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WHY WE CRY. HOW WE CRY.
WHO CAN CRY?

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With my daughter in downtown Baltimore.
Police in riot gear in the background

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**FREDDIE GRAY DIED AT 25, ONE
WEEK AFTER BEING ARRESTED
BY BALTIMORE POLICE AND
SUFFERING A SEVERE SPINAL
INJURY.**

**GRAY GREW UP IN THE
IMPOVERISHED
NEIGHBORHOOD OF
SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER ON
BALTIMORE'S WEST SIDE.**



Freddie Gray



BALTIMORE UNITED FOR CHANGE

Baltimore United for Change is a coalition of concerned citizens and organizations working for justice in Baltimore City.

Baltimore United for Change (BUC) is a coalition of organizations and activists with a long track record of working for social justice in Baltimore. The BUC coalition came together three days after the murder of Freddie Gray, and hit the ground running. Through our coalition and with your support, we have been able to raise over \$100,000 for jail support. Of those arrested 229 were released, 97 wear bailed out and 33 people are still in jail (19 of them have bails greater than \$50,000; 1 for \$500,000). When Baltimore City schools were closed and throughout the week our partners provided safe spaces and fed thousands of students and families throughout the city.



- Baltimore United for Change -

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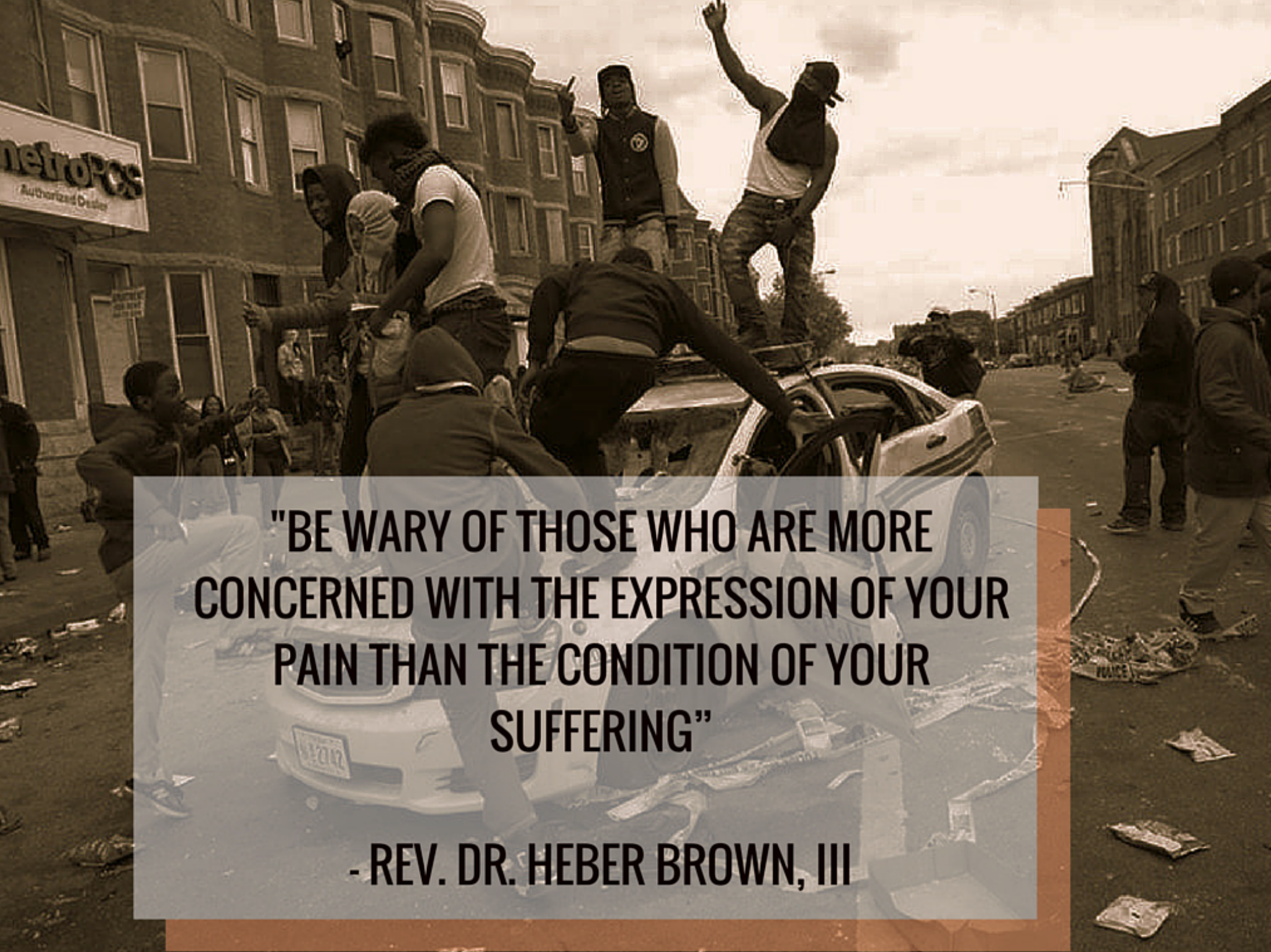
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WHY WE CRY

