Naming Names: The Racialised Body and Black Resistance to the Carceral State
[S]towaways, drifters, pimps, and drug dealers – whose procession extends into the present in the forms of muggers, illegal immigrants, black extremists and criminal Rastafarians (dreads). The black folk-devil has acquired greater power with each subsequent permutation (Gilroy 1982: 143)
Frontline London: These young gangsters have lost so many friends they’ve stopped going to their funerals...

With thousands more caught up in this culture of ‘easy dying’, we attend a secret summit of ‘soldiers’ to hear them talk about weapons, jail and life in the ‘hood’

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Chart 4: Gang and serious youth violence cohorts by ethnicity for the Manchester area — ‘Black’ only and ‘All non-black’ groupings

Chart 5: Gang and serious youth violence cohorts by ethnicity for the London area — ‘Black’ only and ‘All non-black’ Groupings
Leading Officer in Operation which killed Duggan in 2011

“Gone wrong? Well, from my understanding, the – it depends on how you see that because the operation was planned as expected” (Inquest into the Death of Mark Duggan 2013: NPN).
Shaun Bailey, Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron’s advisor on youth and crime

“The son of one of my mum’s close-knit family members had joined the ACF. He encouraged me to go too. I cannot exaggerate the effect it had on me. I was 12 at the time. Going into the cadets created the person I am today. Straight away I had a different version of how men were... When the whole smoking and carrying knives thing came about I could have been one of them. I was physically big and I was part of the cool set. I was unique in that I was cool but I wasn’t having to be carrying out the crime to be seen that way. What it was, Army Cadets had made me confident.”

(Bailey 2005: 3)
• hooks, b (2004). *We Real Cool: Black Men and Masculinity*, New York: Routledge

• “Trust me mate, Page 3 is my favourite bit of *The Sun*”

• “Do you wanna be arrested? Do you wanna get locked up?”
• Stephen Lawrence → Doreen Lawrence
• Christopher Alder → Janet Alder
• Azelle Rodney → Susan Rodney
• Sean Rigg → Marcia Rigg
• Ricky Bishop → Doreen Jjuuko
• Mark Duggan → Carol Duggan
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WHAT THE PRESS SHOW IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN

WHAT THEY HIDE
“The gendered nature of work and labour, and the role of women, particularly within patriarchal societies where women tend to be confined to the domestic sphere. Although it hasn't totally happened like that for women with African-Caribbean heritage because of our history and certainly our recent history...we always had to work but there has still been that gendered division of labour. So it means that a lot of the responsibility for caring, for nurturing and supporting and for challenging and raising the alarm about what has been happening to men within our communities will be done by women” (Female interviewee 1)
“I think that you know maybe [racism towards black men] has got something to do with it, the sense that we haven't been profiled as our men are being profiled. We have been able to walk relatively safely without being watched, without being profiled, without being harassed, without being stalked [by the police]” – Female interviewee 2
“There is a role for black feminist analysis. The issue being though, is if people within communities, black and white, would actually listen to that analysis. Because feminism is deeply marked as something that is negative. Black feminists here are a very small group” - Female Interviewee 3
“most of the campaigners that I know, that I can actually sit in the same room with for more than two minutes without wanting to rip their heads off, are women” – male interviewee 1

“So I think that yeah, women have got a really important role to play because they tend to be more measured in their thinking about how we go about defending ourselves from the police. They won't just march, they want to have dialogue [too]. I mean the Rigg sisters convinced Hogan to part with £2.4 million to put cameras in police vans in central London. A character like— , and as much as I love him to bits, [he] would never do that because they would just get into a room with [the police] and tell them that they are effing cunts, in fact they won't even go into a room with them. So I think that women are incredibly important in this struggle and have always been throughout history” – ibid.
“because the men are dead ... [pause] ... it wasn't a conscious decision, it was just a reality” – Male interviewee 2