

Three Main Rules of Discipline

1. Obey orders in all your actions.
2. Do not take a single needle or piece of thread from the masses.
3. Turn in everything captured.

The Eight Points of Attention

1. Speak politely
2. Pay fairly for what you buy.
3. Return everything you borrow
4. Pay for everything you damage
5. Do not hit or swear at your comrades or the masses.
6. Do not damage property of the poor oppressed people
7. Do not take liberties with women
8. If we ever have to take captives do not ill treat them.

Ten Point Program and Platform

1. We demand freedom. We demand the power to determine the destiny of our Black community.

We believe that Black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We demand full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessman will not give full employment than the means of production should be taken from the businessman and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We demand an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our Black community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and a mule. Forty acres and a mule was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people, therefore we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We demand decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black communities, then the housing and the land should be made into co-operatives so that our community, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We demand education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent american society. We demand education that teaches us our true history and our role in this present day society.

We believe in an education system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We demand that all Black men be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the military by whatever means necessary.

7. We demand an immediate end to police brutality and murder of Black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We demand freedom for all Black people held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We demand that all Black people be tried by juries of their peer group in a people's court.

We believe that the courts should be made up of peers. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical, and racial background. We have been and are being tried by juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We demand land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature entitle them a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impels them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

All Power to the People!

Rules of the Black Panther Party

1. No party member can have weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be drunk while doing party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work and general meetings of the Black Panther Party and meetings of the Black Panther Party anywhere.
5. No party member will point or fire a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone other than the enemy.
6. No party member can join any other armed force other than the Black Liberation Army.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while drunk or loaded off weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or black people at all, and cannot steal or take people, a not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested, Black Panther Party members will give only their name and address and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and Platform of the Black Panther Party must be known and understood by each party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10 program should be known by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the Nat'l Finance co-ordinator.
14. Each person will submit a weekly report.
15. All co-ordinators will submit a weekly report.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to Central Headquarters to be disseminated throughout the Party.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there, all others are to do political work in the community.
20. COMMUNICATIONS--all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the Central Headquarters.
21. All branches must implement First Aid/Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, branches and components of the Black Panther Party must submit a monthly Finance Report to Central Headquarters.
23. Everyone in leadership position must read no less than 2 hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation, it is mandatory.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept trants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the Central Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and ideology laid down by the Central Leadership of the Black Panther Party.
26. All Branches submit weekly reports in writing to their respective chapters.