SYSTEMIC AND STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE



**"BE WARY OF THOSE WHO ARE MORE
CONCERNED WITH THE EXPRESSION OF YOUR
PAIN THAN THE CONDITION OF YOUR
SUFFERING"**

- REV. DR. HEBER BROWN, III

POVERTY RATE

SANDTOWN	NATIONAL
30.9%	14.5%

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2005-2009
UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, 2013

The poverty rate in Sandtown is over 30 percent, according to the most recent statistics available. Credit: Lisa Overton/NewsHour Weekend



#BALTIMORELUNCH

**IN SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER, 93% OF
STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR
REDUCED SCHOOL MEALS.**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

SANDTOWN

21%

NATIONAL

5.5%

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2005-2009
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, 2015

The unemployment rate in Sandtown is over three times the national average, according to the most recent statistics available. Credit: Lisa Overton/NewsHour Weekend

INCARCERATION RATE

(PER 100,000 PERSONS)

SANDTOWN

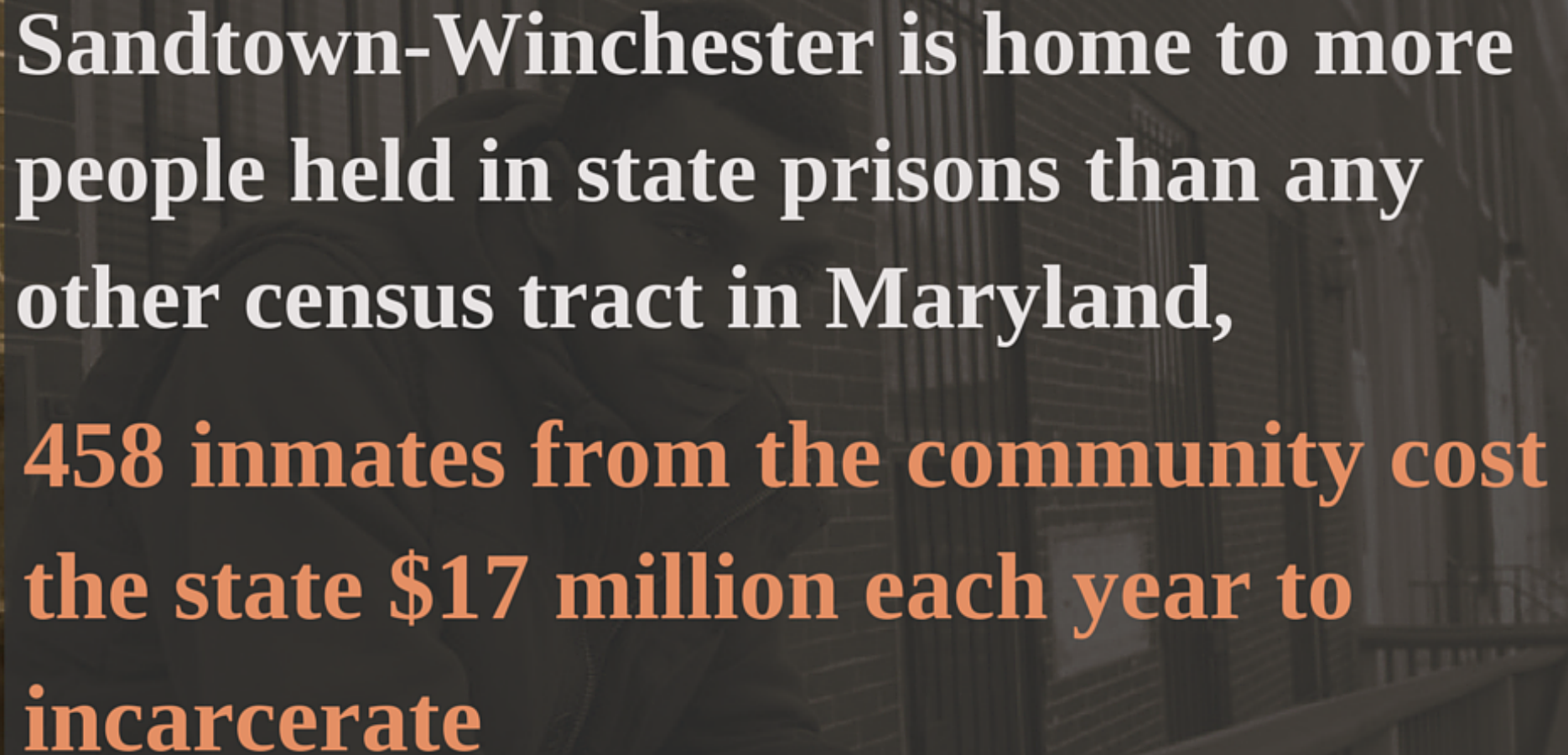
3,074

NATIONAL

455

JUSTICE POLICY INSTITUTE & PRISON POLICY INSTITUTE

The incarceration rate in Sandtown is significantly higher than the national average, according to recent statistics. Credit: Lisa Overton/NewsHour Weekend

A background image showing a person's hands and arms behind vertical prison bars, with a brick wall visible in the background. The image is dimly lit and serves as a backdrop for the text.

Sandtown-Winchester is home to more people held in state prisons than any other census tract in Maryland, 458 inmates from the community cost the state \$17 million each year to incarcerate

JUVENILE ARREST RATE

(PER 1,000 PERSONS)

SANDTOWN

211

NATIONAL

39.4

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 2011, 2012

The juvenile arrest rate in Sandtown is much higher than the national average. Credit: Lisa Overton/NewsHour Weekend

LEAD PAINT RATE

State tests found more than 65,000 children in the city with dangerously high blood-lead levels from 1993 to 2013

SANDTOWN

39.8

BALTIMORE

11.8

The number of lead paint violations per year, per 10,000 households in Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park compared Baltimore City overall (2000-2008)

VACANT AND ABANDONED HOMES

Percentage of Residential Properties that are Vacant and Abandoned

SANDTOWN

35%



HOW WE CRY

A RESPONSE TO STATE VIOLENCE

The background of the slide is a photograph of a city street lined with multi-story brick buildings. The street is paved and appears to be in a historic or urban area. The image is slightly faded and serves as a backdrop for the text.

