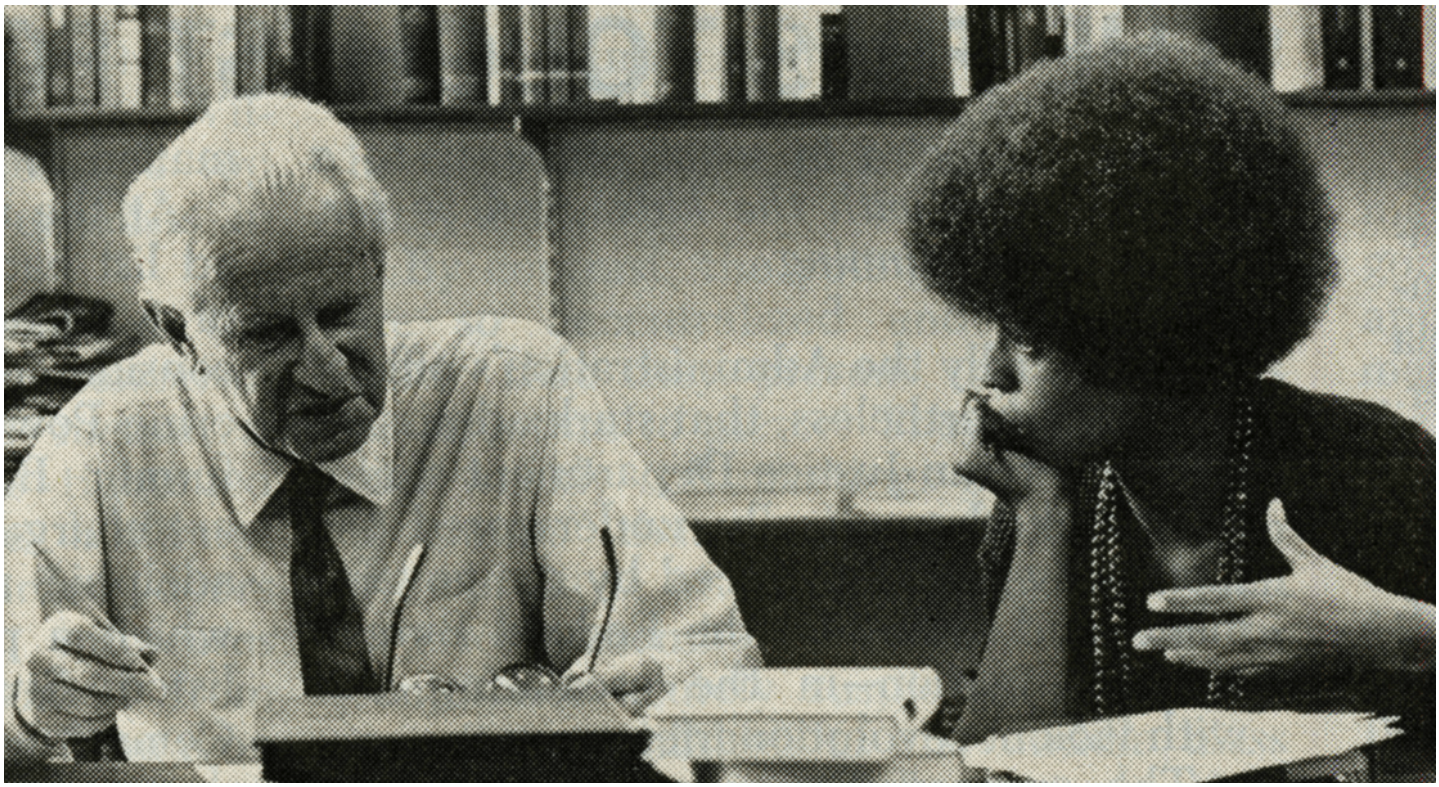
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Connections: From the European Frankfurt School to Black Lives Matter and Critical Theory, an exploration https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 1/



We are in the midst of a battle of ideas against an adversary that is skilled and has been hard at work over decades in our academic and cultural institutions. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 2/

Marxism predicted the inevitable transition from capitalism to communism through class struggle and the internal contradictions of the capitalist system. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 3/

When this failed to happen, & instead the working class, & society in general grew richer within a capitalist framework, the Frankfurt School came into existence in Frankfurt, Germany in 1923, & following the rise of the Nazis moved to @Columbia Univ in the USA in 1933. 4/

They developed a critique of the capitalist system and the culture that makes it possible to exist and thrive. Critical theory seeks to change the culture to bring about the Marxist revolution that material and economic forces alone could not achieve.

