

# Huey Newton Quotes

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Fighting, School, Patriotism, Real, Believe, Country, Revolutionary, Suicide,  
Years, Struggle, Prison*

Black men and women who refuse to live under oppression are dangerous to white society because they become symbols of hope to their brothers and sisters, inspiring them to follow their example.

~Huey Newton

Youths are passed through schools that don't teach, then forced to search for jobs that don't exist and finally left stranded in the street to stare at the glamorous lives advertised around them.

~Huey Newton

The task is to transform society; only the people can do that - not heroes, not celebrities, not stars.

~Huey Newton

The revolution has always been in the hands of the young. The young always inherit the revolution.

~Huey Newton

Power is the ability to define phenomena, and make it act in a desired manner.

~Huey Newton

Laws should be made to serve the people. People should not be made to serve the laws.

~Huey Newton

Black Power is giving power to people who have not had power to determine their destiny.

~Huey Newton

I think what motivates people is not great hate, but great love for other people.

~Huey Newton

You can kill my body, and you can take my life but you can never kill my soul. My soul will live forever!

~Huey Newton

We have two evils to fight, capitalism and racism. We must destroy both racism and capitalism.

~Huey Newton

You can jail a Revolutionary, but you can't jail the Revolution.

~Huey Newton

I do not expect the white media to create positive black male images.

~Huey Newton

The policemen or soldiers are only a gun in the establishments hand. They make the racist secure in his racism.

~Huey Newton

You can only die once, so do not die a thousand times worrying about it.

~Huey Newton

The racist dog policemen must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture of black people, or face the wrath of the armed people.

~Huey Newton

The nature of a panther is that he never attacks. But if anyone attacks or backs into a corner, the panther comes up to wipe that aggressor or that attacker out.

~Huey Newton

Any unarmed people are slaves, or are subject to slavery at any given moment.

~Huey Newton

My fear was not of death itself, but a death without meaning.

~Huey Newton

There's no reason for the establishment to fear me. But it has every right to fear the people collectively - I am one with the people.

~Huey Newton

If you stop struggling, then you stop life.

~Huey Newton

The first lesson a revolutionary must learn is that he is a doomed man.

~Huey Newton

To die for the racists is lighter than a feather, but to die for the people is heavier than any mountain and deeper than any sea.

~Huey Newton

By surrendering my life to the revolution, I found eternal life

~Huey Newton

I do not think that life will change for the better without an assault on the Establishment, which goes on exploiting the wretched of the earth.

~Huey Newton

Sometimes if you want to get rid of the gun, you have to pick the gun up.

~Huey Newton

The United States can hide behind a facade simply because it is sucking the blood of other people...The Third World people: Africa, Asia and Latin America.

~Huey Newton

I always said this and the people think it's a cute answer, but I say we have always been in the system and that's why we fight because we don't like the system. We are trying to transform it.

~Huey Newton

I have the people behind me and the people are my strength.

~Huey Newton

Let us go on outdoing ourselves; a revolutionary man always transcends himself or otherwise he is not a revolutionary man, so we always do what we ask of ourselves or more than what we know we can do.

~Huey Newton

But before we die, how shall we live? I say with hope and dignity; and if premature death is the result, that death has a meaning reactionary suicide can never have. It is the price of self-respect.

~Huey Newton

Existence is violent, I exist, therefore I'm violent. . . in that way.

~Huey Newton

There will be no prison which can hold our movement down.

~Huey Newton

The walls, the bars, the guns and the guards can never encircle or hold down the idea of the people.

~Huey Newton

I had a lot of time and the first year I was in prison, I tried to get the party to stop the shooting, to stop the talk about the gun thing.

~Huey Newton

My fear was not of death itself, but a death without meaning. I wanted

my death to be something the people could relate to, a basis for further mobilization of the community.

~Huey Newton

Revolutionary suicide does not mean that I and my comrades have a death wish; it means just the opposite.

~Huey Newton

I know sociologically that words, the power of the word, words stigmatize people.

~Huey Newton

We were trying to increase the conflict that was already happening... we felt that we would take the conflict to so high a level that some change had to come.

~Huey Newton

When I was in the penitentiary after being accused of killing a policeman, I was more in the system in the penitentiary than ever.

~Huey Newton

What I'm really trying to say is that I believed an armed insurrection could work. After I was shot and went to prison, that ended that illusion. I had time to think.

~Huey Newton

I wanted to leave high school in 1958 and join the Cuban revolution. So the only reason I did not come to join [Fidel] Castro was because my mother would not let me. I was only 16.

~Huey Newton

A rather honored guest of the Cuban government, so I wouldn't experience the problems. I think it would take a black Cuban to really articulate this because I'm being treated in a very generous way.

~Huey Newton

We always had a central committee. They were mesmerized by Eldridge Cleaver.

~Huey Newton

I don't want people to think he [Eldridge Cleaver] is so important - our party is important because our party works for the people and no individual is important in our party, including myself.

~Huey Newton

I knew how to influence the people, but it's really just one vote. But the party is being handled in a very good way .

~Huey Newton

I'm not ruling. I never ruled. I have one vote and I'm the leader of the party. I've always had a vote on the central committee. I always had more influence than that one vote. I'll admit that.

~Huey Newton

I would like to add I'm innocent. I am not guilty.

~Huey Newton

I think it's absurd to talk about - one time you were outside the system, now you are in the system - no, we fight, the cause of the fight is because the system is bad that we can't get out of it.

~Huey Newton

The neighbors were more than neighbors [on Cuba]. They were like part of the family.

~Huey Newton

The United States is already antique.

~Huey Newton

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