

Organized Hate – Part 6



Non-White Hate Groups



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- Although white supremacists make up the bulk of extremist groups, there are other kinds of extremist groups
 - Jewish Defense League (www.jdl.org)
 - Kahane Chai (www.kahanenet.org)
 - Muslims of the Americas
 - Nation of Aztlán (www.aztlan.net)
 - Nation of Islam (www.noi.org)
 - Radio Islam (www.radioislam.net)

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense (www.newblackpanther.com)



- **Founded:** 1990
- **Founder:** Aaron Michaels
- **Leader:** Malik Zulu Shabazz
- **Headquarters:** Washington, DC
- **Ideology:** Mix of Black nationalism, Pan-Africanism, and racist and anti-Semitic bigotry
- **Influences:** Original Black Panthers, Black Panther Militia, Nation of Islam

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Origins*



- Takes its name from the original Black Panther Party founded by Huey Newton and Bobby Seales in Oakland, CA in 1966
 - Combined militant black nationalism with Marxism
 - Advocated black empowerment and self-defense
 - 1969: Had 5K members in 20 chapter nationwide
- By early 1970s group had lost much of its momentum, but mystique remained

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Origins (cont.)*



- 1987: **Michael McGee**, Milwaukee city council member and former Black Panther threatened to disrupt “Summerfest” events and other “white peoples fun” throughout the city unless more jobs were created for blacks
 - Eventually backed off, but did lead demonstrations
- 1990: Now an alderman, he announced his intention to create the Black Panther Militia unless the problems of the inner city improved
 - Plan was to enlist street gangs and provide them with weapons training

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Origins (cont.)*



- Several months later he organized a meeting at a public school to recruit members
 - Told crowd of 300 that he was “*not advocating what the Black Panthers were advocating. Our militia will be about violence. I’m talking actual fighting, bloodshed, and urban guerilla warfare.*”
- 1992: Threatened to launch violent attacks against the city; lost re-election

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Origins* (cont.)



- McGee helped to organize a chapter of the Black Panther Militia in Indianapolis
- Helped to form a similar organization in Dallas under the leadership of **Aaron Michaels**
 - Became the founding chapter of the New Black Panther Party (NBPP)

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Origins* (cont.)



Michaels

- Michaels formed NBPP after a visit from McGee
- 1992: Michaels held a “National Black Power Summit and Youth Rally” in Dallas
 - ~200 attended
 - Michaels claimed chapters in 20 cities
 - Advocated racial separatism; invited Tom Metzger
 - Told audience that he believed in achieving goals “by any means necessary”

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *History*

- 1990: **Khalid Abdul Mohammad**, minister of the Nation of Islam mosque in Atlanta, GA, appointed to NOI NYC mosque by **Louis Farrakan**
- 1991: Mohammad named as Farrakan's spokesman



Mohammad

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)

- 1993: Mohammad delivered a notoriously anti-Semitic, homophobic, and racist speech at Kean College in NJ.
 - Called Jews “bloodsuckers”
 - Vulgarly ridiculed the Pope
 - Attracted substantial media attention; speech condemned by Congress
 - Farrakan removed him as spokesperson
 - He remained a popular speaker across the country, but never regains any position of power in NOI



Mohammad

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)

- May 29, 1994: Mohammad was shot and wounded in a failed assassination attempt by a former NOI member following a speech at the Univ. of CA, Riverside
- Met Aaron Michaels while recovering in Dallas
 - Began working with him
 - Focused on raising visibility of the NBPP and consolidating his leadership over it



Mohammad

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History

- 1995-96:
 - Mohammad and Michaels demanded that Dallas school board president resign after he is secretly recording referring to black students as “little niggers”
 - Michaels and several others are arrested for preventing school board meeting
 - Michaels and Muhammad later issue a news release calling for “Black men with guns” to protect them at the next meeting
 - Meeting is cancelled



New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)



- 1998: Muhammad eclipsed Michaels as the de facto leader of the NBPP
 - Michaels accepted role of “Minister of Defense”
- June 1998: Muhammad led a group of 50 NBPP members, including 12 with shotguns, to Jasper, TX following the James Byrd incident to “protect the streets”
 - NBPP counter demonstrated at a Klan rally several weeks later