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One of the leaders of this movement Herbert Marcuse is of particular relevance to events today. In particular Marcuse's text Repressive Tolerance (1965) that was expanded upon in 1969 under the title A Critique of Pure Tolerance. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 6/

It explains why "tolerance" is only for the Left, and violence is to be tolerated when committed by progressive forces to destroy the existing order and conservatives condemned when defending it. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 7/

Marcuse argues that the following were examples of progress in civilization. "The English civil wars, the French Revolution, the Chinese and the Cuban Revolutions." 8/

Let us examine for a moment the examples what the author's of Repressive Tolerance describe as "progress in civilization." https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 9/

The English Civil Wars ended with the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, in what amounted to a successful conservative counter-revolution from Republican rule that preserved the British monarchy to the present day. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 10

Unlike the others celebrated by Marcuse, the British have a conservative tradition. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 11/

The French Revolution born of enlightenment liberalism, and a rejection of the Ancien Régime & the Catholic Church, gave Europe its first modern genocide of peasants in which the Vendee were systematically exterminated in a revolutionary terror that killed tens of thousands. 12/



The end result was the rise of the dictator Napoleon Bonaparte and a world war that took three million lives. They would have been better served if they had reflected more deeply on Edmund Burke's critique of this process. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 13/

The Chinese Communist Party in power since October 1, 1949 has a bloody history, and a negative track record for the world. The founder, Mao Zedong, committed the biggest mass killings in human history. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 14/

Responsible for the deaths of as many as 70 million Chinese on his watch alone. Mao died in 1976, but the Chinese Communist Party continues its killing spree, but with more sophistication. There is nothing to celebrate. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 15/



In Cuba the pattern was repeated. While Fidel Castro talked democracy in 1959 the firing squads were filmed and broadcast and the terror began to consolidate control. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 16/

Those who had fought by his side in good faith believing the Revolution was a struggle to restore democracy became uneasy with the course of the new regime. Some, like Huber Matos, Julio Ruiz Pitaluga, and Mario Chanes de Armas who spoke out spent decades in prison. 17/

Many returned to the hills of the Escambray to carry on the struggle for the democratic restoration. This resistance was crushed in 1966 after five years of assistance from 400 Soviet counterinsurgency advisors. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 18/

Extrajudicial killings would continue for the next 60 years, & like their German counterparts would include Cubans massacred for trying to flee the Left wing dictatorship. Conservative estimates of killings under Castro place killings at over 73,000. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 19/



Civilizations rise, flourish and fall. This has been the rule throughout human history with the greatest and most well known examples being the Roman & British empires, but there have been many others across the world in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 20/

The legacy of the Roman Empire and the living standards it achieved in the ancient world were not duplicated again until Europe in the 18th century. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 21/

Marcuse also fails to mention the bubonic plague that wiped out half of the human population and put an end to a Roman reconquest of Western Europe. https://t.co/ojp1kBQhM1 22/

However, despite this devastating blow the legacy of the Roman Republic lives on in the West, and inspired the American founders. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 23/

Marcuse's Marxist interpretation of history is flawed, and his prescription of tolerance for the Radical Left and intolerance for the Right is a recipe for disaster. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 24/

Herbert Marcuse died in 1979, but his influence is still felt today thanks to one of his disciples. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 25/

Angela Davis attended the 8th World Festival of Youth and Students in Helsinki, Finland in 1962 at age eighteen. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 26/

The first festival was held in 1947 and the the nineteenth was held in 2017 in Russia and they are gatherings of the youth wing of the international communist movements and part of the communist totalitarian networks. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 27/

