

**ACTIVISM UNSHACKLED &
JUSTICE UNCHAINED: A CALL TO
MAKE A HUMAN RIGHT OUT OF
ONE OF THE MOST CALAMITOUS
HUMAN WRONGS TO HAVE TAKEN
PLACE ON AMERICAN SOIL**

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This Article examines whether, during a darker period in United States history, government officials committed acts that are consistent with or akin to what is statutorily recognized as domestic terrorism against American citizens—specifically, members of the Black Panther Party (the “BPP”). Section II analyzes the purpose, goals and legacy of the BPP. Section III elucidates as to whether members of the BPP fell prey to behaviors consistent with or akin to what is statutorily recognized as domestic terrorism. The conclusion is presented in section IV. This Article details the grave and calamitous nature of the harm done to BPP members and to the BPP at large, in hopes that the profound damage be acknowledged and those responsible be officially held accountable. Acknowledging shortcomings, being accountable for wrongdoings, and reconciling

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transgressions gives birth to social growth. Consecrating a union between unaccountability for wrongdoing and unrepentance will forever divide what could have been and what should have been.