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)



- 1998: Muhammad organized the “Million Youth March” in NYC
 - Muhammad toured the country promoting the march
 - Received an endorsement from Rev. Al Sharpton
 - Rudy Giuliani refused to issue a permit for the event, calling it a “hate” march and citing safety concerns
 - Muhammad filed suit and won

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)



- ~6000 attended
- March ended in a melee with police after police attempted to shut down the rally after the event deadline
 - Muhammad extorted the crowd to beat the police with rails and shoot them with their own guns in “self defense”
 - 28 people were injured, including 16 police officers
- Muhammad subsequently elected NBPP National Chairman

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – History (cont.)



- Muhammad instituted an organizational hierarchy
 - Filled positions with members from NOI and other black Muslim groups
 - National spokesman, Malik Zulu Shabazz, DC attorney
 - Minister of Information, Quannel X, former NOI minister



Shabazz



Quannel X

- February 17, 2001: Muhammad died suddenly
 - Shabazz took control

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – Shabazz



- Shabazz background
 - In 1988, while at Howard University, Shabazz (Paris Lewis) founded “Unity Nation”, a Howard group of NOI supporters
 - 1995: Unity Nation held a “African Black Holocaust and Nationhood Conference”
 - Conference hosted numerous anti-Semitic speakers, to include Steve Cokely

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – Shabazz (cont.)



- Worked closely with Muhammad for the next several years
 - Brought the group’s message to the mainstream media
 - Pushed the claim that the Jews were “significantly and substantially involved” in the African slave trade
 - Cited NOI’s *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*



New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Shabazz* (cont.)



- 2000:
 - Shabazz opened a NBPP chapter in Washington, DC
 - Organized boycott of a local Korean-American owned store after a dispute between the owner and a black teenager
 - Store later bombed; Shabazz denied involvement
- 2001:
 - 20 members of NBPP demonstrated in front of the US Holocaust Memorial
 - Blamed Jews for the 9/11 attacks

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Tactics*



- NBPP tactics consist mostly of demonstrations aimed at increasing tensions and garnering media attention
- Shabazz developed a NBPP platform
 - Demands full employment, decent housing, education, and tax exemption for black people
 - Exemption of blacks from military service
 - Release of all blacks from jail/prison because they "have not received a fair and impartial trial"

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Beliefs*



- Oct 2001: Shabazz blamed Jews for the 9/11 attacks
 - Called the US and Israel "the number one and two terrorists right now on the planet"
 - "We have to make it plain that Zionists control America, lock, stock, and barrel. The European Jews have America under control, lock stock, and barrel, the media, foreign policy."
- Shabazz claimed that 3-5K Jews did not go to work at the WTC and the Pentagon on 9/11 because they were warned in advance by Israel

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Beliefs* (cont.)



- April 2002: Shabazz held a rally in front of the B'nai B'rith building in Washington, DC
 - Led chants of “death to Israel”, “the white man is the devil” and “jihad”
 - *“Kill every goddamn Zionist in Israel! Goddamn little babies, goddamn old ladies! Blow up the Zionist supermarkets!”*

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *In the News*



- July 2002: Shabazz showed up at courthouse where a pretrial hearing was being held for Zacarias Moussaoui
 - Announced his interest in aiding his defense
- 2006: NBPP member and US Rep. Cynthia McKinney supporter Hashim Nzinga physically attacked reporters, and made anti-Semitic and racist remarks to the press at her concession press conference

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *In the News*



- 2008: Philadelphia
 - Voter intimidation controversy
 - Minister King Samir Shabazz
 - January 2009 - DoJ filed a civil suits against the NBPP and three of its members for violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965
 - June 2010 – Suit is dropped

New Black Panther Party for Self Defense – *Future*



- Several members of the original Black Panthers have condemned the NBPP's racism and anti-Semitism
- Shabazz continues to hold rallies, make speeches, and appear on national news programs
- Shabazz has never been able to match the power and influence of Muhammad, but continues to keep the NBPP in the spotlight
