

**MY
FAVORITE
HEARTBREAK**

Mitchell Reece

MARTYRDOM

Political prisoners are agents of activism that has been imprisoned for her or his political beliefs. They have opposition towards elitist politicians and strive for servanthood amongst working-class citizens..

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ASSATA SHAKUR Joanne Deborah Chesimard

Engulfed in Wilmington North Carolina's segregated infrastructure, Assata Shakur was an activist in her ideologies as a revolutionary in her adult years. She moved to Queens New York and embraced the essence of our African ancestral history. Black people invented many innovations in America that went unrespected.

While studying in college, she began to question how Black and Brown people were presented in historically, economically, politically, and structurally. Her beliefs in this period of enlightenment began to strengthen her opposition to our capitalistic society where Nazis and bigots policed our communities.

No one is going to give you the education you need to overthrow them.

Nobody is going to teach you your true history, teach you your true heroes,

Knowledge will help set you free.



SHE WHO STRUGGLES

FOR THE PEOPLE

THE THANKFUL

Assata married herself to a rich culmination of great thinkers at the Manhattan Community College entitled the Golden Drums Society. She gained a deeper love and embracement of her ancestral strength. Building upon the ideologies of those who lead the Civil Rights, she resisted the elitist racist perspectives of America.

“The thing that influenced me the most was history, reading, and understanding that Black people struggle”.

It was not a process where people were enslaved and went through that whole thing as victims. Our people had a rich strong history and intellectual history, a history of taking over slave ships, strikes, to building





LOVED





“ON EVERY LEVEL THE US GOVERNMENT WAS
RUN BY THE RICH.
I WANTED TO JOIN AN ORGANIZATION THAT
WANTED OUR WHOLE GOVERNMENT
TO BE COMPLETELY CHANGED. THE BLACK
PANTHER PARTY BELIEVED YOU COULD NOT
BE FREE UNDER THE SAME SYSTEM BASED ON
RACISM AND CAPITALISM.”

In every aspect, it was difficult for the Black Panther Party to maneuver as a unit due to the surveillance and misrepresentation used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In my departure from the party to flee these issues, I was still the target of the most extreme types of surveillance. My whole house was bugged. The reason I knew it was bugged was that I was making tapes on recorders and I got a phone call saying

STOP MAKING TAPES! POLICE RAIDED MY HOUSE.

“At this time conspiracies were made against me and members of the Black Panther Party.

One of the most common tools for oppression the government used were the conspiracy trials.

It happened to so many people.”

“I decided to make myself unavailable..

I decided to disappear.

I was afraid they would torture me and beat me as they did the Panther 21 member Joan Bird.”

SHE WAS UNRECOGNIZABLE.

~~**FBI**~~

YES OR NO?

New Jersey Turnpike - 1973

Three shots enter the body of Assata Shakur.

Two officers are murdered.

Assata Shakur alongside Zayd Shakur and Sundiata Clark were driving when stopped by two officers, Werner Foerster, and James Harper.

"We stopped to eat at a Howard Johnson's when we left shortly after we were stopped by police.

We did not think the situation would escalate to shooting. "The police started to question me and said put your hands where I can see them and he had a gun in my face." In a matter of seconds....

"I WAS SHOT"

"The bullet is still there"

-EVERY POLICE OFFICER IN NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES WAS LOOKING FOR JOEANNE CHESIMARD.

"They took me to a hospital and controlled who visited me and I was guarded"

-EVERYDAY WOULD BE YOUR LAST

" I opened my eyes and I tried to adjust to the light, and I saw something next to me when opened my eyes I realized it was a plastic bag, Inside that plastic bag was ZAYD."

-If you don't tell us what we want to know, this is what's going to happen to you.

Assata Shakur was convicted under the Interstate Compact Agreement. She was transferred to Alderson West Virginia to a prison within a prison. "I was the only Black woman in a prison with the Aryan Sisterhood, people who gave Hitler the salute and the Manson Family."

"I was sent to Clinton Prison for Women in the Maximum Security section,

"I DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO ESCAPE.. AND THAT'S WHAT I DID"

"IT WAS A CLEAN ESCAPE, I WANTED TO FIND SOMEWHERE I WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO BE WITH MY DAUGHTER, NORMALIZE MY LIFE, CONTRIBUTE TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THIS PLANET."

I

DECIDED I WOULD

COME TO

CUBA.

LEONARD PELTIER

Raised amongst the pride, education, and culture of the Lakota & Anishinabe Tribe of North Dakota, Leonard Peltier became to what a majority of Indigenous believed to be an icon and a savior to the preservation of the American Indian Culture.

As an adolescent, Peltier became aware and infused with the traditions of his tribe from the perspective of his grandparents and Elders.

ASSIMILATION

Leonard's concern with the marginalization of the tribes across America heightened in 1953 as a direct result of government and law enforcement figures carrying out systems to remove the essence of Indian culture. Children were given identical hair cuts and washed as if they needed a readjustment to American society. These operations were one of many attempts to control the Indian population and remove them from their homes and land.



