

As the movement grows on both sides of the Atlantic...

BLACK LIVES MATTER - ONE SOLUTION REVOLUTION!

THE BLACK LIVES MATTER (BLM) Movement has once again erupted onto the streets following the cold blooded killings of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile and others. Over 570 people have now been gunned down by the police this year in the United States.

The disproportionate number of Black people in that figure has exposed yet again the racist brutality of the police. From the violent policing of the civil rights marches in the 1950s, through the savage beating of black motorist Rodney King in the 1990s, to the treatment of BLM protesters today, the police remain out of control and unaccountable.

Here in Britain there have been a series of a fantastic demonstrations, in Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Bristol and London. We have marched in solidarity with our sisters and brothers across the Atlantic, but these protests have also sent a message to our rulers here:

Justice

We remember the people who have died at the hands of the police in Britain, from Joy Gardner, Cynthia Jarrett and Roger Sylvester in the 20th century to Sean Rigg, Christopher Alder, Smiley Culture and Mark Duggan in recent years. The family of Cherry Groce who died in 2011 is still having to fight for justice 3 decades after she was paralysed by the Met police.

The bullying and harrasment we suffer at the hands of the police is no accident. We live in a rotten corrupt, exploitative society. As Malcolm X famously declared "Show me a capitalist, I'll show you a bloodsucker!" The tiny elite that own and control society's wealth need the police to control the rest of us in order to protect their property, power and privilege.

We cannot beat racism by simply electing a few Black politicians or setting up commissions and advisory groups with Black people on them. Barack Obama has held the most powerful office for 2 terms, yet the predicament of Black people in the United States today is worse than when he was elected President in 2008.

Instead of relying on a few Black faces



Angry Black Lives Matter protest in Birmingham

in high places, we have to tear down a system which uses racism to divide and rule.

Remember

The diversity of the BLM demonstrations have shown the real way forward. Black and White people, have marched together chanting "No Justice, No Peace!"

We remember the Black victims of injustice, but we also remember the 96 Liverpool football fans who died at Hillsborough in 1989 and whose

reputations were besmirched by police for decades and the miners beaten and framed after the battle of Orgreave in 1984.

We need to build on the unity of the BLM demonstrations by taking the movement deeper into our communities, colleges and into the unions and workplaces where collectively we create all the wealth that the rich and powerful steal from us.

We have the power to destroy this rotten system and replace it with one which is run by and for the many not the few.

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NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION:

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