

Three Strikes...

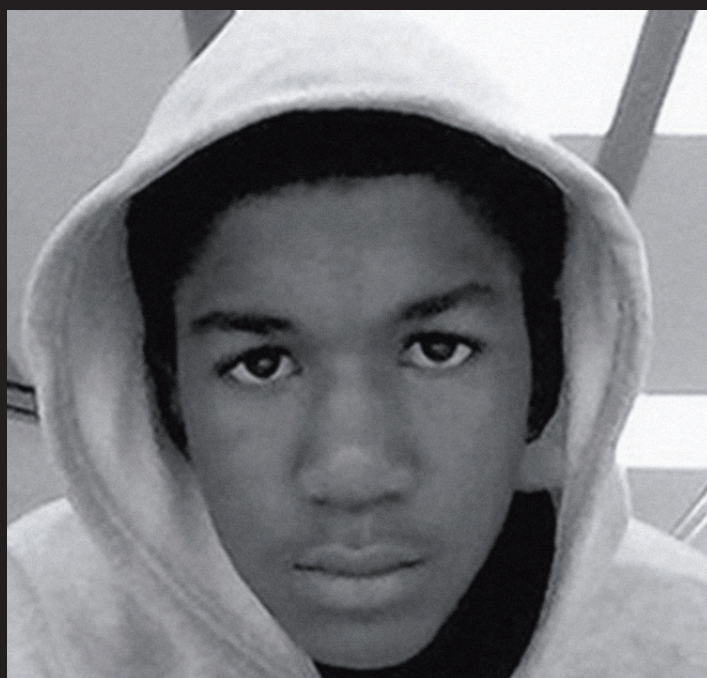
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Dred Scott



Emmett Till



Trayvon Martin

From the top: Dred Scott, against whom the U. S. Supreme Court ruled in 1857 that Black people “had no rights which the white man was bound to respect.”

Emmett Till, murdered 1955.

Trayvon Martin, murdered 2012.

The book by Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, has shined a bright and much needed light on the reality of profound injustice at the very core of this country.

And this brings me back to a very basic point:

This system, in this country, in the whole history of its treatment of Black people, what has it been?

First, **Slavery**... Then, **Jim Crow**—segregation and Ku Klux Klan terror... And now, **The New Jim Crow**—police brutality and murder, wholesale criminalization and mass incarceration, and legalized discrimination yet again.

That's it for this system:

Three strikes and you're out!

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