

ABOLISH

the

FAMILY

POLICING

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The child welfare system doesn't help families. It separates, surveils, and punishes them. That's why we more accurately call it the family policing system.



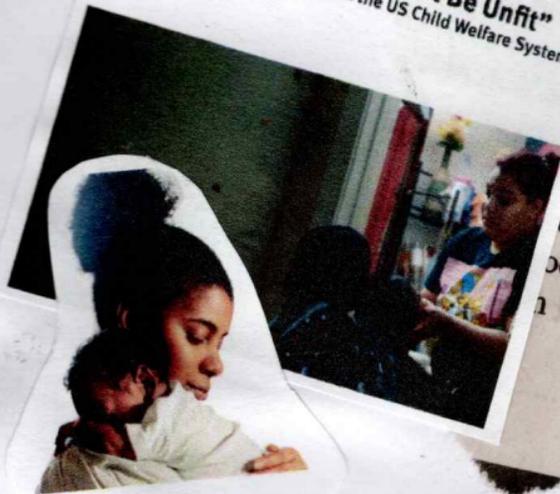
So-Called "Child Welfare" Tears Families Apart. How Can We Repair This Harm?

Activists are organizing to end punitive family policing policies that unnecessarily separate children from families.

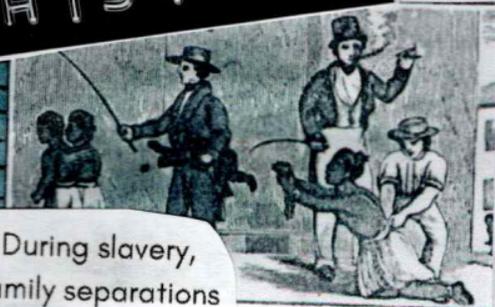
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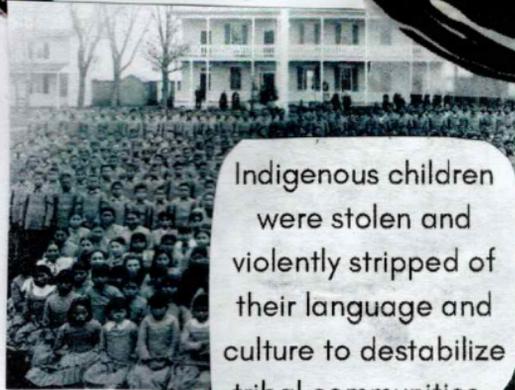
"If I Wasn't Poor, I Wouldn't Be Unfit"
The Family Separation Crisis in the US Child Welfare System



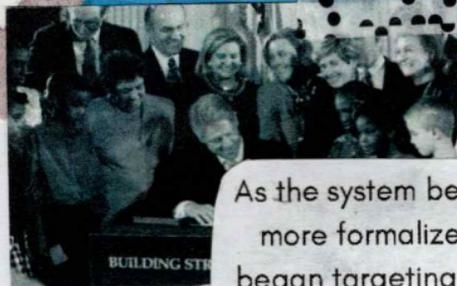
HISTORY



During slavery, family separations were used as a threat and a punishment.



Indigenous children were stolen and violently stripped of their language and culture to destabilize tribal communities.



As the system became more formalized, it began targeting Black families.



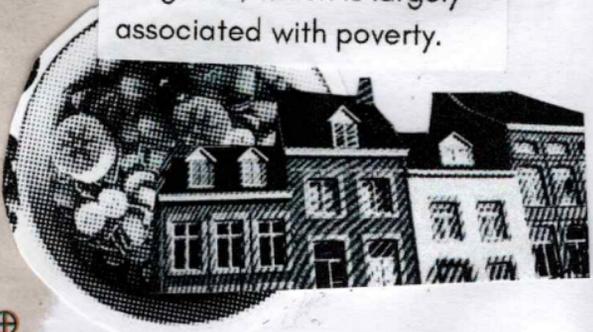
Today, **more than half** of all Black children in the United States are investigated by child welfare authorities.

LEGACY

did you know?

MORE THAN 70%

of state-sanctioned family separations are due to "neglect", which is largely associated with poverty.



When parents experience poverty and are unable to provide food, clothing, education, shelter, and medical care, they are blamed and punished instead of supported.



abolition is the only way forward

Instead of policing families, we need to address the structural reasons that cause children to be unsafe.



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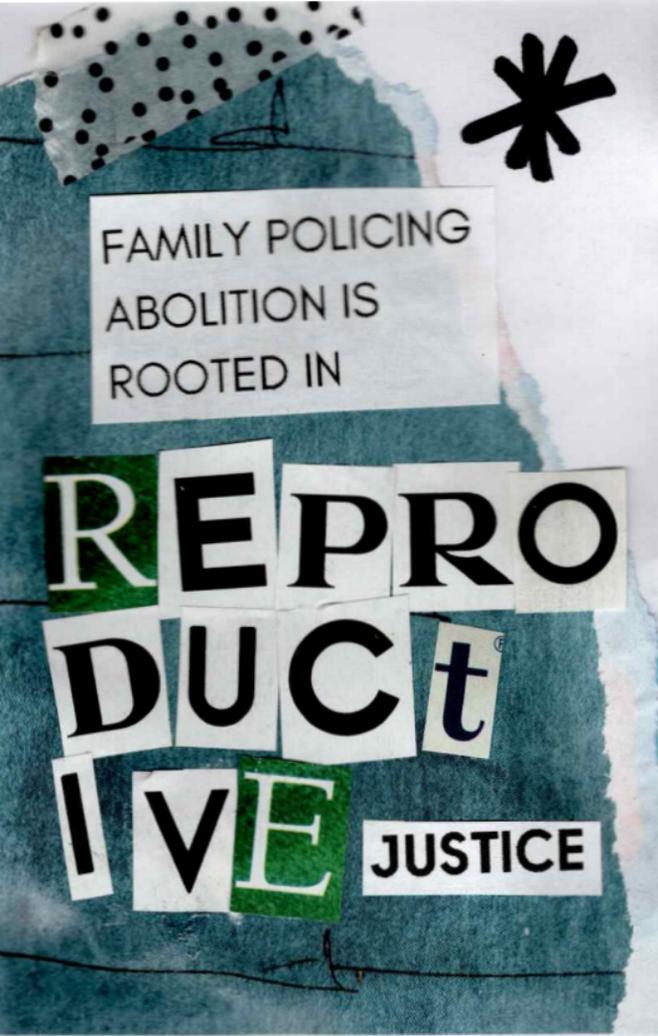


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FAMILY POLICING
ABOLITION IS
ROOTED IN

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LIVE JUSTICE

Parents should have
power to make
decisions about how
and when they will
parent and have the
ability to raise their
families in conditions
that are free of
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ABOLITION is ABOUT
BOTH BREAKING
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We can create new ways for communities to promote healing, address harm, and be responsible to each other.





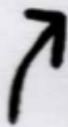
The family policing system is just one part of the carceral web.

A large, stylized graphic of a human eye with long, dark eyelashes and a thick, dark eyebrow. The eye is rendered in shades of brown and black, set against a light tan background.

From incarceration to borders to family policing, we oppose the surveillance and state-sanctioned separation of children from their families in all forms.



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