



Religious Views of Black Lives Matte

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Question:

How do different religious traditions affect responses to the Black Lives Matter movement?

Purpose:

To sociologically understand the impact and effects of religion on Black Lives Matter. Understanding this relationship can help us see why different people respond the way they do to movements and events, and how we can work to communicate important issues in a way that people with different religious backgrounds

Conclusion:

Each religion has different values regarding human life and actions needed to be taken protect human rights. Human rights and social injustice cannot be solved by one group, it is a job for whole communities and groups to be able to join together with their own ideologies and experiences to help stop violence and wrongful treatment.



Findings:

Judaism

The Jewish telegraphic Agency describes the turmoil that the movement is facing in Israel. The Co author of Black Lives Matter said that Israell supports genocide on Palenstineans. This has caused multiple Jews who are considered modern to take their names off multiple documents that would support the movement because of the comments made.



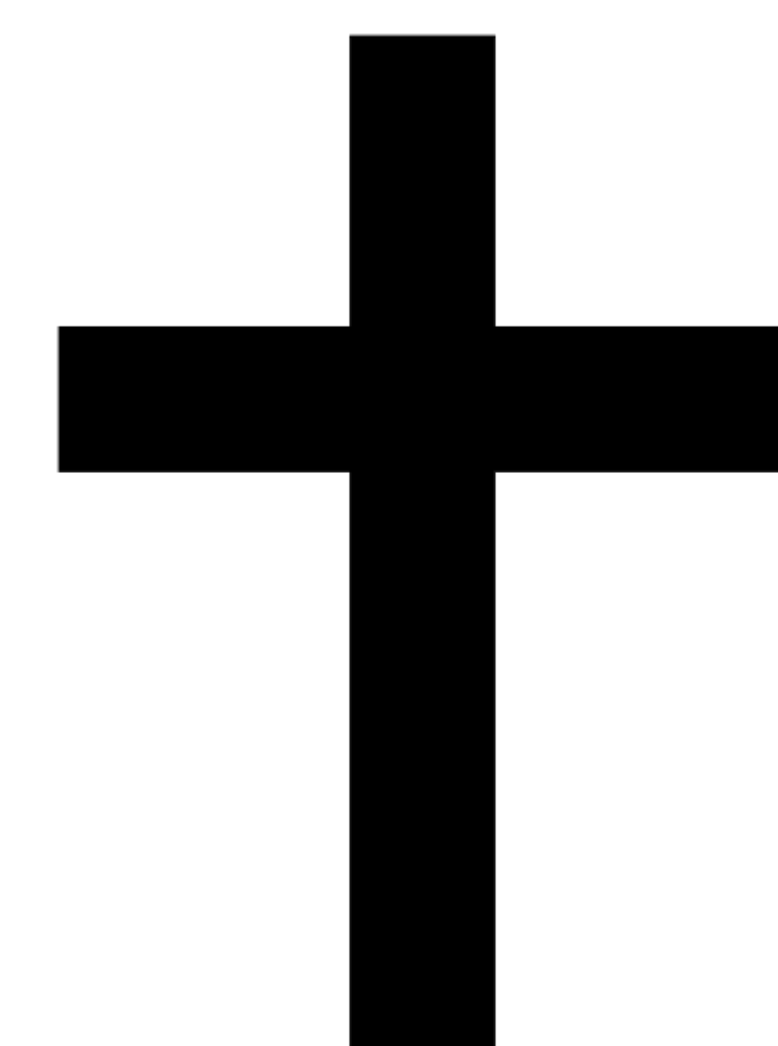
Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

Although Buddhism traditionally advocates that "all life is precious" (Hamasaki), Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in particular stresses the fact that when one person or group suffers, the whole community suffers. This unique emphasis within Buddhism serves as a needed aid in addressing the importance of social movements like Black Lives Matter, especially when confronted with counter-movements like "All Lives Matter."



American Islam

National Muslim organizations have come together, recognizing tthe systematic racism against Blacks, specifically Black Muslims. They agree with the statement that Black lives do matter. Something unique about the American Islam perspective is the similarly shared experience with Blacks of discrimination in America, though not always in all the same ways. This perspective has influenced American Muslims' clear call for social and political reform. This response serves to support and uplift the movement to redirect police funding and restructure justice and police systems at root level.



Christianity

Christianity does not have a lot of outspoken groups in direct support the cause, but remains more of a silent supporter. There are some more outspoken groups, but overall they do support the cause, just not in outspoken ways like Islam and Buddhism. This has caused some backlash, especially in America since Christianity is one of the dominant religions.