109 people in Maryland died after police encounters in 2010-2014

70 percent of those who died during the encounters were black, and more than 40 percent of the people were unarmed



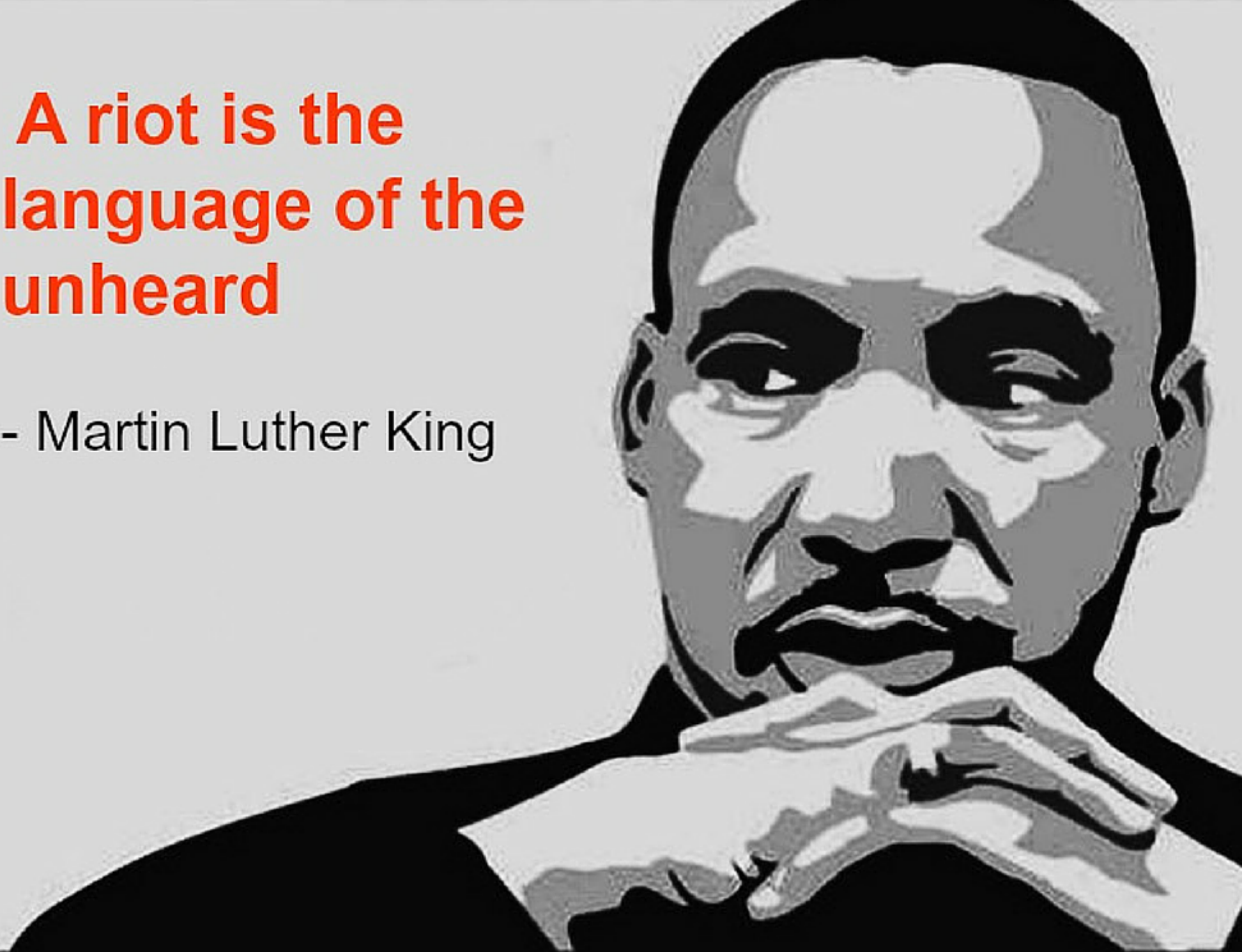
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PREACHER PACIFIER

**THEY DRESS THE WOUND OF MY PEOPLE
AS THOUGH IT WERE NOT SERIOUS.
'PEACE, PEACE,' THEY SAY, WHEN THERE
IS NO PEACE. JEREMIAH 6:14**

**A riot is the
language of the
unheard**

- Martin Luther King



If peace means accepting second-class citizenship, I don't want it.

If peace means keeping my mouth shut in the midst of injustice and evil, I don't want it.