Ms Davis is a serious communist intellectual who studied under Herbert Marcuse. She met him at a rally during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963 at age nineteen. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 28/

In 2007 she described Marcuse's impact upon her thinking at the time: "Herbert Marcuse taught me that it was possible to be an academic, an activist, a scholar, and a revolutionary." She had decided to study in Europe & began her studies there in 1965. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 29/

Inspired by the revolutionary ferment Angela Davis in 1967 decides to discontinue her studies in Europe and return to the United States in order to become involved in the Black revolutionary movement. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 30/

She went to San Diego where her mentor Herbert Marcus was teaching at the time. She was also inspired by the emergence of the Black Panther Party. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 31/

In 1968 she formally and publicly joined the Communist Party and in the Fall of 1969 she was hired to teach in the Philosophy Department at UCLA. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 32/

After having demonstrated her credentials as an academic, an activist, and a scholar in 1970 she showed her revolutionary commitment. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 33/

Angela Davis purchases the firearms, including a shotgun, that would be used two days later by a 17-year-old African-American high-school student, Jonathan Jackson, on August 7, 1970 to take over a courtroom in Marin County, California. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 34/

He armed the black defendants and together they took Judge Harold Haley, the prosecutor and three female jurors hostage. They fled the courtroom and ended up in a shoot out with police. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 35/

The judge was shot in the head with a blast from the shotgun purchased by Professor Davis and it was demonstrated that she had been communicating with one of the inmates. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 36/

She was charged with conspiracy to murder and kidnap, fled the jurisdiction but was captured two months later across the country in New York City. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 37/



The campaign both legal and in the mass media was a textbook case of totalitarian networks mobilizing, along with their agents of influence, to shape public opinion and to push for the circumvention of justice. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 38/

These networks have been around since 1921 when the Soviet Union organized clandestine operations of propaganda aimed at the West. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 39/

They created networks of supporters that used all propaganda resources from high culture to the most basic: film, radio, theater, books, magazines, and newspapers. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 40/

They were able to connect to and use all types of formers of opinion respected by the public: writers, artists, actors, priests, ministers, teachers, businessmen, scientists, and psychologists. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 41/

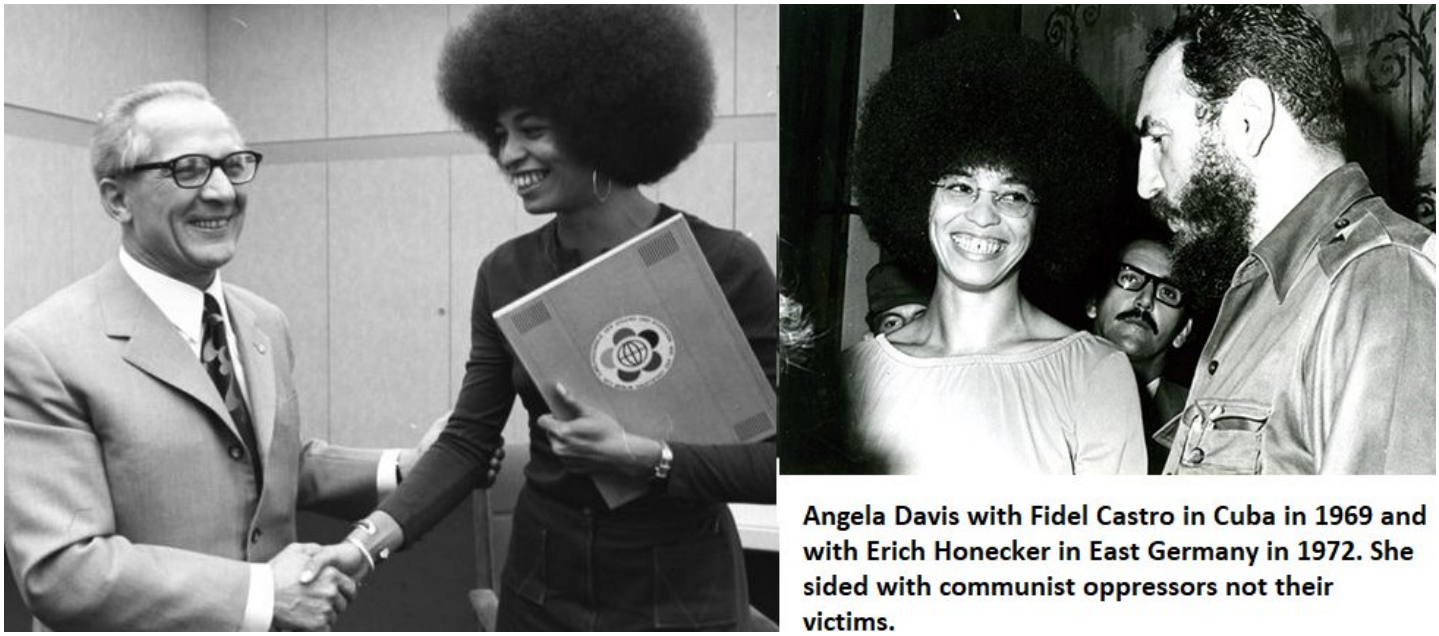
In the 1970s with Angela Davis this meant songs by Virgilio Savona "Angela" "Angela" "Angela"(1971), The Rolling Stones "Sweet Black Angel (1972), Bob Dylan "George Jackson" (1971), John Lennon "Angela" (1972), Todd Cochran "Free Angela" (1972), and there were others. 42/

