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**“‘Internationalism is in Our Blood’: The Transnational Ties between the  
Antiwar and Black Power Movement through an Examination of Tariq Ali,  
Tom Hayden, Obi Egbuna and Stokely Carmichael”**

**Abstract**

This thesis considers the impact of the transnational and ideological ties between the American and British Anti-Vietnam War and Black Power Movement by examining the works of four New Left activists. Tom Hayden, Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Obi Egbuna and Tariq Ali were pivotal figures in the history of 1960s protest movements. Their approaches to important leftist themes of colonialism, revolution and violence were constructed from a close-reading of primary sources. In doing so, this study highlights the pervasiveness of internationalist and Marxist elements within New Left ideologies. Furthermore, this study draws nascent ideological connections between unexpected pairings from this group. The unique dogmatic parallels between Egbuna and Carmichael, and most importantly Hayden and Carmichael demonstrate the power of ideology to transcend transnational and inter-movement boundaries. The same anti-colonial, internationalist, Marxist themes are thus highlighted within contemporary protest movements, drawing parallels to the 2020 George Floyd Protests.

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