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The System=

Poverty

Income inequalities

Violence...

Lack of Education

Unemployment

5 ISSUES

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BY THE  
GOVERNMENT  
SYSTEM.

**END THE CYCLE**

IT'S TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE  
ACCOUNTABILITY

Breaking down Philadelphia: A message to the  
government about how they need to fix the  
concerns.



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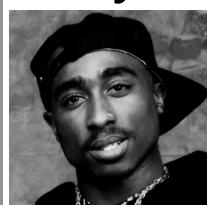
## THE SYSTEM?

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The Black Community faces a significant amount of violence, poverty, lack of education, income equality, etc. The government ignores the reality that these problems branch from the way that the system is structured. It was built against Black Americans, People of Color in general. Why haven't we taken the appropriate efforts to not just change it but alter its reality? How much has to happen before the government accepts that these issues are based on their efforts? It's time we give the system a new definition, a new representation of ALL people; men and women, black, brown, and white, etc.



**T- The  
H- Hate  
U- you  
G- Give  
---F's  
everybody**



### THE NOVEL, THE HATE YOU GIVE, BY ANGIE THOMAS

04

"T.H.U.G. L.I.F.E---The Hate You Give Little Infants F's Everybody" is one of the most popular quotes from Tupac. In the novel, The Hate You Give, the author uses the main character and her father to break down its symbolism. This book reflects on life being Black/a person of color in America. For a lot of people, this book hits home. It allows and gets the readers into complex thinking and understanding about the system that still exists today. The author discusses several issues surrounding being Black in America like police brutality, the justice system, crime rates, poverty, violence, gangs, and lack of education. Sound familiar? One thing that she also covers but does not directly address is the Black Family ideology. Society has over time made it seem that Black families can never stay together or get married. It's always the baby mom/father, the deadbeat dad, etc. Instead, she chooses to introduce the Black Family Dynamic, Black love, Black Children, Black parents, unconditional family love, and support. This is not common in the world of books and movies.

**"...What Society Feeds us as a youth and how it comes back ad bites them later... It's about more than the youth... it's about us..."**

Chapter 10, Page 168 of, The Hate You Give.

**"...What's the hate they're giving the 'little infants' in today's society?"**

**"Racism?"**

**"...Why are so many people in our neighborhoods drug dealers?"**

**"They need money...and they don't have a lot of other ways to get it."**

**"Right. Lack of Opportunities."**

Chapter 10, Page 169 of, The Hate You Give.

Starr's father, Malvin goes on to say, "Corporate America **don't bring jobs to our communities**...sure **ain't quick to hire us**... even **if you do have a high school diploma**, so many schools in our neighborhoods **don't prepare us well enough**." Furthermore, he says, "It's easier to find some **crack than it is to find a good school...**"

05

Angie Thomas continues to break down "Thug Life" for the readers using a conversation between the Main Character, Starr, and Starr's Father.

**"Us who?"** Her father asks  
**"Black People, Minorities, poor people. Everybody at the bottom of society."** --- Right after Starr answers his question he responds with something really **remarkable**. He says, **"The Oppressed. Yeah. We are the ones who get the short end of the stick, but we're the ones they fear the most..."**

CHAPTER 10, PAGE 168 OF, THE HATE YOU GIVE.

