

# Color

Here is the difference a color makes:  
"blue lives matter"  
expresses a fact in our society;  
"black lives matter"  
exists as a reminder, or an aspiration.  
The former is not a radical proposition;  
the latter, given the weight of history  
and habit, is a contested idea.

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