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Black Power: The Politics of Liberation

An Informational Guide

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK

Black Power: The Politics of Liberation is a foundational text of the civil rights movement, first published in 1967. This work explores the profound social relevance of the Black Power concept, advocating for unity among African-Americans and their independence from existing societal structures to achieve lasting social change.

The book critically examines the systemic racism prevalent in society and proposes a radical political framework for reform. It argues that genuine and enduring social transformation can only be realized through collective action and self-determination within the African-American community.

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With New Afterwords by the Authors

Image: Front cover of the book 'Black Power: The Politics of Liberation', featuring the authors' names and title.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Kwame Ture (formerly Stokely Carmichael)

Kwame Ture, previously known as Stokely Carmichael, was a prominent and influential leader in the Black militancy movement in the United States during the 1960s. He served as the head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and later as the prime minister of the Black Panther Party, where he famously coined the phrase "Black Power." In 1969, he disassociated himself from American groups over disagreements regarding alliances with White radicals and subsequently relocated to Guinea, declaring himself a pan-Africanist. In 1978, he adopted the name Kwame Ture to honor African socialist leaders Kwame Nkrumah and Ahmed Sekoe Toure. He resided in Guinea for 33 years until his diagnosis with prostate cancer, passing away in 1998.

Charles V. Hamilton

Charles V. Hamilton is a distinguished political scientist, civil rights leader, and the W. S. Sayre Professor Emeritus of Government and Political Science at Columbia University. His academic and activist contributions have significantly shaped the discourse on race and politics in America.

Key Themes and Significance

The central argument of *Black Power* revolves around the necessity of Black unity and self-determination as a means to combat systemic racism and achieve liberation. The authors present a detailed analysis of the political and economic structures that perpetuate racial inequality, advocating for a fundamental restructuring of society rather than mere integration.

The book's enduring significance lies in its articulation of a radical blueprint for lasting social change. It challenges conventional approaches to civil rights by emphasizing the importance of Black identity, cultural pride, and independent political organization. The concepts introduced remain relevant for understanding contemporary discussions on racial justice and empowerment.

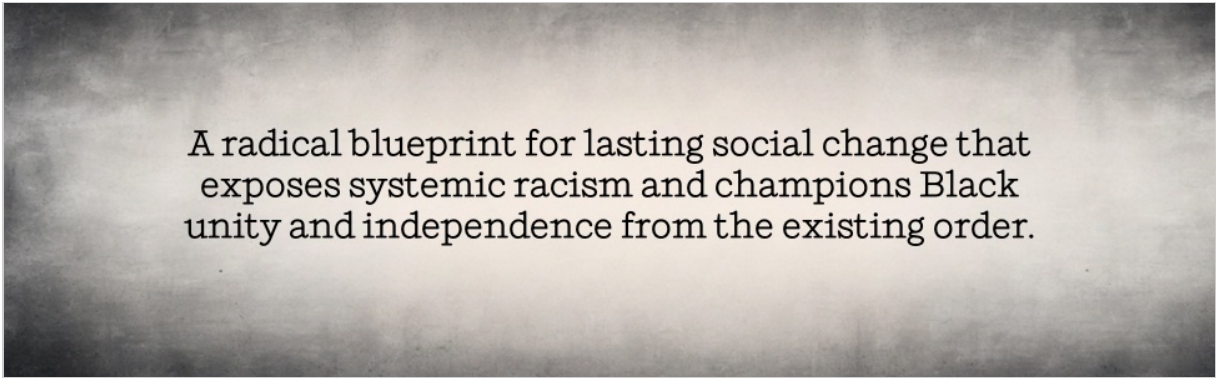


Image: A graphic summarizing the book's core message: 'A radical blueprint for lasting social change that exposes systemic racism and champions Black unity and independence from the existing order.'

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