

April 21, 2016: National Student Day of Action to STOP Police Terror!

If you knew that a murderer was living next door would you do something? What if you witnessed the murder happen, would you demand justice for them? What if countless people were losing their lives every day at the hands of one notorious gang? **We have all seen the videos of the crimes the police commit against humanity**--killing people who are running away, have their hands up, are laying on the ground or doing nothing. People beaten, tased, stomped, choked and shot to death. If a photo is worth a thousand words, you would assume a video would be worth enough to indict, convict, and send these killer cops to jail. **And yet they continue to get away with murder.** If you are Black or Brown, you live under that threat every day of your life. If you don't, you probably know someone who does. There is a genocide happening right under our noses. It is a slow genocide now, but you look at people like Trump and you see how this genocide could escalate. **The time to fight this is NOW!**



We the students are taking a collective stance in opposition to the mass murder of men and women from our communities. We have seen the United States government commit genocide against the indigenous peoples of the world, enslave and torture Africans as well as support and finance global terror through countless wars. What has changed? That's why we the students stand up in opposition to the perpetual terror and brutality carried out by the state via the police. **The changes that we want to see in the world do not happen by hashtags and Facebook likes, they happen by rising up and fighting for the future you want to make a reality.**

On April 21, we the students are calling for a national day of action—walkouts, protests, powerful manifestations of resistance on campuses across the country—in which we pose to each other the question: Which side are you on? If you are disgusted by the systematic murder of citizens by the state, if you oppose the targeting and disproportionate mass incarceration of Black and Brown people, you need to be a part of this strike and make a statement with your fellow students as well as community members. However, if you feel that these issues do not pertain to you, know this: If they come for people of color but you are not, then they come for women but you are not, then they come for the poor but you are not, who will be left to protest in your name?

We as students have a crucial role and responsibility in standing up to STOP police terror. 50 years ago students took up the fight against the war in Vietnam, the Black and Chicano liberation struggle, the Women's liberation movement. And they helped to rock this system to its foundation. Today we need to do even more and go even further. Students always get asked what your major is, what career you want... but how often do we get asked what kind of world you want to live in? Everything in society is telling us to find our place within this messed up system. **On April 21, we declare that we refuse to live in a world where law enforcement has a green light to brutalize and murder people.**

STOP POLICE TERROR! WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

**Issued by students at San Francisco State University
and joined by students at
UCLA, UC Riverside, Cal State East Bay, Antelope Valley College...**

Endorsed by these Voices of Conscience: *Carl Dix, Revolutionary Communist Party, USA; Cornel West, philosopher, academic, social activist, author; Alice Walker, novelist, poet, activist; Arturo O'Farrell, pianist, composer, educator*

Endorsed by these Stolen Lives Families: *Wanda Anderson, aunt of Christopher Anderson, killed by police in Zion, IL, November 3, 2014; Paris Bey, cousin of Janisha Fonville, killed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg police, February 8, 2015; Gabriel Black Elk, brother of Paul Castaway, killed by Denver police, July 12, 2015; Yohana Flores, daughter of Ernesto Flores, killed by San Bernardino Co. Sheriffs, April 15, 2015; Kimberly Griffin, mother of Kimoni Davis, killed June 29, 2015, by Ohio State Highway Patrol; Nicholas Heyward Sr., father of Nicholas Heyward Jr., 13 years old, murdered by a New York City cop in 1994; Alice Howell, grandmother of Justus Howell, murdered by Zion, IL police, April 4, 2015; Trisha Michael, twin sister of Kisha Michael, murdered by Inglewood CA police, February 21, 2016; Rev. D. Ishtyme Robinson, mother of Ahjah Dixon, died in custody, Corsicana, TX jail, March 2010; Tyaisha Simmons, LaReko Williams Family Support, tased to death by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police, July, 2011; Christopher Silva, brother of David Silva, murdered by Kern Co. Sheriffs and CHP, May 8, 2013; Laurie Valdez, partner of Antonio Guzman Lopez, killed by San Jose State University police, February 21, 2014*

You are being approached as either a student, a student organization, or as someone "in support" of this CALL from students.

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