



"I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice... who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action..."
— Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail," 1963

We're here today to Reclaim Dr. King's Radical Legacy!

Radical legacy? Dr. King was more than his "I Have a Dream" speech. He was a radical who spoke out against economic injustice and capitalism, the war in Vietnam, and police violence. He was a proponent of direct action. In his day, Dr. King was actually reviled by most white Americans who said his Civil Rights movement was "violent" and "pushing too fast" and that King was "hurting the cause of civil rights."* Sound familiar?

The struggle for justice continues. Today we're responding to the call by the Anti Police-Terror Project (AFTP) to come out over the 96 Hours of the MLK Day weekend and say no to white supremacy, no to state-sponsored violence, no to gentrification and displacement, no to misogyny, no to homophobia and transphobia, no to the targeting of immigrants and Muslims. #WeWillNotComply #96Hours

Today's focus is on state violence. The epidemic of police killings of Black people has finally captured national attention, igniting protests across the U.S. Last year alone, more Black people died at the hands of police than the number lynched in the worst year of Jim Crow.** Here in the Bay Area, we've also witnessed police killings – Yvette Henderson, Mario Woods, Kayla Moore, Alex Nieto are but a few of the many victims. BART police have been complicit too: from the 2009 murder of Oscar Grant to the January 3rd shooting this year at West Oakland BART. We are here to say, Enough! and ask, Which side are you on?

Have you ever thought... "If I'd lived in Dr. King's day, I'd have marched for Civil Rights."? Well, here's your chance to show up for racial justice!

Join us on Monday, January 15th from 1 - 4 pm for the 4th Annual March to Reclaim King's Radical Legacy. Gather at Oscar Grant Plaza, 14th and Broadway, Oakland. We hope to see you there!

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* 1966 Gallop Poll, 1964 American National Election Studies, 1966 Harris Poll.

** Mapping Police Violence Study, <https://policeviolencereport.org/>