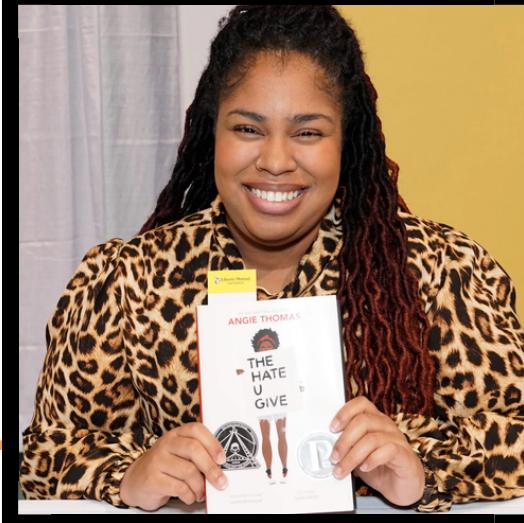


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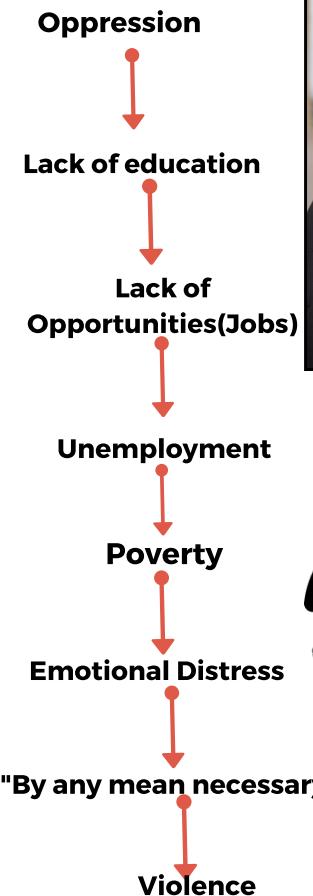
In just two pages, Author Angie Thomas addresses the deep and controversial factors of the system's contribution to poverty, high crime rates, lack of education, etc.



The conversation between her characters broke down the system, what's wrong with the system, and how it repeats.



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### What is "The Intersecting" Cycle?

- A repeating of generational failure contributed by the system.

- 2020 has one of the highest unemployment rates to exist. Philly ranks in the top 5 poorest cities in the country. Poverty levels up and violence levels are. See the link? Not only is there higher levels of poverty and violence, but kids who aren't as fortunate are not at school and don't have the necessary sources/their school hasn't provided them with ways to be successful= contribution to lack of education

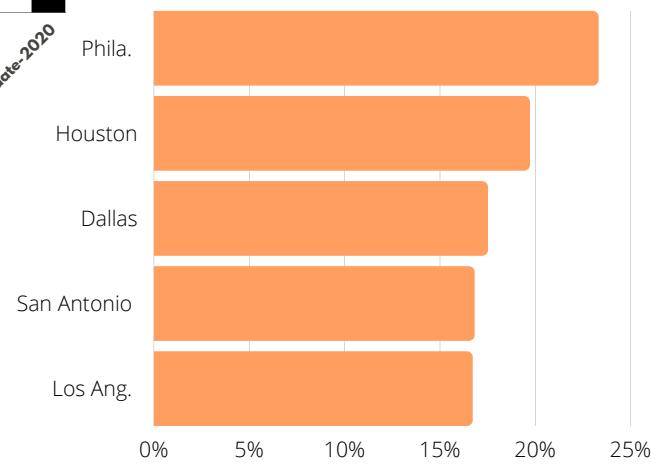
This cycle is visibly happening in our communities now.

## ACTION

- According to CNN, As of August 2020, Philadelphia has the second-highest of homicides in the nation. With shooting rates up to nearly 40% this year. 55% higher than the country average crime rate. Three children per week in the city of Philadelphia have been shot. The city's initiative to bring these numbers down is to increase conviction for gun-related issues. Not only is this plan a quick solution, but it also puts more people of color into prison, where they will remain in the system. Some might even lose their right to vote which is involved in the process of taking away their freedom and rights. This is modern-day slavery. The government thinks that they can solve this by putting people in jail, this clearly has never been successful.



The city with the **highest poverty rate** in the country, 2020.



## WHAT ARE PHILADELPHIA OFFICIALS RESPONSES TO THE INCREASED LEVELS OF VIOLENCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT?

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### → Commissioner OutLaw



Commissioner Outlaw spoke with Good Day Philadelphia news about the uprising violence. "It's very **disheartening**. There are a **lot of factors we see contributing to these shootings**. It's **not solely a police response**," Outlaw spoke of the recent wave in gun violence. "I believe that's why **to fix this matter it's going to call for a community-driven response**, as well as the **city**, as well as the **administration, as well as social services**, and quite frankly, **a culture** that's going to have to **change around shootings and violence and tolerance and acceptance of the violence** we've been seeing here in the city."

Since her response to the rise of violence, she has made a plan of action. "This will **provide greater focus, attention, and consistency** to investigations and prosecutions, and will ultimately **result in the removal of the most dangerous offenders** from our **precious communities**." Commissioner Outlaw proclaimed.



