

In the thick of the movement that has come to be #blacklivesmatter, it is important to step outside of not only ourselves but also our daily dialogue and really take a look at where ~~the~~ our movement stands. The outing of many prominent activists for "passing" for black ~~shows~~ gives one a clear idea, as this outing has not once been done by a fellow activist or those of which the movement intends to give a voice to, but ~~the~~ instead the powerful, white owned media stations. When stepping outside of our own passion, we can see that we are feared, and fear on the part of a white person towards black people has always meant the latter's destruction, whether this be for the one or the many. The race of an advocate does not effect their effectiveness.

Effectiveness is hindered only by the group in need, a group that arguably has too much faith in those who's only concern is that they return to being

content with their circumstances.

It is a well known fact that Americans as a whole have become an increasingly mis-trusting society over several decades. So while race may not be of detriment to one's effectiveness, lying or the public belief of lies being told most certainly does. An activist must be transparent in all things, good or bad in order to retain those who really push the movement, a passionate (black) public.

This is not necessary because it truly matters long-term or even in relation to the movement, but because room must not be ~~made~~ allowed for the vultures to pick us apart. The movement for black lives cannot end over Fox News.

For hundreds of years in the United States one drop of black blood or one ounce of support for the black people felt a white person less than white in the public eye. The standard has not changed because anything that can be used against us will regardless of the fact.

So making the right, and in this case the most transparent choice is necessary. Our activists, no matter their race, if they really do believe in the fight for black lives must be the ~~the~~ leaders we need them to be.