



Path to Student Awareness

Police Brutality: The Black Panther Party & Ending SARS

What does police brutality look like in the US?

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to 50 seconds*





Black Panther Party

- The BPP was a political organization founded in Oakland, CA of 1966 by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale to challenge police brutality against the African American community.
- They founded the Black panthers after the assassination of Malcolm X and after San Fransico PD shot and killed an *unarmed black teen* named Mathew Johnson
- The party was first used for self-defense, but began monitoring police activity in black communities in Oakland and other cities
- Their party was seen as a “gang”, but their leadership allowed more African Americans to be elected in political office
- The FBI was threatened by the party, and made it their mission to break up the group
- The Black Panther Party dissolved in 1982



HISTORY OF

The Government's Interference with Police Brutality

- U.S. has the highest rate of incarceration in the **world**: 23 million (as of 2016).
- 13th amendment: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, ***except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted***, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."
 - Thus, after the Civil War, African Americans were in captivity again, this time for minor crimes, so they could be rebuilt the economy in the South.
 - Gov't used propaganda, depicting Black people as these menacing, evil men being a threat to white women & children.
- 1970s: era of mass incarceration (doubling of federal spending for local law enforcement) → "**war on drugs**"
- Crack was an inner-city issue (Blacks, Hispanics) and cocaine was a suburban issue (Whites). Crack, designed to be inexpensive and sold in small packages, led to mandatory sentencing penalties, far harsher than for powder cocaine.
- Black people were categorized as super-predators, animals, beasts, rapists, criminals, etc, subjected to police brutality.
- In 1996, President Clinton signed the **1033 program**, which transferred surplus military-grade equipment from the Pentagon to police without requiring any training or oversight for the equipment's use.
- Now, we see cops deploying military-grade equipment – such as tear gas, rubber bullets, sound cannons, and mine-resistant armored trucks – against largely peaceful protesters.



END SARS

What does end SARS mean? It is a social movement as well as a series of protests against police brutality in Nigeria.

Police brutality in Nigeria has skyrocketed with a record of abuses

SARS stands for: Special Anti-Robbery squad

If you want to create awareness, don't just post a picture with end sars. Look for petitions, donations and more for people to actually make a change.



Preformative Activism VS Activism

Preformative Activism	Activism
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Posting hashtags and black screens on social media (Making a trend)- Posting because your friends are/for clout- Hypocritical- Photoshoots at protests :D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Signing Petitions- Donating to Orgs/GoFundMe- Be an active ally- Become more educated on the topic (books, movies, documentaries, blogs)



Organizations

<https://www.buyfromablackwoman.org>

- Through educational programs, an online directory, and funding, Buy from a Black Woman continues to grow as a trusted resource that helps Black Women in business.

<https://www.blackgirlscode.com>

- To increase the number of women of color in the digital space by empowering girls of color ages 7 to 17 to become innovators in STEM fields, leaders in their communities, and builders of their own futures through exposure to computer science and technology.

<https://www.knowyourrightscamp.com/who-we-are>

- Our mission is to advance the liberation and well-being of Black and Brown communities through education, self-empowerment, mass-mobilization and the creation of new systems that elevate the next generation of change leaders.

<https://blackvotersmatterfund.org/our-purpose/>

- Our goal is to increase power in our communities. Effective voting allows a community to determine its own destiny.

<https://donatebtc.feministcoalition2020.com/>

- The feminist coalition is a group of young Nigerian feminists formed in July 2020 with a mission to champion equality for women in Nigerian society with a core focus on education, financial freedom and representation in public office.

<https://www.blackgirlssmile.org/about>

- Black Girls Smile Inc. was founded with a mission to provide young black women education, resources and support to lead mentally healthy lives.



GO VOTE!

also, please be safe tomorrow!