

Watts Dominguez (~ 15min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8uj1qWaY6U>

Assata Shakur on Democracy Now (8:30)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvYqYlvboEg>

Black Power Mixtape

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgkJcdmheCg>

(class: 5:10-25)

Assata Shakur / Democracy Now

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvYqYlvboEg>

(9 min)

I Am Not Your Negro

<https://yesmovies.to/movie/i-am-not-your-negro-20585/690312-7/watching.html>

Davis:

THE TERM "TERROR" now includes anyone opposed to Western  
Capitalist-"democracy"

WAR ON TERROR justifies anti-Muslim, legit of occupation of Palestine, redefines  
repression of immigrants, police depts get military surplus: "defense excess  
property program"

**Stokely** (and Davis) notes:

**RESISTANCE IS UNAVOIDABLE**

POWER CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT DEMAND

THE LIMITS OF TYRANTS ARE PRESCRIBED BY THE ENDURANCE OF THOSE

WHOM THEY SUPPRESS

Camus: "When a slave says no, he begins to exist."

**To students at Morgan:**

Stop being ashamed of being black. Stop imitating white society. Forget fraternities  
and sororities

Construct our own culture

No more individualism: see yourselves as a people, a group

Follow your conscience, not law and order

Don't become a part of the machine

**THE POWER OF DEFINING**

**\*\*PEOPLE WHO CAN DEFINE ARE THE MASTERS:** the first need of a free people is to define their own terms... get terms recognized by oppressors

"integration" this was defined by white leaders for black leaders

**\*\*"Black Power" = "Violence"?**

(how to define violence?)

Cowboys vs Indians: Indian victory = "massacre"

In Vietnam: vc terrorists: "kill women and children"

U.S. bombers: "drop bombs"

x = "civilization"?

DEFINE WHO IS AND IS NOT YOUR ENEMY

DEFINE X = BEAUTY

question what they tell you at school

Don't you have the guts to say HELL NO?

"I will not allow anyone to make me a hired killer."

### **QUESTION OF VIOLENCE**

ROTC= institutionalized violence

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH VIOLENCE IT'S JUST WHO IS ABLE TO CONTROL IT

We refuse to condemn black people who throw rocks and bottles at police

*Other black leaders:* we deplore violence; we avoid the use of violence; it's very, very bad; those are vagabonds; they don't represent us; violence never accomplishes anything

(Note: this was 50 years ago; same now).

In Ghetto:

more violence than anywhere

also more cops than anywhere

bc the cops don't care about black on black violence

The "violence" they're worried about is the destruction of property

### **REAL PROBLEM**

Real problem in ghetto = property rights vs human rights

REBELLION IS ABOUT PROPERTY RIGHTS

IF YOU WANT TO STOP REBELLION ERADICATE ITS CAUSE

JAMES BALDWIN:

**ALL THAT CAN SAVE YOU NOW IS YOUR  
CONFRONTATION WITH YOUR OWN HISTORY**

**The Crime of which (White) America is accused =  
they destroy hundreds of thousands of lives but  
don't know it and don't want to know it**

**"It is not permissible that the authors of devastation  
should also be innocent. It's the innocence which  
constitutes the crime."**

**See yourself as you are. Cease fleeing reality.**

1963: *The Fire Next Time*

1968: Interview with *Esquire*, after the 1968 riots in Harlem in response to MLK's assassination; re-issued after the 2015 Baltimore Riots

*Parallels with the Colonized:*

Remember FANON: He said that the "colonizers" *produce* the character of the "colonized," as dirty, low, morally backward and so on. Baldwin makes the same point about whites constructing blacks/blackness.

He warns his nephew NOT TO BELIEVE WHAT THE WHITES SAY ABOUT YOU... though the "details and symbols of your life have been deliberately constructed to make you believe what white people say about you."

## CLAIMS

- White America puts black people in ghettos.
  - They determine where to go, what to do and how, where to live, who to marry.
- White people don't really know what's happening in black neighborhoods.
- White racism is at the bottom of black "riots" (which are only called "riots" because it's black people doing it.)
- It's "the people and their representatives" who are inciting to riots.
- What causes rioting is "despair of being in a static position," with NO FUTURE.
- Black people are a "nation within a nation."
- They're not "looters." They don't really want the TV etc. They're saying "screw you... I'M HERE."
  
- "You're accusing a captive population who has been robbed of everything of looting. I think it's obscene."
- The church can't help, not after MLK's assassination.
- "Integration" = a euphemism for white supremacy.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Don't try to become like White people.
- But you do have to try not to hate them. (Though you still might have to shoot them.)
- Black people / neighborhoods need:
  - Their own schools
  - Their own police: this would start to = "black autonomy."
  
- (Whites) Need to pressure:
  - landlords
  - local government
  - real estate lobby
  - \*educational system → change textbooks; TEACH TRUTH OF HISTORY
    - get profit out of education
  - steel and oil companies (for whom the politicians work)
  
- POLICE? They need educated. It's not their fault. They're "ignorant and frightened."
  
- \*A black president WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH. Need to break the 2 party system.
- (As Fanon again:) REAL allies = Castro, Angola

## QUESTIONS

- Does America need to "confront its own history"? Is a presumed "innocence" a real crime? What problematic aspects of history do you have in mind?
- Are black people and/or other people of color still in similar circumstances?
- Are there still ghettos? Which / where are they?
- Is the problem still "white people"? If not, what IS the problem? Is it a class?
- Do white people (or whoever you substitute) really know what happens in black neighborhoods?
- Do you agree that 1968 Harlem, or 2015 Baltimore, ought not to be called "riots"?
- Do you agree that white people (or whoever you substitute) are the real cause of such events?
- Can the church help?
- Was the history you were taught UNTRUE?
- What of his solutions? What do you think of
  - Neighborhood-run schools
  - Neighborhood-run police?
  
- Is a black president enough?