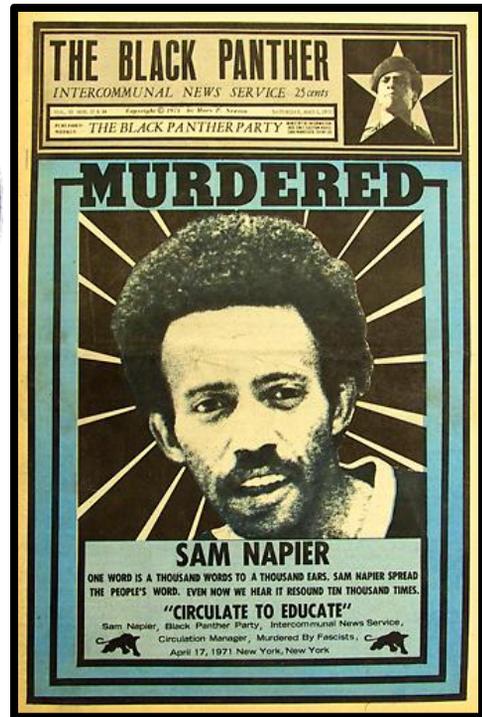




**“You can kill the revolutionary, but you can’t kill the revolution! All power to all the people.” –Fred Hampton, Chicago 1969**

The **Black Panther Party** (originally the **Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**) was an African-American revolutionary organization. It was active in the United States from 1966 until 1982. **The Black Panther Party** used the constitution of the U.S. to empower the oppressed. They rightfully believed that the white dominated world will not teach black people about their history. Therefore, all blacks experience a history that they cannot connect to. Those in power realize that if you rob a human being of history, you rob them of identity, thus they are confused and permanently displaced and powerless.



**The Black Panthers** dressed in black, sported afros and berates, and toted rifles on American streets because they understood the power of images and how to act empowered. They used the right to bear arms as a way of practicing freedom in the U.S. They used their local chapters to shape “Survival Programs” that featured re-education and free breakfast programs. They taught black people about survival through learning constitution law, local, and national history, African history, etc. The Black Liberation Movement is a revolutionary movement that the Black Panther Party created. They are proof that all power to all the people can create social change.

**The Black Panthers** are responsible for countless laws, rights, and social programs we know today. Of course, they receive no credit for these achievements. They are usually painted as radical militants who hated white people and used intimidation and racism to get their way. This is entirely false. The Black Panthers are a historical example of how mobilization, organization, and education coupled with determination can engender real social change and empowerment for the oppressed **Recommended Reading:** Huey P. Newton, *The Black Panther Party: Service to the People Programs*. <http://www.blackpanther.org/>

