/15/2014: Solidarity protest break out in cities across the country in support of the Ferguson protestors.


7/21/2014: The four EMS workers who responded after Garner went into cardiac arrest are suspended without pay.

7/23/2014: Hundreds gather in Brooklyn for Garner's funeral, including his six children.

8/5/2014: John Crawford is shot and killed by police in Beavercreek, Ohio.


8/10-8/30 2014: Massive protest erupt in Ferguson, Missouri relating to the death of Michael Brown.

8/13/2014: Police tear gas protestors, massive news coverage across the world covers this event.

8/15/2014: Darren Wilson is identified as the shooter in the Brown case.
8/15/2014: Ferguson police chief releases surveillance video and dispatches of the robbery Brown is accused of

8/16/2014: Ferguson is declared to be in a state of emergency by McCaskill

8/18/2014: Governor Nixon releases the National Guard in Ferguson

8/19/2014: Donovan announces the Garner case will go to a grand jury, saying that after reviewing the medical examiner’s findings

8/20/2014: Attorney General Eric Holder visits Ferguson

8/23/2014: More than 2,500 people march through Staten Island to protest Garner’s death.

8/25/2014: Michael Brown is buried

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9/16/2014: Wilson testifies in front of a grand jury

9/24/2014: A grand jury rules there will be no indictment of Darren Wilson in the death of John Crawford

10/8/2014: Vonderitt D. Myers Jr. is killed by the St. Louis police

10/10/2014: Thousands march for police reform and an indictment on Darren Wilson in St. Louis

10/21/2014: Governor Nixon announces his plan to create the Ferguson Commission

10/23/2014: A grand jury rules there will be no indictment of Darren Wilson in the death of John Crawford

11/10/2014: Hundreds of protestors stay a die in to symbol the 100 days that have passed since the death of Brown

11/16/2014: Akai Gurley is killed by a rookie police officer in NYC

11/22/2014: 12-year-old Tamir Rice is killed in a playground by a police officer while holding a toy gun
12/8/2014: Lebron James, Kobe Bryant and the LA Lakers wears an #ICan'tBreathe shirt in solidarity during a basketball game

12/11/2014: Black Congressional Staffers Stage A #HandsUpDon'tShoot Walkout In Support Of Garner and Brown

12/13/2104: DC Ferguson stages a protest to Capitol Hill

12/14/2014: We The Protestors Begins Planning Meetings To Create Policy Brief

12/22/2014: Black Lives Matter protest fills Mall Of America

1/8/2015: Essence Magazine dedicates their cover to Black Lives Matter

1/21/2015: Black Lives Matters Protestors Interrupt Capitol Hill Lunch

1/19/2015: Thousands of protesters around the country engage in #ReclaimMLK protests

2/1/2015: African American Policy Forum releases document on the deaths of black women by police brutality and coin the hashtag #SayHerName

4/18/2015: Freddie Gray is killed in police custody in Baltimore, MD

4/19/2015: Massive protest erupt in Baltimore.

6/29/2015: BLM activists stage a die-in at UN General Assembly following meetings on police brutality

7/13/2015: Sandra Bland dies in police custody in Texas

7/18/2015: Black Lives Matter members disrupted the NetRoots national annual convention of cyber activists in Phoenix, Arizona.