

**The BX
Resistance:
Mapping Our
Oral History
(zine)**

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Editor's Note:

Community! Welcome to the very first edition of The Bronx Resistance: Mapping Our Oral Histories (The Zine)! We want to take a moment to thank all the folks who helped create and contribute to this zine, to thank you for reading, and to tell you all a little more about us and our work!

Collective Resistance is an event based community ran by Black Womxn & Femmes from The Bronx. At our core, we dedicate our work to mapping and archiving histories of resistance and resilience in The Bronx, creating community events and resource toolkits that are centered on Black Feminists practices, and that explore what it means to belong, organize and create in our powerful borough. This brings us to our zine!

The Bronx Resistance: Mapping Our Oral Histories is a larger project that we have been dreaming up and planning for the past few months. Unfortunately, many parts of this project have been paused to give us time to move through the changes and shifts of our time. As we work through these changes and start to resume the work on this beautiful project, we wanted to create a fun and easily accessible section of our project. So, we came up with a ZINE! As our first zine, we had a lot of fun creating it and it has given us the inspiration needed to continue to work on The Bronx Resistance project and to develop more editions of this zine! But, until then, we hope you enjoy these small pages!

In Community,
Collective Resistance



A Brief history of My People:

We are the ruthless. The Loving. The forgiving. The giving. The rowdy. The loud. The organizers. The ones who don't give in. The ones who resist. The ones who create. The ones who protect this home. The ones who love the corners of this borough with all the parts of their soul.

The facts

PEOPLE FROM THE BRONX ARE:

Resistant | Hood intellectuals | Overprotective |
Prideful | Magical | Optimistic | Changemakers |
Passionate | Dreamers | Fun | Full of soul |
Eclectic | One-of-a-kind | Determined | Beautiful |
Hustlers | Valuable | Historians | Community
driven | Joyful | Powerful | Capable | Loving | Bold
| Fierce | Authentic | Loyal | Deserving | Educated |
Radical | Loud | Worthy | Deliberate | Necessary |
Loving |



buzzing with life

East River
To Spuyten



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Prompt: Write about a time you felt pain

It was at a "Grammar & Writing Boot Camp" workshop facilitated by a white woman. I didn't want to be there from the get-go. I realized that grammar wasn't a top priority while going to public school in The Bronx.

I was able to communicate and get my point across and to me that was sufficient, but to them it was not. Apparently I needed to go to writing boot camp to become better.

During this workshop I learned that you have to do more than get your point across though ...

You have to write the part, TYPE the part, sound the part, and look the part.

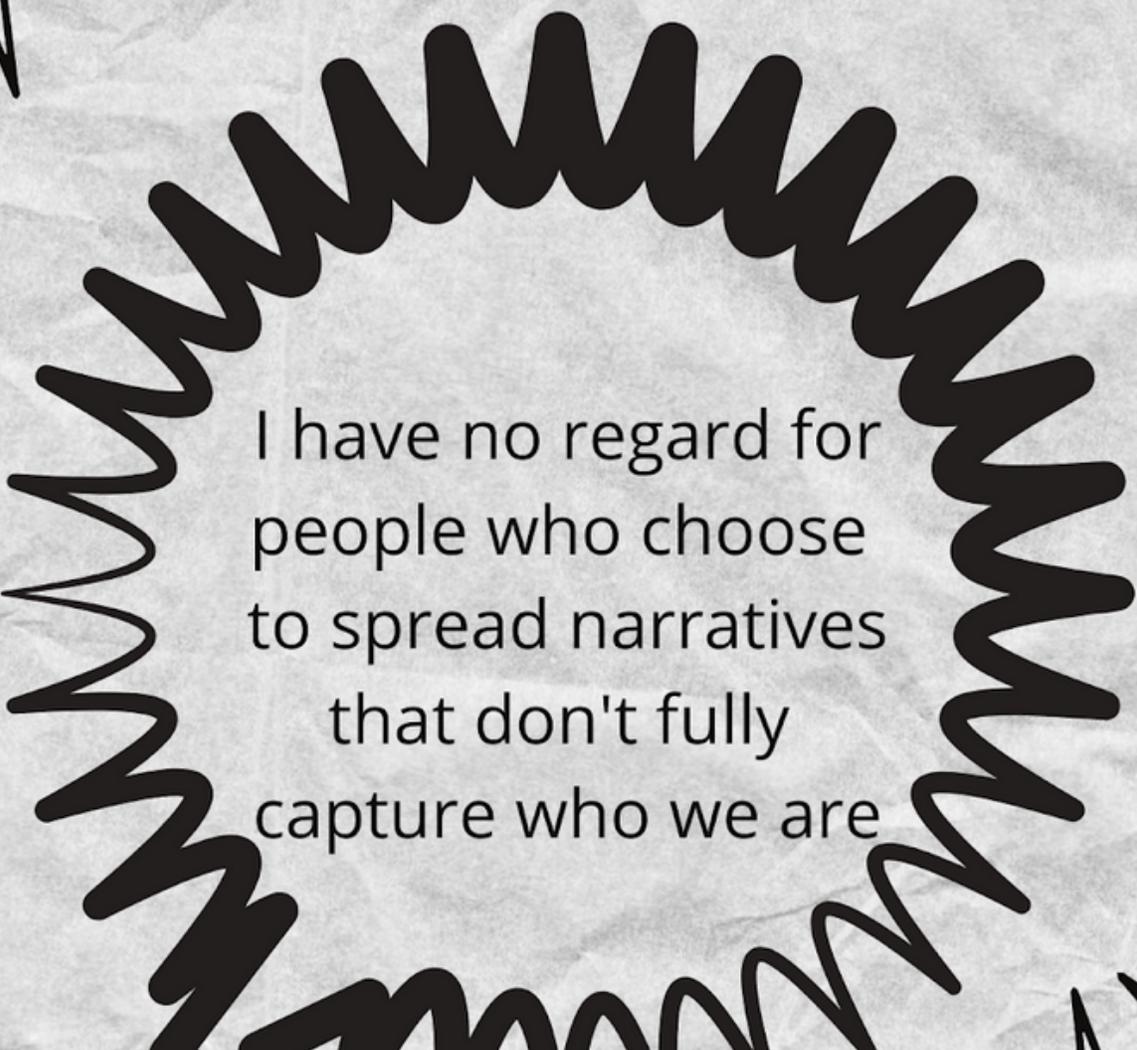
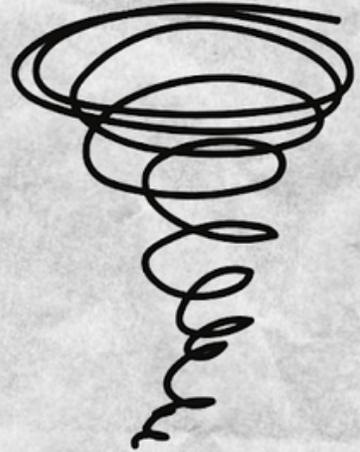
They say our people need to work "twice as hard to get half as far" and I was definitely feeling that. My mantra for that presentation was "I'm not good enough."



