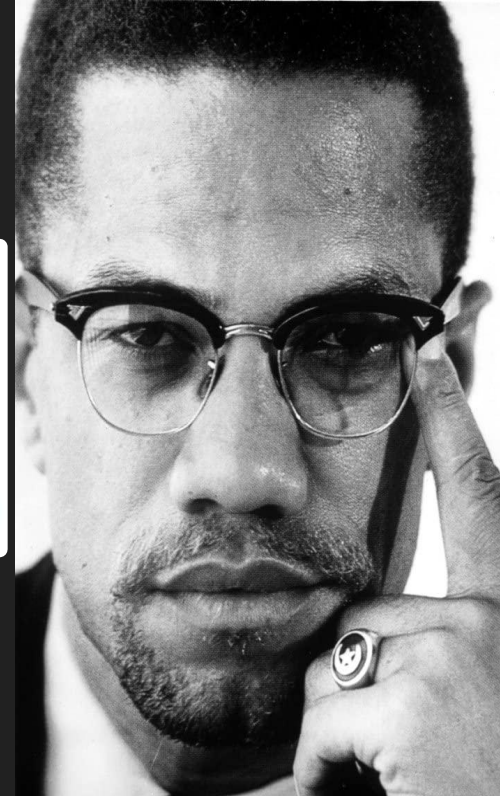


Malcolm X

Is it possible to find liberation within an
oppressive system?



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Biography

- Born Malcolm Little
- Born May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska
- Born and raised in Omaha but was also raised in other states.
- Married to Betty Shabazz in January 14, 1965
- Had 10 siblings and was his father's 7th child. Was father of 6 daughters. He was also close friends with Muhammad Ali before a fallout.
- African American leader, activist in civil rights movement. Minister and spokesperson for the Nation of Islam.
- In 1938 Malcolm X was kicked out of school and sent to juvenile detention. Dropped out of school at the age of 15. He went to jail and converted into Islam before being released.
- Died on February 21, 1965 in New York, New York.

“He urged his fellow Black Americans to protect themselves against white aggression “by any means necessary,” a stance that often put him at odds with the nonviolent teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.”



Oppressive System(s)

Malcolm X's oppressive systems were:

- Violence
- Police brutality
- Islamophobia - Unfair behaviors/police brutality towards Muslims because of the stereotypes that they are dangerous and carry guns with them. He wanted there to be an investigation of the seven innocent Muslims who were shot.
- Racism- His father was chased by the KKK and receiving threats from the Black Legion. Because of some of his own experience and from other African Americans he focused on "black people creating their own power, structure and wealth, and dismissed the then-dominant ideas of integration and racial acceptance." He also advocated for self defense.

- ★ He spoke about the unfairness towards African Americans and Muslims. He reached about not only about his Muslim faith (in different universities) but about how African Americans should "protect themselves against white aggression." and doing this by, "any means." He also talked and wanted others to know about the pride and identity in African Americans.

"Malcolm X defined land as "the basis of freedom, justice and equality," and declared: "A revolutionary wants land so he can set up his own nation, an independent nation. These Negroes aren't asking for any nation—they're trying to crawl back on the plantation... If you're afraid of black nationalism, you're afraid of revolution. And if you love revolution, you love black nationalism"



The search for Liberation

To try and find liberation, Malcolm X:

- Founded and started the Muslim Mosque Inc and the Organization of Afro-American Unity. Supported of Black Nationalism.
- Made a speech call “Message to the grassroots”
- Preached about his faith in universities and made many speeches about racism.

“He did not preach violence, he preached self-defense,”



Did He Found Liberation?

Malcolm X did not found liberation within his oppressive systems in the United States.

- **The FBI started to follow him because of what Malcolm X doing.**
- **The three murders were members of the Harlem NOI.**
- **Malcolm X's assassination is solved but some scholars want to open back his case because somethings were left out.**
- **Muslims are still being judge and hate on.**
- **African Americans still go through police brutality today.**

“The legacy of Malcolm X and his work have inspired and informed many others in their fight for social justice and equality.”



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