

### **Primary Source 3**

When reading “Black People: Keep Your Guns” from September 7th, 1968 in Black Panthers, you're shown a summary of federal laws and gun laws of California, as you continue your also shows a separate set of rules specifically for members of The Black Panther Party, rules that they must abide by and should follow. Precisely when it came to guns, their respect, and protection for one another. These rules emphasize the need for members to stay united and show civility. From the first page, you're also hit with an image of a pig getting thrown acid at them. The pig is wearing a star-like badge, this helps us recognize that when The Black Panther Party mentions the word pigs they are referring to cops/police officers. The mass murder of black people within The Black Panther Party is being discussed and explained in detail, how many of these officers with no peace or communication, have tried to threaten and kill their people with no justice or remorse. For people to understand this article, it needs to be explained that the Black Panther Party is not a threat but a victim of police brutality, racism, and overall authority.

Throughout the article, there are paragraphs of events that occurred to the Black Panther Party, that show the record of the mistreatment many members had to endure. As shown through images of, the “army of pigs” as they call them, it states in one passage called “News Flash New York Pigs Use New Tactic to Vamp on 12 Panthers”, “ between 200, and 300 off-duty pigs, in plain clothes, but wearing “Wallace for president” racist buttons, and a pig supporting organization name LEG (law enforcement group), join together, and brutalized 12 members of the Black Panthers and chairman brothers.” (The Black Panther Party, 1968 Pg 1. Par. 1). From this quote, Policemen took the opportunity to abuse their power, showing their racist colors and joining together in abusing 12 members of The Black Panther party. “Panther section leader, Tom McCreary suffered a fractured skull in Sherman brother, who is running for Congress suffered lacerations and bruises over his body as a result of beating the pigs beat the brothers, threw them

into an elevator, while continuing to beat them.” (The Black Panther Party, 1968 Pg. 2 Par. 3). In the passage, there is another section called “Three Panthers Kidnapped” by Capt. Crutch, there shows another issue that accrued that shows the violence many Black Panther members had to deal with from the Police who are supposed to protect them. It states, “Another attack was made August 12, 1968, against dedicated members of the black panther party the racist pigs of the CIA and FBI conspired along with some Luckys of the power structure, Tom Mexican pigs, to buster brothers and disappear with them to some unknown destination.” (The Black Panther Party, 1968 Pg.2 Par. 1-2). The mystery of this passage is Erie, and the oppression of Black people continued throughout, having their hope die out. The overall mission of The Black Panthers was to express this hurt and violence and show that their fears will not shut them down but continue to fight. Showing the threats, expressing the brutality. Allows us the audience to understand their community and why they are victims.

The late 1960s caused changes socially and politically much was challenged and when we look back at what was, the Vietnam War, the uprising of the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, and activism overall all help us understand the ideas and motives for the Black Panther Party. This rise and change in social realities within the late 1960s allowed The Black Panther Party to continue its fight, have the community come together, and show no fear. The 1960s was an era of activism and fighting. Society was changing and the Black Panther Party allowed for eye-opening issues to influence those changes.

Reference:

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