**The Black Panther Party**

* Most institutionalized expression of Black militancy
* Huey Newton and Bobby Seale created the party



* Took the symbol of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization (LCFO)



* Combined Black Nationalist ideology with Marxist ideas
* They hoped to overthrow capitalism and end police brutality
* Stokely Carmichael became aligned with the Panthers
* Eldridge Cleaver became the Panthers’ minister of education
* He was a follower of Malcolm X



* Wrote autobiographical essays that became Soul on Ice in 1968
* Cleaver believed AAs were victims of colonization and need to be liberated
* Cleaver fled into exile after a police shootout in Oakland



* He later abandoned radicalism and became involved with the Republicans

“Power to the People”

* Organized health care programs
* Free breakfast



* Lectured to instill racial pride
* Educated youth about Black History
* Launched some of the earliest drug education programs



Police and COINTELPRO

* Panthers alarmed many white Americans
* Panthers took up arms to patrol neighborhoods to monitor police
* FBI director J. Edgar Hoover determined to harass the Panthers



* Purpose was to gather counterintelligence on black nationalist groups
* Undercover agents infiltrated the Panthers
* Helped provoke violence and mayhem within the party



* Shaped negative perceptions of Panthers
* Law enforcement killed 28 Panthers
* 750 others were incarcerated