If peace means being complacently adjusted to a deadening status quo, I don't want peace.

If peace means a willingness to be exploited economically, dominated politically, humiliated and segregated, I don't want peace.

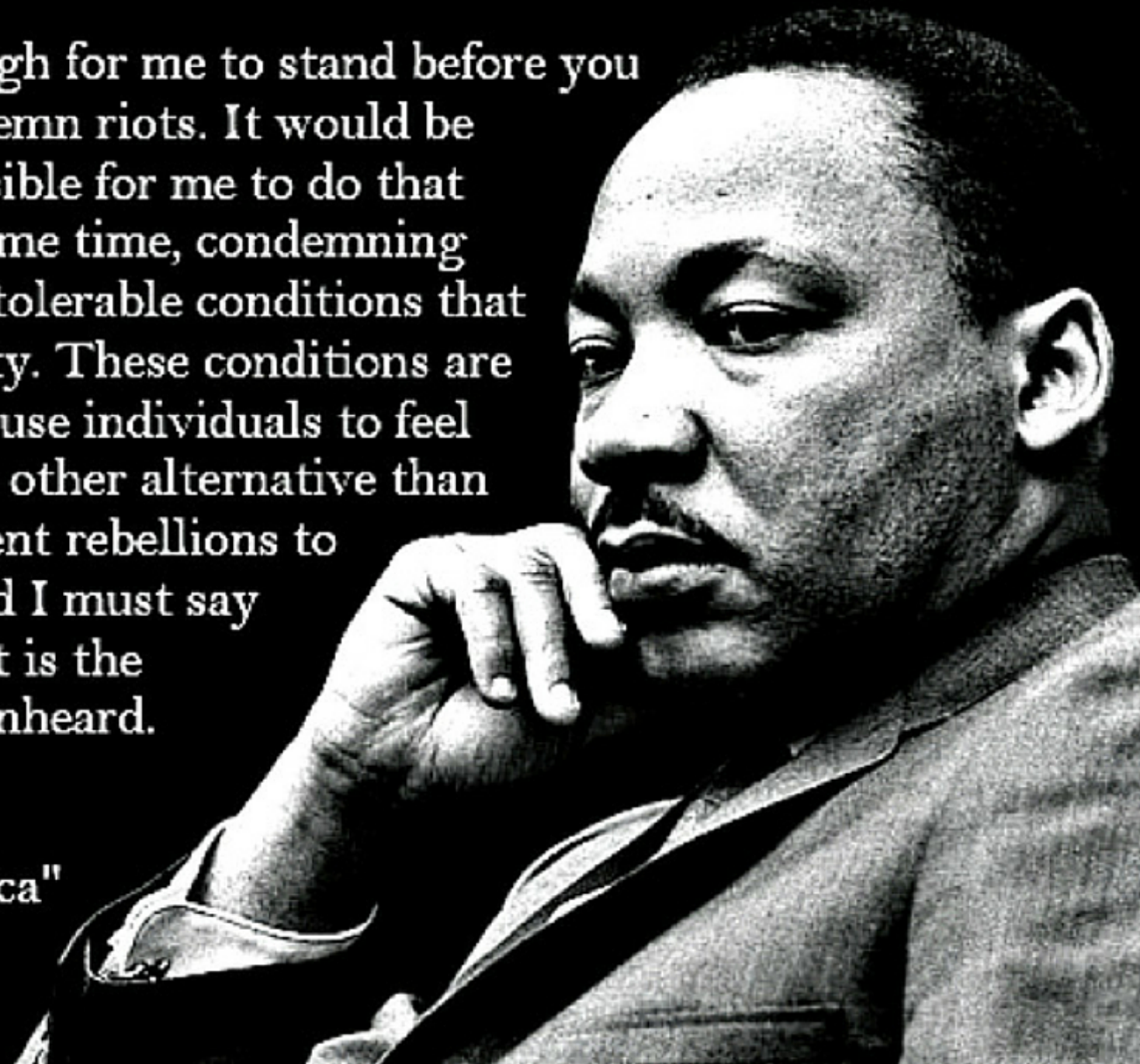
~Martin Luther King, Jr. (1956)

