



Angeles Rebellion. I remember wondering, well, whatever happened to the movement against police brutality? The Black Panther Party was prominent in that, there were other groups as well. I said, what had happened that could allow Rodney King to be beaten within an inch of his life?

I interviewed people from different parts of the country. Some were in the Black Panther Party, but the majority of them were not in the Black Panther Party, but the majority of them were not in the Black Panther Party. They would have been who had been in different black power groups or different black activists around the country

So I wrote that book back in 2011, right now I'm working on my Memoir, which is, you know, my life. From the beginning to recent times, including my experiences in the Black Panther Party.

**L:** What are you most proud about when you reflect on your life as a radical black activist who's crossed several movements and tendencies? I actually am most proud of the fact that I was in the Black Panther Party.

**J:** The Black Panther Party, of course remains a controversial organisation for a lot of people, but it was an organisation as imperfect as it was, and it was not perfect, and there were problems. But the Black Panther Party was the first organisation that I ever knew that stood up against state violence and said that black people have a right to defend ourselves against government attacks, against government repression.

I worked in the free breakfast program when I first joined the party in Detroit and I didn't understand until that point how many children were going to school every day in the black community, in the poor community, hungry, because our families didn't have money to feed them breakfast.

So I am proud of the fact that I was part of an organisation that stood up to state violence, an organisation that talked about fighting fascism. We are right now facing fascism in the united states. The Black Panther Party talked about fascism in the late 1960s and it helped me shape my worldview that I have today.

A lot of how I think, what I believe, what I know were lessons that I learned from being in the black panther party. I have that to thank for the work that I continue to do long after the black panther party was over.

**L:** Well, any last comments or things you'd like to share?