The facilitator used the South Bronx's low literacy rates as examples throughout her presentation.
The audacity combined with the caucacity.

I was livid.
I was hurt.
I wanted to scream.

I felt tired and sick,
and still do!



I have no regard for
people who choose
to spread narratives
that don't fully
capture who we are

"TO ANYONE WHO LIVED THROUGH THE FIRES AS A RESIDENT OR VISITED THE COMMUNITY IN HORROR AFTER THE DAMAGE HAD RUN ITS COURSE, WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN MORRISANIA AND HUNTS POINT IS **INSPIRING BEYOND WORDS**. NO NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE NATION THAT HAS EXPERIENCED COMPARABLE DEVASTATION HAS BEEN REBUILT TO THIS DEGREE."



**Community
organizers
uplifted The Bronx
and continue to do so**

**WE ARE
INSPIRING**

**We don't need
saving**

WE GOT

EACH OTHER

How the Bronx was Branded

Art moguls, real-estate developers, city institutions, and local elites unite in the name of development for the few, displacement for the many



DEFEND
THE
BX



JUNTOS
PODEMOS





Bronx Brigade
@BXBrigade

What do we say to the forces of
gentrification and exploitation
threatening our working class Bronx
communities?

[#NotToday](#)



OUR PEOPLE



DESERVE JOY

The BX Playlist

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Lean Back - Terror Squad (Hip Hop)

South Bronx - KRS One (Hip Hop)

De ja vu - Peter Gunz (Hip Hop)

New Black Theory - Kemba (Hip Hop)

No me representas - Audry Funk (Hip Hop)

Somos Sur - Ana Tijoux (Hop Hop)

Where is the Love - Black Eyed Peas (hip hop)

It's Just Begun - Jimmy Castor (Funk & Disco)

Angela Davis - Rah Digga (Hip Hop)

One Blood - Junior Reid (Reggae)

A Song for Assata - Common (Hip Hop)

Queen Latifah - Unity (Hip Hop)

Warfare - Division X (Hip Hop)

Togetherness - Square One (Soca)

The BX Playlist **Djkaykay47**

Free Up Black People - Busy Signal (Reggae)
Celebration - Kool & the Gang (Post-Disco & Funk)

Sound of The Police - KRS One (Hip Hop)

Changes - Tupac (Hip Hop)

Ella - RodStarz ft. Capo (Hip Hop)

Fight The Power - Public Enemy (Hip hop)

Rebellion - Joe Arroyo (Salsa)

Get up, Stand Up - Bob Marley (Reggae)

Real Unity - Machel Montano (Soca)

My Sister My Brother - Elias Ali

