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Walking back support for the wrong civil rights champion

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Celebrities, sports teams and leagues, corporations, politicians and many well-meaning citizens have pledged their support for Black Lives Matter – vocal support for some and financial for others. That's understandable because no decent American wants racial discrimination or oppression of black citizens, or any other citizens.

While the original premise of the group is subject to challenge – i.e. that cops are hunting down black citizens – that's not my focus here. I'm most interested in what the organization has become. Many well-meaning supporters implore us to distinguish between the protests and the violent destruction and physical harm of innocent people. But that distinction has deteriorated.

Originally committed to spreading the message that “black lives matter,” some activities have deteriorated from legitimate protests to something more sinister. Too often, BLM members are clearly identified as participants in the violence, looting, and destruction. And national and local BLM leaders often exhibit support for these activities.

The sentiment that black lives are precious seems to conflict with some BLM members' activities. The organization has overplayed its hand. Some supporters will soon be figuring out how to “walk back” their support.