



The Black Panther Movie - A Historical Milestone

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Many people not a part of the black community wonder why Marvel's *Black Panther* movie has been receiving so much attention. What is not seen and understood is that the release of this movie is a historical event. Now you may ask, 'Why is this movie so special? There are other 'black movies' in Hollywood, right?' *Black Panther* is different because it is the first mainstream movie that really celebrates black people. This movie captures the essence of African culture, and in turn, the root of all black culture.

Throughout history, society has associated Africa with negative images of poverty, uneducated people, etc. While Africa is seen this way by outside countries, the viewers see a much different story, for *Black Panther* is the first movie that is not whitewashed to reach a larger audience. The director of the movie, Ryan Coogler, did an amazing job retaining the raw soul and nature of what it is to be black.

Black Panther is a movie that is relatable and makes black people feel like they could be strongly reflected in media, which is something not usually done in such a positive way. This movie is so powerful that it is empowering black people across the world. It is also the first time a full African-American cast of characters has been portrayed as intelligent, equal, and more advanced in comparison to their white counterparts. All in all, this movie gives black people the ability to see a representation of their race that had not been seen previously. The release of *Black Panther* is a historical milestone because it means something to black people, in a way no other movie has before.

Cape Town on Track to Lose Tap Water by this Spring and We Are Not Far Behind

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It's one of our most basic resources and one that many of us in the developed world take completely for granted. I am, of course, referring to drinkable water. Right now, South Africa is infamously facing the effects of climate change, with the lack of drinkable water being one of its most devastating casualties. Cape Town, specifically, is now facing what is commonly referred to as 'Day Zero' in a matter of months: the day the taps will run dry as a result of long-term drought.

This undoubtedly horrendous state of affairs can teach us all about the horrors of climate change and what must be done to save our global water supply. As the situation currently stands, Capetonians are allowed 11 gallons of water a day to satisfy everything from drinking to cooking to bathing and doing laundry. While the wealthy are digging their own boreholes, everyone else is having to stand in line for hours at designated refill points across the city to collect their rations. Even if people stick to this water limit, the taps are still going to run dry this spring based on current projections. When this happens, a "lifeline" supply of 5.5 gallons per person per day will be given to citizens at heavily-guarded emergency collection points. To put this into perspective, the average shower pumps out over 3 gallons a minute, and baths use, on average, over 17 gallons for each fill. For these people, showering will be considered a luxury, and baths - forget about them. At this point, we are talking about bare minimum water consumption purely for survival.

Fortunately, we are not living in a drought zone. So what can we do to help? The answer is simple: reverse the effects of climate change. Being mindful of water consumption is always a good idea just as it's beneficial to be mindful of any other resources that we consume. With the biggest culprits being our food, transportation, and fashion industries, some ideas include:

- Reduce food waste: It actually takes a lot of water to produce our cereal, fruit, and other foods. You can get some good advice from the website 'Love Food Hate Waste.'
 - Slow down your consumption by asking "Do I need this?" before purchasing any items.
 - Offset your carbon emissions, especially if you are a frequent flyer.
 - Support local produce and locally-made goods that have a low carbon footprint. Marblehead has an awesome farmer's market during the Spring/Summer season and there are some good Winter farmer's markets near Boston.
 - Speak up in your communities and to government representatives about the importance of counteracting climate change.
- No action that you do is too small. Do whatever you can.

Parkland Massacre, Part 1

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Students marched at the Capitol on February 21, 2018.

The Nation, J. Scott Applewhite



Time, Jennifer Calfas



The Wall Street Journal, Mark Wallheiser



Quotes from School Shooting Survivors and their Families:

"What these politicians that are in Congress are trying to do is make us forget. They are hoping that we move on with our lives. They continue to get re-elected and we are not going to let that happen." – David Hogg

"Dana Loesch (NRA spokesperson), I want you to know that we will support your two children in the way that you will not." – Emma Gonzalez

Bullets grazed Samantha Grady as she hid by shelves, attempting to protect herself from bullets with books, following the advice of her friend who died. When asked about her friend's condition Samantha choked with tears stating, *"She didn't make it."*

"My daughter has no voice. She was murdered last week. She was taken from us. Shot nine times on the third floor. My daughter I'm not going to see again. She's not here. She's at the King David Cemetery. That's where I go to see my kid now. We as a country have failed our children...we need to come together as a country and work on what's important, and that is protecting our children... We need to come together as a country and figure out, how do we protect the schools." – Father

This article is part of a three-week series that will seek to understand the jarring, irreversible impact of the murder of 17 people at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, illuminate the laws, policy, and negligence that permitted the shooting, and provide paths of activism to achieve change.

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