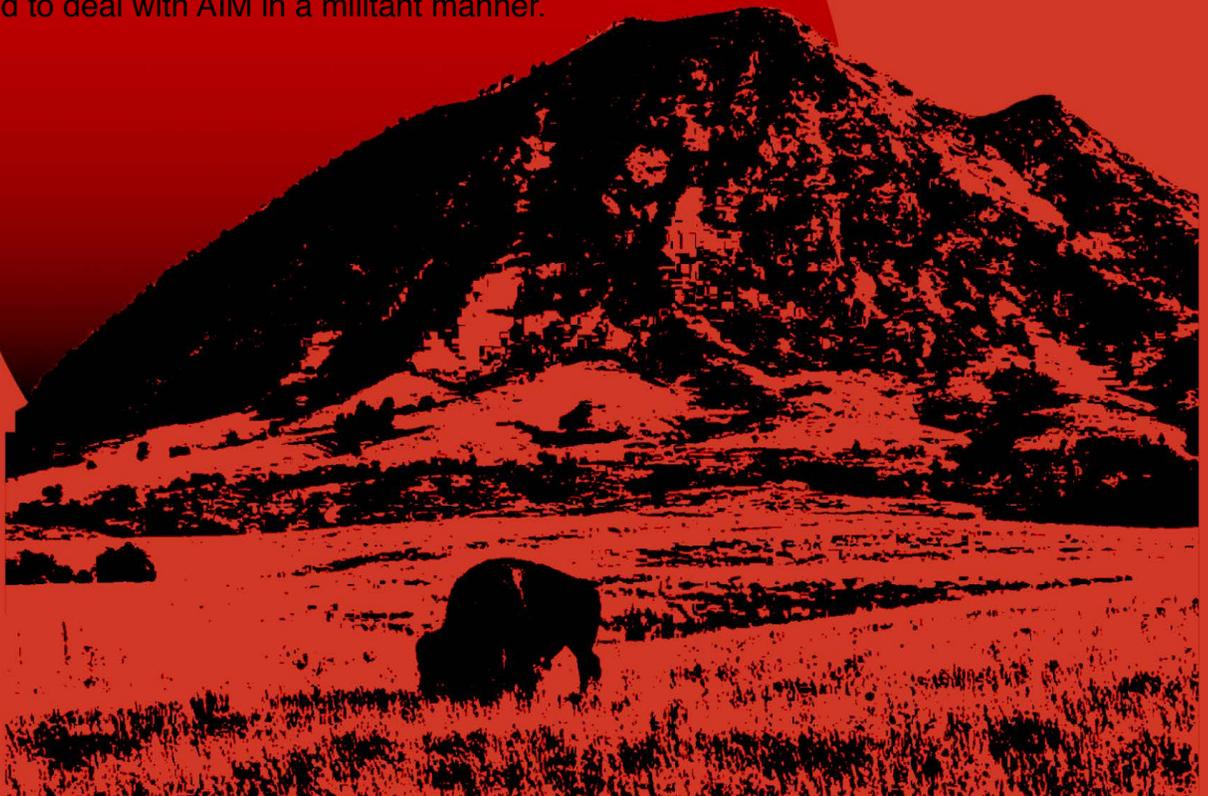
**TRIBES -
JOBS -
HOMES -
WERE PROMISED
IF THE NATIVE AMERICANS DID NOT AGREE
THEY WOULD RECEIVE NO SOCIAL SERVICE
VOUCHER TO BUY FOOD**

Black Hill was sacred land for the tribes.

What was discovered was the governments action to take their lands in the form of exploitation. According to corporate records, mining companies would take at least three and a half billion dollars of gold from the land.

HISTORY

Around 1874, General Custard took geologists to the tribe's land. What they found were resources of natural minerals and wanted to take advantage of the land. The FBI conspired to deal with AIM in a militant manner.



American Indian Movement

“WE made a decision to go back to the Pine Ridge Ranch and show our presence”

WANTED to help build our community

“We wanted to build our economy because we knew that was the only way to be self-sufficient”

“We had to have our businesses, we started building our community gardens”

1958 - 1959 termination

- MENOMINEE TRIBE
- KLAMATH TRIBE
TURTLE MOUNTAIN CHIPPEWA

~~FBI~~

PEER JURY

JUNE 1
THE OGLALA CHEIFS WROTE TO THE
GOVERNMENT TO BECOME A
SOVREIGN NATION.

The FBI conspired the need to assault the areas occupied by the tribe.

Two agents went out to look for Jimmy Eagle, they were told he might be in a red vehicle.

“There was a shooting at Jumping Bull House, and we wanted to protect our people”

“Because of this all of the tribes of the Sioux Nation got together and demanded that the FBI leave the Pine Ridge area.

“I felt relieved that Dino was found unguilty”
Peltier was convicted under an anti Indigenous judge under a mysterious transfer of the case which militated for a conviction.

“They produced fake documents from an imaginary person against me”

ANA BELEN MONTES

Growing up in a family of military personnel, Ana Belen Montes was no stranger to how the U.S. government interacted with the affairs of other countries.

She became apart of the ranks in the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Noted as a “no non-sense official, Montes was given the position to travel to Cuba to study the Cuban military.

Montes discovered the atrocious plans of the U.S government against Cuba. .

Montes communicated with the Cuban Intelligence Service through encrypted messages and received her instructions through shortwave encrypted transmissions from Cuba.

In addition, Montes communicated by coded numeric pager messages with the Cuban Intelligence Service by public telephones located in the District of Columbia and Maryland. The codes included ‘I received a message’ or ‘danger.

“We have displayed intolerance and contempt toward Cuba for most of the last four decades.

We have never respected Cuba’s right to make its journey towards its ideals of equality and justice. I do not understand why we must continue to dictate how the Cubans should select their leaders, who their leaders cannot be, and what laws are appropriate in their land.

Why can’t we let Cuba pursue an internal journey, as the United States has been doing for over two centuries?”



“GIVE ME
MY FLOWERS
WHILE I’M STILL ALIVE”