Really?! How is that going to help? One moment she says we need to basically address other factors then comes back with a plan to critically arrest people for crimes, whom she refers to as "Dangerous offenders," and whom she plans to remove from, "Our 'precious' communities." Is this her speaking or her bosses? Which communities does she refer to as "precious"?

### → Mayor Jim Kenney



"I would not be **considered a staunch conservative by any stretch of the imagination** and worked **very hard over the last four-plus years to reduce our prison population and come up with criminal justice reform measures that make sense**," Mayor Kenney said. "But in this particular situation, we have people out there **who are walking around with illegal guns**, our people are **arresting them and taking the gun**, and **they seem to find their way, in the process, back out in the street**. And that's **not acceptable**."

### Here is what I agree with...

- There should be stricter gun laws

However, illegal guns aren't the only reason for the highrise in violence rates, and they are not the main reason.

### → Synai Harris- EverySynaiBre'ae

Synai Harris



"What most people don't know or realize is that **Violence and Poverty feed into each other**. They are part of the **intersecting cycle; of poverty, lack of education, lack of opportunities, and violence that society and systemic racism have created**. Not only is this cycle created by systemic racism, **but also by the systematic oppression of the Black Race**. According to the poverty report by Heartland Alliance: Cycle of Risk, places with **high numbers in violence also have high amounts of poverty, lack of educational opportunities, adverse health conditions, income inequality, etc.** The **system denies opportunities** to people of color purposefully."

"To end **high levels of violence**, the government must **take accountability and fix the cycle from where it begins instead of where it starts to repeat**; if they want to see change, then it's **time for them to commit to fix their mistake and create a fair system**. You can not **fix violence until you fix what causes it**."

# THE CYCLE

*Synai Harris*

THE CAROUSEL THAT NEVER STOPS SPINNING

THE HAND ON OUR SHOULDERS, THE WHIP ON OUR BACK,

THE BRICKS ON OUR HEADS AND WE CAN'T MOVE ON TO OUR FEET.

FIRST, IT WAS OUR ANCESTORS AND NOW IT'S US.

THE CAROUSEL THAT NEVER STOPS SPINNING.

UNSCREW A WEDGE, ANOTHER ONE IS SCREWED ON.

OUR PARENTS, THEIR PARENTS, AND GRANDPARENTS RIDE THIS CAROUSEL AT THE SAME

TIME AS THEIR CHILDREN.

OUR ANCESTORS, RIDE THIS CAROUSEL FROM THE SKIES OF BLUE IN HOPE THAT SOMEDAY

WE WILL LET FREEDOM RING.

ALL WILL LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING FOR THE DAY THAT LIBERTY WILL BE CLAIMED.

YOU OPPRESSED THE DEPRESSED AND YOU DEPRESSED THE OPPRESSED, AND SOON YOU

WILL FIND UNREST.

WE ARE WITH THOSE WHO GAVE US THE MIGHT RUNNING THROUGH OUR VEINS, THOSE

WHO LED US INTO OUR LIGHT.

THAT CAROUSEL THAT NEVER STOPPED TURNING WILL BE A CAROUSEL THAT BREAKS.



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### 'You Need to Be Locked Up And Kept There': Kenney Calls for Crackdown on Gun Violence

After a violent 24 hours in Philly, Mayor Jim Kenney urged citizens and prosecutors to do their part in reducing the city's gun violence in order to help first...

**Philly didn't become America's poorest big city by chance. Here's how we fix it.**

Edward Aviles (center) and classmates at Orleans Technical College, home of the city's biggest job-training program and a path to good-paying jobs....



### 'Very chilling': Commissioner Outlaw addresses gun violence, calls for...

When asked what's next in an interview Monday, Commissioner Outlaw said addressing the violence needs to be a continuous collaboration with local...



### How Philadelphia became the nation's poorest big city, and how we can fix it

Almost every major problem Philadelphia faces, from gun violence to the opioid epidemic, has its roots in poverty. The only way out of that cycle is to create...



### Philadelphia homicides second-highest in the country in 2020, police say

Philadelphia ranks second in the nation in the number of homicides so far this year, just behind Chicago, according to statistics presented by Philadelphia...



**The Intersecting Cycle of Violence, Poverty, Income Inequality, etc. Created by...**

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