The FBI COUNTER-INTelligence Program (COINTELPRO)

**IN 1971, A GROUP OF ANTI-WAR ACTIVISTS BROKE INTO A FEDERAL OFFICE IN MEDIA, PA. THEY WERE HOPING TO STEAL AND DESTROY DRAFT RECORDS. BUT THEY UNCOVERED A HUGE SECRET INSTEAD: THEY FOUND 1,000 FBI FILES THAT REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF A MASSIVE DOMESTIC COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (COINTELPRO).**

Since 1956, FBI agents had secretly been surveilling, infiltrating, discrediting, and disrupting American political groups.

**FBI X KKK**

A white mob beating freedom riders in Alabama

The FBI never intended the public to know about any of this. Law enforcement agencies have a long history of violently trying to suppress civil rights and enforce white supremacy. It's often only years later, if ever, that the truth comes out. What are we not told about now?

The files showed that the FBI primarily targeted leaders of black, indigenous, Puerto Rican, feminist, environmental & anti-war movements. The FBI worked with law enforcement agencies around the country:

- Create a negative public image for these "subversive" groups
- Infiltrate the groups to create rifts
- Harass leaders via the legal system by fabricating crimes and evidence
- Physically harass leaders, in some cases organizing for them to be beaten or killed

COINTELPRO also investigated the KKK in 1964, but at other times fueled violence against civil rights groups & activists.

TACTICS USED AGAINST NATION OF ISLAM MEMBERS:

1. Buy Denver Police Department patrol car officers $200 traffic citations to 500 members when they were parked in the Denver Loans lot. (This was done.)
2. Exercise Denver Police Department, as established source, would be used as a context.
3. Anonymously attempt to have electricity and water shut off to property owned by the Nation of Islam.
4. Make telephone calls to mosques while meetings are in progress to disrupt services.