



We're unable to rely upon popular criticism of police misconduct that fails to understand that the violence and murder of black people is not an indiscretion and bad behaviour on behalf of police officers, it's not something that can be trained away by diversity training. But it's rather the output of white supremacist settler colonial machinations. It can never not happen again as long as the state continues to exist. Never mind that the african-american policy forum which Kimberlé Crenshaw is a member of had to coin the 'SayHerName' hashtag in 2015 because of black women's exclusion from this narrative in the memorialization of victims of police violence.

How can you indict the state for violence against black bodies when we're still failing to highlight the racialized gendered violence that has characterised it since its inception and that the state has imposed and the means by which the state has imposed this violence against black women's bodies.

Furthermore, how do we have the audacity as anti-capitalists, anarchists, or however we define it. To name anti blackness while failing to have black people in organising spaces? How do we entertain these lazy rejections of identity politics when our politicised ways of knowing and resisting and understanding are a product of the embodied knowledge that come from our marginalised identities.

Wang discusses the ideas of the zones of intelligibility, that is spaces of being and habitation that are understandable to white people. She highlights the fact that perhaps there was so much support that was mobilised for Travon Martin & Oscar Grant, because both were murdered in places that were intelligible and understandable to white imaginations. Travon Martin was killed in a gated community and Oscar Grant was murdered in a public transportation station.

She writes, there are violences that occur in alternative universities, like the slave ship, the hood, the prison, at the hands of the state. What happens when you're unable to articulate the violence of and from your subject position. Because you possess an unintelligible identity as is possessed by black people hence the need to constantly perform the dehumanising mental gymnastics of appealing to an innocence that we can never obtain. What happens when the violence is simply a logical extension of the politics you either knowingly or unknowingly perpetuate?

When white liberals favour order over justice, they by extension support segregatory policy and ghetto policing as that's what order is. Perhaps part of our silence about the murders of black trans women both by black and not Black cis communities, is because the violence and abuse they experience is the logical extension of the cisnormativity that materialises our very identities as cisgender people experience.