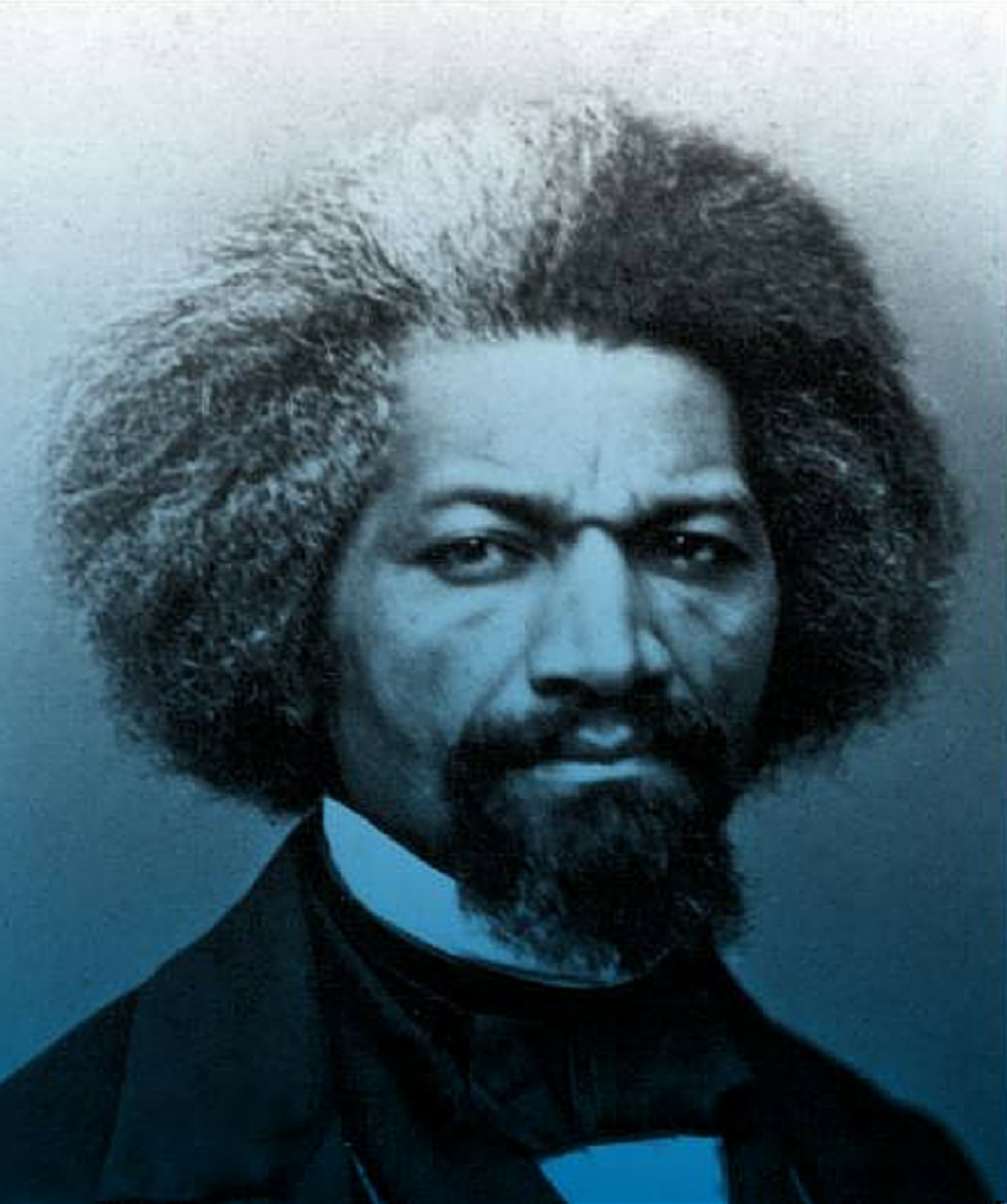


But it is not enough for me to stand before you tonight and condemn riots. It would be morally irresponsible for me to do that without, at the same time, condemning the contingent, intolerable conditions that exist in our society. These conditions are the things that cause individuals to feel that they have no other alternative than to engage in violent rebellions to get attention. And I must say tonight that a riot is the language of the unheard.

