

Ideology

1. We believe in the intercommunal ideology, which emphasizes the interconnectedness of communities in the struggle against imperialism and oppressive systems. This ideology emerged within the Oakland chapter of the Black Panther Party during the early 1970s as a response to the limitations of traditional revolutionary nationalism. Intercommunalism recognizes that many forms of nationalism are becoming outdated, especially in an increasingly globalized world dominated by international corporations and technologically advanced imperialist states.

Under intercommunal, we understand that nations have evolved into complex networks of discrete communities that often serve the interests of an imperial center. This reality, termed "reactionary intercommunal," must be transformed into "revolutionary intercommunal." By fostering solidarity and cooperation among communities, we can create a united front that challenges imperialism and seeks liberation for all.

Inspired by Huey P. Newton's insights, we advocate for linking "liberated zones"—areas where communities have successfully established self-determination and autonomy—as a strategic approach to building a broader movement against oppression. Our commitment to intercommunal emphasizes collective action, mutual aid, and the importance of grassroots community organizing in the fight for social justice.

Through intercommunalism, we envision a future where communities unite to dismantle systemic inequalities, share resources, and uplift one another. Ultimately, we believe this collaborative effort is essential for achieving a more equitable and just society, paving the way toward a more harmonious existence that transcends the limitations of conventional nationalism.

2. We believe in the ideology of Black Power, a transformative movement that emerged in the 1960s and 1970s in response

to the Civil Rights Movement's shortcomings in addressing systemic racism and inequality. At its core, Black Power advocates for racial pride, self-reliance, and economic empowerment as crucial elements for the liberation and advancement of Black communities.

Central to our belief in Black Power is the emphasis on self-determination. We assert that Black Americans must prioritize their paths toward achieving freedom and building communities rather than seeking integration into a society that has historically marginalized them. This ideology encourages the establishment of independent political, cultural, economic, and social institutions that reflect the needs and aspirations of Black people.

We believe empowerment comes from within, and it is essential for Black Americans to take control over their schools, businesses, and communities. By doing so, we create spaces that nurture our values, foster leadership, and promote self-sufficiency, ultimately reinforcing our collective strength.

Moreover, we advocate for celebrating our cultural identity and achievements. Embracing our heritage and recognizing the contributions of Black individuals throughout history is vital for building pride and resilience within our communities. This holistic approach uplifts us as individuals and fosters solidarity and unity among us.

In summary, we believe that the principles of Black Power provide a framework for addressing our systemic challenges and empowering our communities to create a just and equitable future. Through self-reliance, cultural pride, and the establishment of our institutions, we strive to build a legacy of strength and resilience that will inspire future generations.

3. We believe in Black Womanism as a vital movement that centers on the unique experiences and struggles of Black women and acknowledges the intricate intersections of racism, sexism, and classism. This multidimensional practice encompasses intellectual, artistic, philosophical, and activist elements, providing a comprehensive framework through which we can understand and address the complex realities faced by Black women.

At the heart of our belief in Black Womanism is the recognition that Black women's experiences cannot be separated from the systemic oppression they endure. Black women face a distinct set of challenges that differ from those of Black men and white women, necessitating that their needs and worldviews be prioritized and represented. We believe addressing these unique challenges is essential for creating a more equitable society.

Furthermore, we assert that there is no contradiction in advocating for the struggles against racism, sexism, and all forms of discrimination simultaneously. These issues are interconnected, and ignoring one aspect undermines the broader fight for justice and equality. Black Womanism theory critically examines these intersections, challenging prevailing assumptions and norms and revealing how various systems of oppression reinforce and exacerbate each other.

Our belief in Black Womanism is also rooted in its history, shaped by the dual realities of being both Black and female. Influenced by the Civil Rights Movement and the feminist movement of the 1960s, Black Womanism emerged as a necessary response to how traditional white feminism often marginalized the voices and experiences of Black women. We see Black Womanism as a

counterculture to mainstream feminist movements, which frequently center the ideology around the dynamics between white males and white females, sidelining the unique struggles faced by women of color.

In embracing Black Womanism, we commit to a holistic approach that uplifts all marginalized voices and creates a more just and inclusive society. We believe that through this lens, we can work towards not only the liberation of Black women but also the liberation of all affected by systemic inequalities. By prioritizing Black women's experiences, we can foster a more comprehensive understanding of social justice and a more substantial, united front in our pursuit of equality.

4. Black Pan-African ideology embodies a profound conviction in the unity and solidarity of all people of African descent, transcending geographical barriers and historical divides. We believe that this movement is essential for fostering a sense of shared identity and purpose among individuals throughout the African diaspora, encouraging collective action against the persistent oppression rooted in colonialism and slavery.

At its core, this ideology emphasizes unity. We recognize that regardless of whether we reside in Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, or Europe, we share a common heritage that binds us. This bond is cultural and reflects our collective struggles against systemic injustices. By embracing this shared identity, we can create a powerful coalition capable of advocating for the rights and dignity of all African people.

Moreover, our belief in Black Pan-Africanism is inseparably linked to an anti-colonial and anti-racist stance. We stand firmly against the structures that perpetuate colonial exploitation and racial discrimination. This ideology compels us to challenge and dismantle the systems that

marginalize our communities and to fight for our rightful place in the global discourse on dignity and justice.

Our commitment to political activism is another cornerstone of Pan-African belief. We tirelessly advocate for political independence, self-determination, and social justice to liberate African communities worldwide. We recognize that change is only possible through concerted efforts led by those who understand the nuances of our history and the present struggles faced by our people.

In summary, we believe in Black Pan-Africanism as a transformative ideology that champions the brotherhood among individuals of African descent. By promoting unity, advocating for human rights, and fostering global solidarity, we work together towards a future where all people of Negro blood can achieve social, political, and economic progress, culminating in true liberation.