On the revolutionary front on January 28, 1972, Jose Marti's birthday, Garrett Brock Trapnell hijacked TWA Flight 2 and one of his demands was the release of Angela Davis. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 43/

Although her first attorney was John Abt, general counsel of the Communist Party USA, Ms Davis was soon represented by the more competent Leo Branton, a civil rights & entertainment lawyer, who pioneered techniques in jury selection that were later adopted by others. 44/

Branton hired psychologists to help the defense determine who in the jury pool would favor their arguments, he also hired experts to discredit the reliability of eyewitness accounts and gave a powerful closing. She was acquitted by an all white jury. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 45/

Angela Davis visited communist regimes, and remained silent about the Berlin Wall, and visited with Fidel Castro and backed both dictatorships. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 46/



Angela Davis with Fidel Castro in Cuba in 1969 and with Erich Honecker in East Germany in 1972. She sided with communist oppressors not their victims.

And following her professor's ideas on "repressive tolerance" refused to speak out for political prisoners in communist regimes. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 47/

Mike Gonzalez, of the Heritage Foundation, wrote on September 7, 2020 in the essay "The Revolution is Upon Us" on the relationship between Marcuse, his student Angela Davis and the Black Lives Matter movement. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 48/

"Angela Davis, a student of Marcuse at Brandeis in the 1960s (and today, tellingly, an important mentor to Alicia Garza), told a packed auditorium at UVA in 2018, ... https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 49/

... 'Diversity without changing the structure, without calling for structural formation, simply brings those who were previously excluded into a process that continues to be as racist, as misogynist as it was before.'" https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 50/

Opal Tometi, one of Black Lives Matter's founders, was photographed with Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 51/



Opal Tometi (right), BLM co-founder, hugs Victor Maduro at the 2015 People of African Descent Leadership Summit in Harlem, New York, where several high-rank officials of the Venezuelan regime also participated. Maduro, currently banned from the United States, was in town for the annual United Nations General Assembly.

She did this despite Venezuela being the country with the highest per capita killings by the police of civilians in the world — several orders of magnitude higher than the United States. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 52/

Marcuse's work on Repressive Tolerance explains the silence of Black Lives Matter before the murder of young black men by the Castro regime's and Maduro regime's revolutionary police. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 53/

Since they're communists doing the killing & they are on the right side of history, in the eyes of Marcuse, Davis, and BLM, then the revolutionary violence visited on young black men in Cuba & Venezuela must be tolerated while at the same time condemned in the United States. 54/

This is why Critical Theory in all its manifestations along with violence must be rejected, and true universal tolerance embraced. Black lives matter everywhere, not just in capitalist societies. https://t.co/ojp1kC7TaB 55/