Excerpt from
"The Other America"

March 14, 1968





*"Where justice is denied,
where poverty is enforced,
where ignorance prevails,
and where any one class is
made to feel that society is an
organized conspiracy to oppress,
rob and degrade them, neither
persons nor property will be safe."*

- Frederick Douglass, 1886



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When Peace Becomes obnoxious

"I had a long talk with a man the other day about this bus situation. He discussed the peace being destroyed in the community, the destroying of good race relations. I agree that it is more tension now. But peace is not merely the absence of this tension, but the presence of justice. And even if we didn't have this tension, we still wouldn't have positive peace. Yes, it is true that if the Negro accepts his place, accepts exploitation and injustice, there will be peace. But it would be a peace boiled down to stagnant complacency, deadening passivity, and if peace means this, I don't want peace." - Martin Luther King, Delivered on 18 March 1956



WHO CAN CRY?

THE RIGHT TO BE VIOLENT



FREEDOM FIGHTER



DANGEROUS CRIMINAL



PATRIOTS



THUGS



BRAVE AMERICANS



AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS



ROWDY KIDS

@unitedblackout



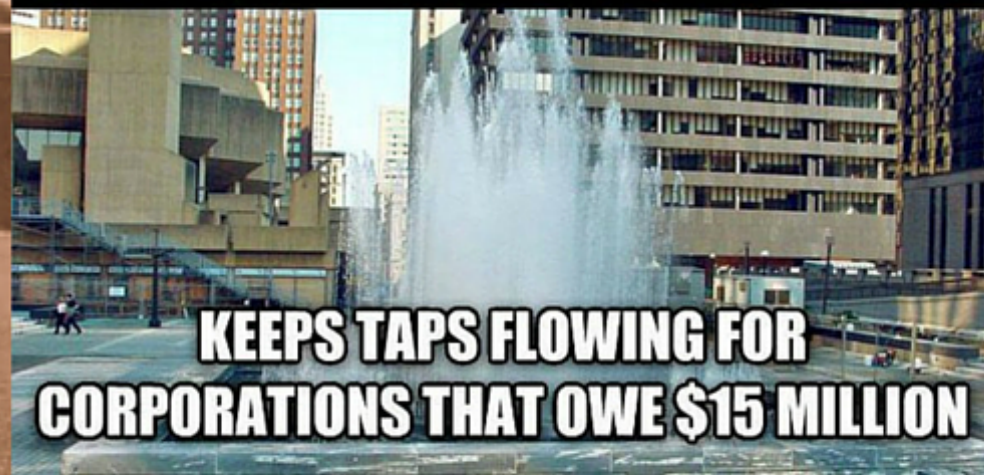
VIOLENT GANGSTERS



Baltimore Mayor
Apologizes For Calling
Protesters 'Thugs'



**BALTIMORE SHUTS OFF WATER TO
FAMILIES WHO OWE \$250**



**KEEPS TAPS FLOWING FOR
CORPORATIONS THAT OWE \$15 MILLION**

OBAMA: 'NO EXCUSE' FOR VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE



Obama calls Baltimore rioters 'criminals and thugs'



Israel had "a right to defend itself.

2,300 Palestinians killed in summer of 2014.

THE RIGHT TO BE VIOLENT

The 114th Congress, Close to 92 percent of representatives identify as Christians - The Pew Research Center

Guantanamo Bay

Almost 2,500 now killed by US drone strikes in six years.

Preemptive strikes

Murder of Osama Bin Laden



The Church: a community of faith amidst a community of fate

Rev. Osagyefo Sekou tending to the needs of Crips after they were maced by police.

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