

# **Sandra Bland Should Not Have Died!!**

## **Stop Police Terror and Murder!**

### **Demonstrate in New York Oct. 24:**

#### **Which Side Are You On?**

**Sandra Bland's funeral is being held on Saturday, July 25, 2015, in Chicago. People in Cleveland: It's time to get in the streets and say NO MORE! Protest Saturday, July 25 at 12 noon. Gather at Euclid and East 22nd at the main entrance to Cleveland State University. By being there you are saying you are standing against this egregious killing at the hands of the police. By being there you are saying we refuse to live in a society that does this to African Americans. Be there!**

Sandra Bland was a young Black woman full of life who had her whole life ahead of her. She was driving in the middle of the day on her way to start a new job at the university from which she had recently graduated, Prairie A&M in Texas. Then out of nowhere, she was pulled over on July 10, for *failing to signal a lane change*. Bullied and then dragged out of her car, a Texas trooper threatened her with a taser, "I will light you up." Sandra was slammed to the ground, brutalized, and arrested. The whole world can see this on video.

Here is the truth: Sandra Bland was alive, well, happy and vibrant when the police stopped her and started brutalizing and abusing her and then found dead in a Waller County jail cell three days later, just hours before she was to be bailed out. The authorities have no good explanation. She never should have been stopped or arrested in the first place!! This Texas cop was enforcing the rules of a system that has no value for the lives of Black people and Black women in particular—a system that reacts with particular vengeance and violence against those like Sandra who refuse to "know their place" as this system defines it.

This is also a profound truth: The blood of Sandra Bland is on the hands of the police and prison authorities—ENFORCERS OF THIS SYSTEM—and those they actually "serve and protect"—the rulers of this system.

Since the killing of Sandra Bland, police have killed people at a rate of approximately 1 every 5 hours in this country. This is a nationwide epidemic of police terror and murder. We need to urgently act to stop this police terror. We are actively building for the national October 24, 2015, protest in NYC—"Rise Up October" to stop police terror called by the Stop Mass Incarceration Network and #RiseUpOctober.

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