COMPARING THE BLACK PANTHERS AND THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

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1- Their Issues with Society

In the late 60s, the Black Panthers fought social injustices since there was tangible evidence of racism in society and in the law like the infamous hosing down of Negros in the street. In this Decade, the law transparently promotes racial equality and there is no longer any evidence of segregation. But, there is still racism and a social stigma that black people from the inner cities are dangerous criminals. An important racial issue in the law is that with newer Voting restrictions, Black people are being targeted void voting eligibilities. These trends are related to how Black people are being Mass incarcerated and how they generally have a lower household income than the rest of the US population.

This video was recently created to show voting rights for people in American History
With the continuing trend of mass incarceration with the 1994 Crime Bill, the US has more incarcerated people than the rest of the world combined. Of this massive amount of imprisoned people, African American is the most common race serving time. With laws criminalizing more Blacks than any other races, there is inequality that needs to be solved. Approximately one third of Americans of African decent will serve time at some point in their lives. This rate is much higher than it has ever been and it appears to be in a continuing trend. Even though this isn’t a major topic for Black Lives Matter, it coincides with some of the alternative All Lives Matter groups that don’t think that a group of people shouldn’t be imprisoned at a higher rate. Don’t you think that everyone should just be treated equally?

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Census Data
3 Similarities

Both The Black Panthers and Black Lives Matter are very similar in many aspects. They are both comprised of African Americans who want equal rights, they were aspired to take action after violence towards their “brotherhood”, and violence was often committed due to the nature of the situation.

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4 African American Success

The United States of America is undoubtedly a more “colorblind” Nation. In the late 60s, there were strong Black men like MLK Jr., Stokely Carmichael, and Malcom X fighting for rights and equality. In 2008, a strong Black man became President, that is huge progress that MLK could have hoped would happen in less than 50 years. African Americans are starting to financially succeed in America, which is generally considered one of the highest status symbols. There aren’t a proportionate amount of wealthy black people considering it is the second most common race in the US. Forbes reports that there are currently 11 Black Billionaires in the world and 2 in the US, Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jordan. Equality is being approached.
Friedrich Hayek expressed that an individual couldn’t have complete freedom in all aspects of life without economic freedom. In 1968, Black Median Annual Household Income was $25,996, Annual Income peaked for all races around 2000 and African American Income was approaching $40,000 a year. The trend has been fluctuating for all races and communities sense 2000. CNN Money puts African American Annual Household income at $43,300 and White people at $71,300 in 2016. Black Lives Matter doesn’t actively protest against the inequality of economics for Black Americans.
The Black Lives Matter Movement was started after George Zimmerman killed Treyvon Martin without valid reasoning. Treyvon Martin was a teenage boy who was black and George Zimmerman was a neighborhood watch coordinator for a gated community. Martin was unarmed and Zimmerman claimed that he fatally shot the boy in self defense. The Black Lives Matter picked up momentum after police murdered Eric Garner of New York and Michael Brown of Ferguson MO. In 2014 and years to come, there were multiple incidents of extreme police brutality which spurred Black Lives Matter to protest police brutality.

The Black Panther Party was also formed to prevent police brutality. Founded by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, they could no longer stand for the police brutality that was happening right in front of them in Oakland, California. They started The Black Panthers and soon started patrolling police and rioting, trying to stop police brutality (but not always peacefully).
The Black Lives Matter Movement hasn’t been executed as well as the founders had intended. Especially after the Michael Brown killing in Ferguson, people used the mask of Black Lives Matter to justify violence and looting to the point where the police were armored as if they were going to fight in a war. Since Ferguson, some African Americans used Black Lives Matter as a shield to commit “anti white” crimes, with an example in the YouTube link below. The Black Panthers also came to a downfall over time when by 1980, there were only 27 Panthers left. The Black Panthers got in trouble with the government since the party was “the greatest threat to the internal security of the country”, *Hoover and the FBI* a PBS Film. Towards the end, after goals where accomplished, The Panthers ran into legal issue with drugs and extortion schemes.

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