

# When We Have A Voice

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WHEN WE HAVE A VOICE, THOSE WHOM WE SPEAK AGAINST  
WILL ACT TO SUPPRESS US.

I often tell CHRISTINE that, you can't be an  
activist if you're not willing to get arrested. The strongest  
tool that any system of oppression and repression has  
against the people it's designed to control, is fear.  
Fear of punishment. Fear of suffering. Fear of being  
made uncomfortable. Fear of death.

Fear is not only used to break a person's will to  
resist, it's also used to turn people against you when your  
will cannot be broken. In other words, when your own  
fear cannot be used against you, other people's fear will  
be used. So, with that said, I want to talk a bit about  
countermeasures.

First, it's important for us to understand that,  
those who are in power, don't want anything to change  
within the operations of the systems that gives them  
their power and control. When there is a strong  
message that speaks against the power structure of this  
country effectively, countermeasures are applied in  
order to minimize - or diminish altogether - the  
strength of the message. When government counteracts,  
then you know that you have something of value to say, or  
to move out on. It means that you struck a nerve  
within the control system, because, whatever the message,

It threatens their structure of Authority, AND CREATES A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE IN A PARTICULAR WAY OF DOING THINGS.

THE Black Lives Matter Movement — FOR EXAMPLE — DID JUST THAT. THE MESSAGE WAS SO DIRECT, AND CARRIED WITH IT, SO MUCH THREAT TO EXPOSE THE UGLY, AND HIDDEN TRUTHS ABOUT THE RACIST PRACTICES AND ATTITUDES WITHIN THIS COUNTRY'S POLICING FORCE. THE MOVEMENT HAD THE POWER TO EXPOSE THE POLICE FOR THE BULLIES, RACISTS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY FRAUDS THAT THEY ARE. BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MUCH POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE THERE, AND BECAUSE THIS POTENTIAL HAD THE ABILITY TO CREATE CHANGE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE SYSTEM THAT WAS BEING CRITIQUED, A COUNTER MOVEMENT WAS DESIGNED — IN THE FORM OF "BLUE LIVES MATTER," "WHITE LIVES MATTER," AND "ALL LIVES MATTER" — IN ORDER TO NEUTRALIZE THE THREAT OF EXPOSURE OF VIOLENT, DISCRIMINANT, AND UNJUST PRACTICES WITHIN THE POLICING SYSTEM. THEY SOUGHT TO **STRATEGICALLY**, TAKE THE ATTENTION OFF OF **RACE**.

THE STATEMENT, "BLACK LIVES MATTER," HAD SO MUCH IMPACT ON SOCIETY, THAT NATIONWIDE CONVERSATION SPARKED, REGARDING POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS LED TO THE SUGGESTION OF HAVING BODY CAMERAS ON POLICEMEN, WHICH IS NOT A SOLUTION TO POLICE CORRUPTION AND RACISM, AND REALLY DOESN'T MATTER SINCE THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR COPS EVEN WHEN THEY ARE CAUGHT ON CAMERA

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Killing, But It DID show that there was enough power and voice there, to create a significant change within the operations of their system.

The movement and organization became so strong, that key members of Black Lives Matter - in conjunction with other organizations - were able to organize Massachusetts to march against white supremacy, and effectively. Why wouldn't a white supremacist powerhouse such as Donald Trump, want such a powerful counter organization to be labeled as a terrorist group?

So, has Black Lives Matter effectively struck terror into the hearts of racist bigots? I'd say so. An entire white supremacist movement was stopped in its tracks last summer, and that sent a message to the world.

When you have something to say, and you have a powerful message, a message that has the strength to change something within the system of control, the government, or the power structure that you are challenging, will implement a countermeasure, in order to turn the people against you. Since 9-11, the Amerikkkan public has become extremely fearful of the word "terrorist," so the countermeasure here, was to create a law that would label Black Lives Matter, and other black activists, "terrorists," the most dreadful word in the existence of Amerikkkan fear. When someone is considered a terrorist, or "extremist" - as the federal



GOVERNMENT SO CLOUTFULLY PUT IT — OUR SOCIETY'S FEAR RESPONSES, AND PEOPLE SAY, "A TERRORIST, OH NO! PLEASE DO WHAT YOU MUST TO RID US OF THAT!" YOUR FEAR GIVES THE GOVERNMENT, AND ITS POLICING SYSTEM, THE AUTHORIZATION TO KILL, ILLEGALLY INCARCERATE, AND DISAPPEAR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EFFECTUALLY CHALLENGED THEM.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS DESIGNED TO SILENCE VOICES AGAINST IT — AND I'LL JUST CITE AMERIKKKA'S HISTORY AS A REFERENCE. THE FIRST AMENOMENT IS A LIE, MAINLY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAVEN'T PROTECTED IT ENOUGH. YOU ALLOW GOVERNMENT EXCEPTIONS TO IMPEDE ITS APPLICATION, AND EVENTUALLY, BECAUSE OF YOUR ENTERTAINMENT OF GOVERNMENT NEEDS AND EXCEPTIONS, OUR PEOPLE NEEDS, WE RISK ONE DAY BEING COMPLETELY VOICELESS, BY WAY OF THE FIRST AMENOMENT.

LET'S CONSIDER THE CURRENT THREATS TO OUR ATHLETES, WHO SIMPLY EXERCISED THEIR FIRST AMENOMENT RIGHTS TO PROTEST AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND RACISM, BY KNEELING DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. IN ADDITION TO THE DISGRACEFUL, AND DISRESPECTFUL COUNTERMEASURE EMPLOYED AGAINST BLACK ACTIVISTS — BEING CALLED "BLACK IDENTITY EXTREMISTS," WHATEVER THE HELL THAT'S SUPPOSE TO MEAN — A RECENT COUNTERMEASURE WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AGAINST — AND I'LL SAY HERE — PRIMARILY BLACK ATHLETES, IN THE FORM OF, STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, OR STAY IN YOUR LOCKER ROOM. IN OTHER WORDS,



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RECOGNIZE, AND SUBMIT TO THE POLITICAL DOMINANCE OVER you, OR DON'T SHOW YOUR FACE. THE ARGUMENT - GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO JOHN CARLOS AND TOMMY SMITH - HAS BEEN THAT ATHLETES SHOULDN'T MAKE SPORTS A POLITICAL ARENA. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THAT, ANYTIME THE AMERIKKKAN FLAG, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND THE MILITARY ARE INVOLVED, IT IS POLITICAL. IF THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXTRACT POLITICS FROM SPORTS, WHY NOT REMOVE THOSE COMPONENTS? LET'S MAKE IT COMPLETELY NONPOLITICAL. NO ANTHEM, NO MILITARY, AND NO FLAG. JUST SPORTS.

ATHLETES HAVE A TREMENDOUS VOICE AND INFLUENCE. WHAT THEY THINK, AND FEEL ABOUT THINGS, CAN SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD, SO THAT POWER MUST BE SUPPRESSED. BECAUSE, IF IT IS EVER FULLY TAPPED INTO, IT CAN LITERALLY RESHAPE OUR POLITICAL STRUCTURE. BECAUSE OUR ATHLETES CAN EFFECTUALLY CHALLENGE THE CONDITIONS AND BEHAVIORS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE OPERATIONS WITHIN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL POWER SYSTEMS, A COUNTERMEASURE IS NECESSARY AGAINST THEM, EVEN IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. ESSENTIALLY, THERE WON'T BE AN NFL WITHOUT THE ATHLETES, SO THEY HOLD ALL OF THE POWER. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE BULLIED.

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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