

HOODS UP

Trayvon Martin was not murdered only by George Zimmerman, but also by the State which set up the "Justice" system in which a grown man can get away with the murder of a 17-year-old, and by the media, which provided an extensive character assassination. Trayvon Martin was also murdered by the jurors, who are responsible for perpetuating systemic racist violence.

And now the police, the politicians, and the clergymen wish to murder the memory of Trayvon Martin by pleading for everyone to "remain calm" or to "raise your voice, not your hand" in hopes of maintaining peace and order, which depend on a systemic violence directed toward the downtrodden and exploited. It is clear that we must think for ourselves and act accordingly. Would Trayvon's memory truly be respected and honored if we expressed our discontent by merely shuffling around the sidewalk under the hatefilled gaze of the police?

"Justice" cannot be expected from a system that thrives off the exploitation of the many for the prosperity of the few. How are we to react? Remain passive in the face of an ever-increasingly violent reality of day-to-day life? Or get with a crew and make our rage known?

For Trayvon, Marissa Alexander, Aiyana Stanley, Jordan Davis, Oscar Grant, Kenneth Harding, John T. Williams, and for ourselves; keep your hoods up, honor the dead, and fight like hell for the living.



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