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The Black Panther Party: A Radical Approach to the Civil Rights Movement

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**Primary Sources**

*Black Panther Legacy and Alumni.* It’s About Time, 2014. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This website is a reunion site for members of the party to discuss their legacy and give first-hand accounts of their experiences. This source was particularly helpful for our project because it showed the norms of lesser party members, which helped us gain a better understanding of working underneath the party’s leadership.

*Black Panther Newspaper Collections*. Mao Internalist Movement, n.d. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This website offered us a complete collection of all currently existing pdfs of “The Black Panther: Black Community News Service”, the newspaper published by the source. This source was particularly helpful because it offered close looks at party occurrences and views on topics such as world news and women’s liberation.

*Interview With Bobby Seale*. Blackside Inc, 1988. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website gave the transcript of an interview with Party founder Bobby Seale, in which he discusses the origins of the Party and its greatest leadership and organizational flaws. This source was helpful to us because it offered insight into the successes and failures of the Party’s leadership, as well as how it ran in both its prime and its decline.

*FBI Records: The Vault-The Black Panther Party*. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2015. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This source contained pdfs of documents contained in the BPP file of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Charlotte field office. This source was helpful to us because it offered us information on the relationship between the Federal Bureau of Information and the Black Panther Party following the development of COINTELPRO.

*From The Sixties to the Future: Bobby Seale*. Bobby Seale, n.d. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This website, Bobby Seale’s current personal website, featured photos, videos, and writings of and by Seale, ranging from the original movement to today. This source offered us a perspective on the legacy of the party and its principles as they relate to today’s current events, as well as a collection of photos that were utilized in our video and website.

*Huey P. Newton: Archives of Writings and Speeches*. The Commemorator, n.d. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website gave speeches and writings from party founder Huey P. Newton, organized in chronological orders and spanning over topics such as police brutality, poverty in the black community, the Vietnam war, women’s and gay rights, and his own personal philosophies. This source was helpful to us because it offered insights into Newton’s platforms and leadership style.

Jennings, Regina. *Africana Womanism in the Black Panther Party*. The Western Journal of Black Studies, 2001. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This website offered a first hand account of being a member of the party, specifically a young woman. This source was helpful to us because it offered us perspective on what it was truly like operating underneath the leadership of the party, as well as how they implemented beliefs such as womanism into daily campaigns.

Robinson, Candi. *Black Women*. The Black Panther: Black Community News Service, 1969. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This article, comprised of a call-to-action for black women to recognize their role and value in the Civil Rights movement, marked the turning point for the Black Panther Party’s gradual acceptance and advocacy of womanism. This article was particularly helpful to us because it gave us understanding on the party’s belief in principles other than racial equality in America.

**Secondary Sources**

*Black Opposition to Vietnam*. Armistad Digital Resource, 2009. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website detailed the black community’s sentiments towards the war in Vietnam at the time of the Civil Rights movement, which were generally anti-war. This helped us by allowing us to see the ties between the relationship of the government and the civil rights movement, and the relationship of the government and Vietnam.

*Black Panther Party Community Programs*. The Black Panther Party Research Project, n.d. Web. 18 Jan. 2015.

This website is a list of community programs developed by the Black Panther Party during its existence. These programs, some of which are still in place today, helped us to see both the leadership present in the creation of these social programs, and their legacy on both the party and urban society.

Bloom, Joshua and Martin Jr., Waldo E. *Black against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party*. University of California Press, 2012. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This book analyzed the politics of the Black Panther Party: its organization, leadership, and spread. This source was particularly helpful to us because it helped us understand how the leadership of the party was so successful, having such a widespread scope closely following its creation.

Branigan, Tania. *How Black Panthers Turned to North Korea in Fight Against US Imperialism*. The Guardian, 2014. Web. 18 Jan. 2015.

This website explained the anti-imperialism sentiments of the party, focusing particularly on Eldridge and Kathleen Cleaver’s multiple visits and ties to North Korea. This was helpful to us because it gave us understanding on philosophies outside of racial equality in America that motivated the Panther.

Foner, Phillip S. *The Black Panthers Speak*. Da Capo Press, 1970. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This book featured a collection of Black Panther speeches, featuring people such as Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, as well as topics such as police brutality and the war in Vietnam. This source was helpful to us because it offered us a look about how panther leadership approached and acquired its followers, and what principles they stressed to the public.

*A Huey P. Newton Story: COINTELPRO*. Lunar Ray Films, 2002. Web. 18 Jan. 2015.

This website gave a detailed account of the relationship between Huey Newton and Black Panther leadership, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and COINTELPRO. This source was particularly helpful to us because it illustrated the often unethical tactics used by the FBI to discredit and disband the party.

Johnson III, Ollie A. *Explaining the Demise of the Black Panther Party: The Role of Internal Factors*. Libcom, n.d. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website analyzed some of the internal factors that lead to the eventual downfall of the Black Panther party, such as ties to criminal activity, poor leadership, and disputes between leaders. This source was particularly helpful to us because it underlined the areas in which panther leadership was flawed and how these flaws specifically damaged and destroyed the party.

Matthews, Trayce A. “No One Ever Asks What a Man’s Role in the Revolution Is: Gender Politics and Leadership in the Black Panther Party, 1966–71”. Libcom, n.d. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This article detailed the gradual recognition of women’s ability to participate in the Black Panther Party, and their eventual achievement of leadership in cases such as Elaine Brown. This article was important to us because it showed some of the conflict within the party, as well as their ever-expanding palette of philosophies.

Mrs.G. “The Black Panther Party: The Beginning”. Online Video Clip. *Youtube*, 30 April 2009. Web. 03 Jan. 2015.

This video offered a look at the events that spurned the creation of the party, as well as detailing how it operated directly prior to its founding. This source was particularly significant to us because it offered video interviews with important party leadership, such as Bobby Seale and Kathleen Cleaver.

Schafer, Kurt. *The Black Panther Party in Seattle*. Washington University, 2014. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website detailed the development of the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther Party during its first three years. It also included primary sources such as applications to the party and photographs of the party’s activities. This source was helpful to us because it gave insight to the development of the party on a smaller scale.

*Social Activism Sound Recording Project: The Black Panther Party*. University of California, Berkeley, 2011. Web. 08 Jan. 2015.

This website gave a detailed timeline of all the major events throughout the party’s existence, as well as containing primary sources such as interview and press conference recordings about said events. This was helpful to us because it helped us see both the initial events that caused the party’s success, and the events towards the end that led to its demise.