

THE FUTURE OF BLACK JUSTICE

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Im from texas
the place where juneteenth was started
I'm from america
where justice for the killing of unarmed black individuals is least regarded
I'm from the south
where slaves were not even freed by the emancipation proclamation
Not even a government signed document could save my people from this oppressive nation
400 years after slavery and the oppressive side effect are still there
My people still suffer
My voice is still suppressed
My history is gentrified
But this a country that believe in liberty and justice
For all
But What about us?
Our people had our last names erased
our children displaced
and our land misplaced.
There are people who live slums
and eat off crumbs
Then there are people who charter jets
and imperialize whatever nation is next
What is justice?
Is justice the senseless killing of an unarmed black man?
Or is justice profiting off of black oppression when stuff hits the fan?
What is justice and what does it look like for you and me?
It took for a general to go screaming through texas on june 19th
Fast forward 155 years and we now "celebrate" the end of slavery
but somehow exploiting black labor in private prisons still a thing
These prisoners Work day in and day out
No freedom beyond concrete walls and barbed wire
Unjust sentences and uniform attire
Work for free in these four walls
Run up their profits
and best of all
You don't touch a dime
Prison labor is modern day slavery
Black people are brought to "justice" on a daily basis
Justice which lands them in a modern-day-slavery-prison-labor-construct
A system in a country where there is "liberty and justice for all"
But there is no justice

in these unjust sentences
I have brothers locked up for years for the same things america has turned into a businesses
Business is what makes moguls rich
The same resources to start a business
is something not commonly found in low income communities
The places where you find people like me
People never given an opportunity
And then starts the cycle that's left blacks at a disadvantage for centuries
A gap of wealth
and a cycle of poverty
A cycle that's lasted since slavery
creating the oppressive institutional system we experience today
The cycle of poverty an everlasting cycle
That's why they call the trap the trap
That's why the first resort is try and rap
That's why young black men always ride with a "strap"
That's why most young black men never learn to build an app
There's a lot the we don't learn
Not because we don't want to
But because weren't taught
All our lives we have fought
for what know as free we live in a country
of justice for all
but at the starting line my white colleagues have access to far more resources than me
That's why freedom for you
is different than freedom for me
For you:
free might being able to go where you want
when you want
without economic or racial limitations
For me:
Free is being followed around stores
And Facing constant discrimination
in predominantly white spaces
Way back in texas "freed slaves" couldn't celebrate their freedom in public spaces
Fast forward 155 years
and my siblings can't even discuss critical race theory in their educational places
We can't just pick and choose
what to teach me and you
where the justice in that?
Where is justice at all in fact?
The future of justice for people like me lies in acceptance growth and reform
We say black excellence not to undermine others
But to create the sense of unity that was stripped away from us during slavery
To rally the sense of pride in our people that was stripped from us blatantly
I'm not delivering the speech to make a scene
I'm here to tell you the truth
About the things that never plagued people like you
If you think slavery still doesnt affect me: ask me who my ancetsors are
If you think slavery still doesnt affect me: come to where I from

If you think slavery still doesn't affect me you're wrong
It's not enough to put a bandaid over 400 years of disbanding
abuse ethnic cleansing and oppression
You can act like it didn't happen and proceed as is
Or you can take a stand and teach your kids
The future of black justice starts with the people of today.
Because Now kids can't have these convos in school
Places like Texas are making white supremacy cool
Black justice is divesting from prison labor
Black justice penalizing cops who who killed unarmed black people
Black justice is providing equitable resources to lower income communities
Black justice starts with us
Sign a petition to block a bill
Check your friends who incite racist jokes
Because racism is a battle that goes uphill
If you were offended by anything I said
my speech was to you
not for you
My people are fighting for freedom to no avail
The wealth gaps tells the story of it all
As my people work as modern day slaves in a place that we call jail
But through it all
we stand tall
Through the stormy weather
We will seek out black justice
And we'll do it together