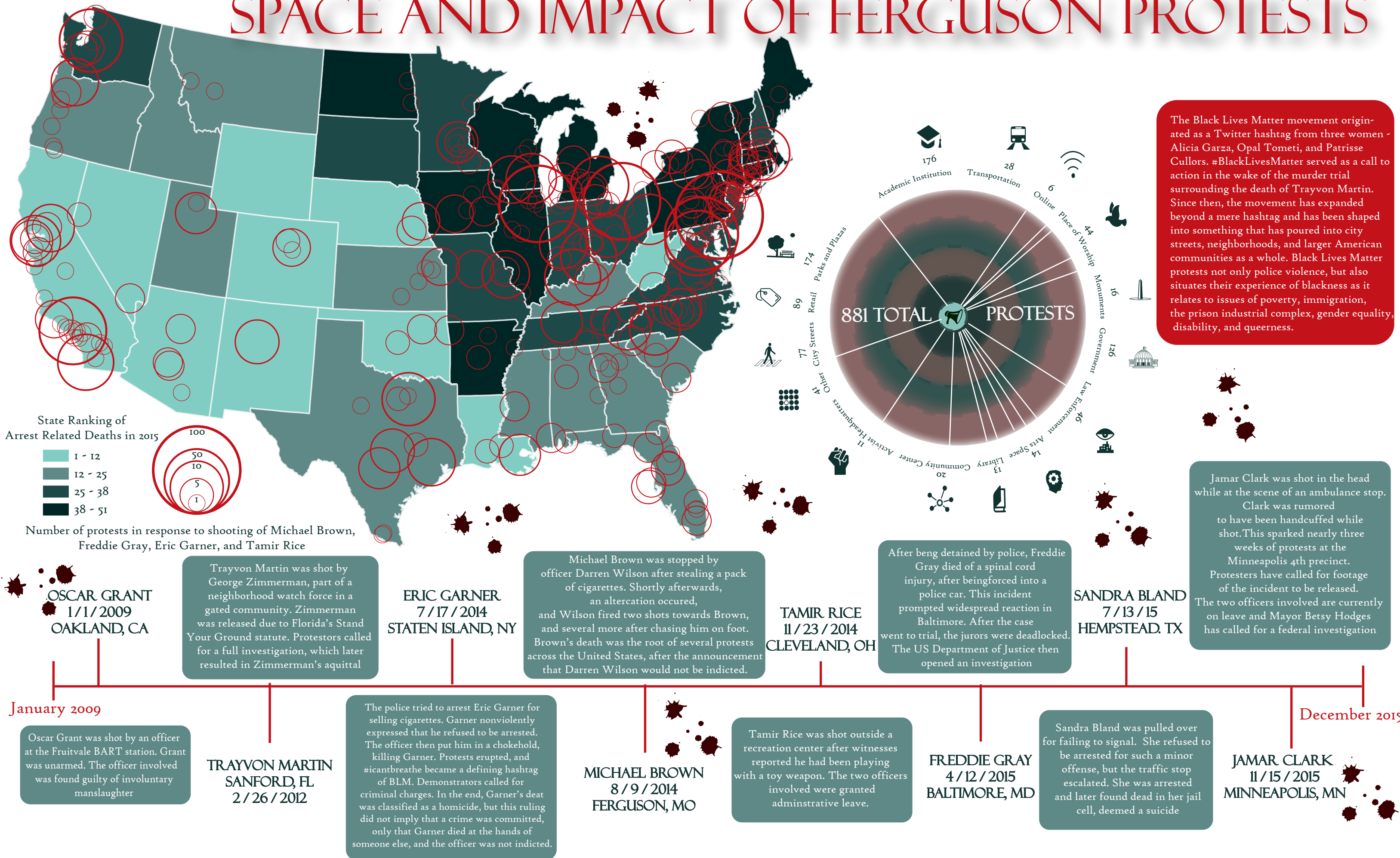


SPACE AND IMPACT OF FERGUSON PROTESTS



The Black Lives Matter movement originated as a Twitter hashtag from three women - Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors. #BlackLivesMatter served as a call to action in the wake of the murder trial surrounding the death of Trayvon Martin. Since then, the movement has expanded beyond a mere hashtag and has been shaped into something that has poured into city streets, neighborhoods, and larger American communities as a whole. Black Lives Matter protests not only police violence, but also situates their experience of blackness as it relates to issues of poverty, immigration, the prison industrial complex, gender equality, disability, and queerness.

Jamar Clark was shot in the head while at the scene of an ambulance stop. Clark was rumored to have been handcuffed while shot. This sparked nearly three weeks of protests at the Minneapolis 4th precinct. Protesters have called for footage of the incident to be released. The two officers involved are currently on leave and Mayor Betsy Hodges has called for a federal investigation

After beng detained by police, Freddie Gray died of a spinal cord injury, after beingforced into a police car. This incident prompted widespread reaction in Baltimore. After the case went to trial, the jurors were deadlocked. The US Department of Justice then opened an investigation

Tamir Rice was shot outside a recreation center after witnesses reported he had been playing with a toy weapon. The two officers involved were granted adminstrative leave.

Sandra Bland was pulled over for failing to signal. She refused to be arrested for such a minor offense, but the traffic stop escalated. She was arrested and later found dead in her jail cell, deemed a suicide

The police tried to arrest Eric Garner for selling cigarettes. Garner nonviolently expressed that he refused to be arrested. The officer then put him in a chokehold, killing Garner. Protests erupted, and #icantbreathe became a defining hashtag of BLM. Demonstrators called for criminal charges. In the end, Garner's deat was classified as a homicide, but this ruling did not imply that a crime was committed, only that Garner died at the hands of someone else, and the officer was not indicted.

Oscar Grant was shot by an officer at the Fruitvale BART station. Grant was unarmed. The officer involved was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter