The philosophy of the Black Panther Party is just beginning to be understood. In the future, the Party will continue to be a political party and a revolutionary organization. The party's philosophy will be better understood when people see our objectives and the practical programs that we are setting forth and actually implementing.

People who think that the Black Panther Party is now destroyed have an erroneous view. The question always seems to arise because newsmen constantly ask, "Isn't the Party destroyed now?" As though some of them—not all of them—were wishing that this was so. This is the impression that the newspaper headlines have tried to convey. People have seen or read about attacks on us, about people getting arrested, and brothers and sisters getting killed and murdered by the fascist cops and criminal agents working for the avaricious, demagogic, oppressive, capitalistic, exploiting, racist elite.

From the very beginning, from May 2, 1967 when we went to the California State Capitol in Sacramento, people have read many outright lies and false statements in the media about our Party. The Establishment press has said that we were "hoodlums," "thugs," and "criminals." They have tried to gear people into thinking that sooner or later the Black Panther Party will be destroyed. But this is not
youth, because we know that today over half of the American people are under twenty-five, and a larger percentage is under thirty.

The greatest danger facing young people right now is the coming of a fascist state, like the one described by George Orwell in 1984, where Big Brother is always watching you. In a few years, that book might be history. We must look into history and see it as being concretely related to the problems of today. In turn, we will find a lamp of truth by which we can guide our feet to oppose the fascist 1984-type state that's rapidly coming into power in this country. That is why the racists and the narrow-minded chauvinists do not want black people, Chicano people, Puerto Rican, Asian, and poor white people to study and know their own true history—because their history will tell the truth about America today.

This is why our free health clinics, Liberation Schools, and our Breakfast for Children programs are so significant. They are a means to serve, educate, unify, and organize our people, to organize the youth, and let them know that in this time, in our time, we must seize our right to live, and we must seize our right to survive.

The youth are a vast reservoir of revolutionary potential. The lumpen proletarian brothers on the block, the sisters, and everybody in the streets who are trying to make it, are part of this reservoir which one day will overflow and come forth like a wild, rushing stream. The desire and the need for a revolutionary movement is manifested in the people. The future of the Black Panther Party is the future of the people, and the youth is the future of the Black Panther Party.

When Huey P. Newton put the Black Panther Party together and began to do something about the problems that existed, he was seizing the time. The Young Patriots, the Young Lords, Los Siete de la Raza, and many other
of America to resist them, and move things from a lower to a higher level, bust the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell regime in their asses, and let them know the struggle is here.

At the same time, it is necessary for young people to know that we must use organized and practical techniques. We cannot let ourselves continue to be oppressed on a massive scale. We are not trying to be supermen, because we are not supermen. We are fighting for the preservation of life. We refuse to be brainwashed by comic-book notions that distort the real situation. The only way that the world is ever going to be free is when the youth of this country moves with every principle of human respect and with every soft spot we have in our hearts for human life, in a fashion that lets the pig power structure know that when people are racistly and fascistically attacked, the youth will put a foot in their butts and make their blood chill.

We look around in the world today, and we look around at home right now, and we see that oppression exists. We know that the workers are exploited, and that most of the people in this country are exploited, in one way or another. We know that as a people, we must seize our time.

Huey P. Newton seized the time when he moved and put the Black Panther Party into motion. Other brothers and sisters in the Party are continually seizing the time. The time is now to wage relentless revolutionary struggle against the fascist, avaricious, demagogic ruling class and their low-life, sadistic pigs. Power to the People! Seize the Time!

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