



# **COREY HARRIS, FIRST CHICAGO STUDENT KILLED THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

Corey Harris was the first Chicago student to be killed by gun violence this school year. He was a junior at Dyett High School, a star basketball player and captain of the baseball team.

He was killed after school, shot in the back as he ran away from a man with a gun. There was no media outcry over this murder, no statement from the White House about their distress over Corey's murder, there was no parade of politicians at his funeral, which was attended by hundreds of students and adults who loved Corey. The name of his murderer is known by the Chicago Police Department and yet he walks the streets today, uncharged for this murder. Why? The man who executed this unarmed student was an off-duty Chicago cop.

Last year the Chicago police killed 21 people.

*"The days when this system can just keep on doing what it does to people, here and all over the world...when people are not inspired and organized to stand up against these outrages and to build up the strength to put an end to this madness...those days must be GONE. And they CAN be."*

We refuse to live this way! This must be stopped through mass political resistance. We won't get justice unless we demand it.

**Justice for Corey Harris! Indict, Convict  
and Jail the Killer Cop! The Whole  
System is Guilty!**

**We say NO MORE! No More Stolen Lives!**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Protest to STOP Police Brutality,  
Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation  
12 Noon, Federal Plaza – Adams & Dearborn in the Chicago Loop**

**FIGHT BACK! WEAR BLACK!**

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# **Derrion Albert's Death is a Horror for the People and a Crime of this System**

In the last week, the nation was stunned by vivid images of the Fenger High School melee resulting in the death of Derrion Albert, an honor student. People are agonizing over how did we get into a hellish situation where parents watch students being killed over nothing, where kids grow up haunted by images of gunfire. This is a horror for the people, with a feeling of desperation that comes from knowing it's your neighbors and fellow students doing this to each other and it gives rise to a deep despair that this is an endless spiral with no way out.

It is terrible that the youth are driven to kill each other. It is terrible and a crime of this system that they internalize the message they get every day through the worthless schools and degrading conditions and brutalizing cops—the message that this system has no future for them and that they don't even deserve a future—and then they act it out against each other.

As the statement *The Revolution We Need...The Leadership We Have* put it: “For millions in the inner cities, if they are not killed at an early age, their likely future is prison. This system has robbed so many youth of the chance for a decent life and has got far too many living, dying, and killing for nothing—nothing good— nothing more than messing up people and murdering each other on the streets of the cities here...or joining the military, being trained to be murderers on a mass scale, massacring people in countries across the globe. **A system which offers millions of youth no greater purpose, no better fate, than crime and punishment, or to become a mindless killing machine for the system itself—that alone is reason enough to sweep this system from the face of the earth!**”

As the Corey Harris murder shows, more police (or the National Guard) flooding the communities, jacking up the youth, and shooting people, is not the solution.

Youth need to be inspired, encouraged, organized and unleashed to stand up against and resist the degrading conditions they face, including the degradation, dehumanization and outright murder they face at the hands of the police. In the course of this, and joining with others to throw off oppression throughout the world, people can and will change themselves.

## **Stop the Madness of Killing Each Other & Start Fighting the Power!**