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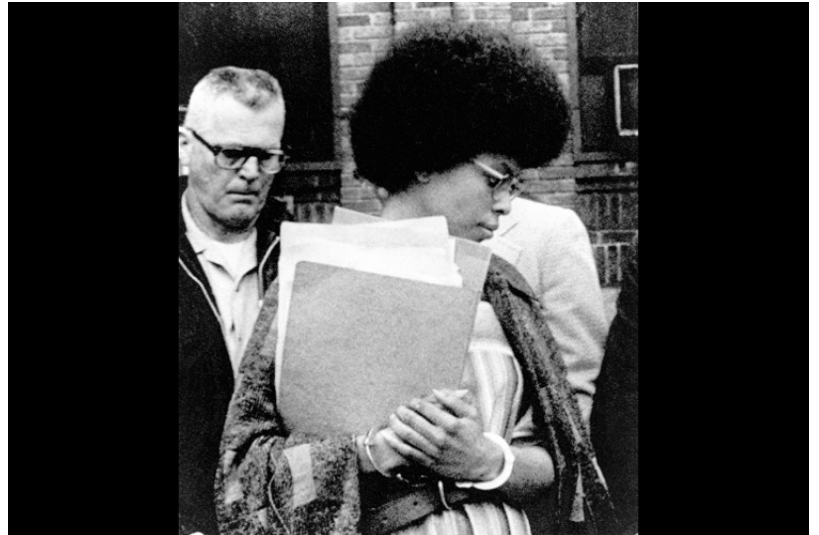
Chicago Mayor, Teachers Union Praise Cop Killer Assata Shakur

Last week, the FBI learned it could drop Assata Shakur — real name, Joanne Chesimard — from its Most Wanted Terrorists List. The cop-killing communist who escaped from prison and fled to friendly environs in Cuba died on September 25.

Despite her murdering past, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson sang her praises, as did the Chicago Teachers Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers.

For them, Shakur was a heroine, a black liberationist, who “refused to be silenced.”

Now, she is silent. Police, FBI chief Kash Patel, and Democrat New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy wish her mourners would be silent.



AP Images
Assata Shakur in 1977

□Democrat Mayor Brandon Johnson PRAISES cop killer Assata Shakur as “an important person in the black liberation movement.”

Shakur murdered a New Jersey State Trooper and fled to Cuba.□

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— RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [September 29, 2025](#)

Background

The “[godmother](#)” of slain black “musician” [Tupac Shakur](#), Assata Shakur was a member of the communist Black Liberation Army.

She was “wanted for escaping from prison in Clinton, New Jersey, while serving a life sentence for murder,” the FBI’s now defunct [wanted poster explained](#):

On May 2, 1973, Chesimard ... and two accomplices were stopped for a motor vehicle violation on the New Jersey Turnpike by two troopers with the New Jersey State Police. At the time, Chesimard was wanted for her involvement in several felonies, including bank robbery. Chesimard and her accomplices opened fire on the troopers. One trooper was wounded and the other was shot and killed execution-style at point-blank range. Chesimard fled the scene, but was subsequently apprehended. One of her accomplices was killed in the shoot-out and the other was also apprehended and remains in jail.

Found guilty of first-degree murder, assault and battery of a cop, assault with a dangerous weapon,



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assault with intent to kill, illegal possession of a weapon, and armed robbery, Shakur landed a life sentence for the crimes in 1977.

She escaped prison on November 2, 1979, and was a fugitive in the United States until she wound up in Cuba.

The cop she murdered was New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. [He was just](#) 34 years old, a husband, a father, and a Vietnam veteran.

None of that mattered to Chesimard and her accomplices. If “black liberation” was the question, murdering a cop was the answer. And white cops weren’t their only enemy.

Their “army” was responsible for murdering more than 10 cops nationwide, as the [New York State Fraternal Order of Police explained](#), and “violent attacks around the country that left many police officers wounded.”

After BLA members and May 19 Communists robbed a Brinks armored car in Nanuet, New York, on October 20, 1981, the NYSFOP explained, they murdered two Nyack cops: Officer Waverly Brown, who was black, and Sergeant Edward J. O’Grady, Jr. Like Foerster, O’Grady was a Vietnam veteran.

Reaction

Mayor Johnson called her “an important person in the black liberation movement who has repeatedly claimed her innocence.”

The deranged leftists who have helped wreck Chicago’s public schools remember Shakur as a fine human being.

“Rest in Power, Rest in Peace, Assata Shakur,” the city’s teacher union’s wrote on X:

Today we honor the life and legacy of a revolutionary fighter, a fierce writer, a revered elder of Black liberation, and a leader of freedom whose spirit continues to live in our struggle.

Assata refused to be silenced. She taught us that “It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

The National Police Association was not amused.

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— National Police Association (@NatPoliceAssoc) [September 27, 2025](#)

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— FBI Director Kash Patel (@FBIDirectorKash) [September 28, 2025](#)

Outgoing New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy didn't much care for the teachers' accolades, either. "Shameful and depraved," he wrote on the union's X post. Noting Foerster "was executed in cold blood," Murphy wrote that of the "worthy heroes to celebrate ... she is not one of them."

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There are so many worthy heroes to celebrate. She is not one of them.
<https://t.co/AIvtc53tD1>

— Governor Phil Murphy (@GovMurphy) [September 27, 2025](#)

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Mourning her is spitting on the badge and the blood of every cop who gave their life in service.

That never mattered to the communists who lionized their fellow-traveling cop murderess.

Bonus Fact: Chesa Boudin, San Francisco's crackpot "progressive" prosecutor [who was recalled](#) in a special election in 2022, [is named](#) for her. His parents are communist murderers [David Gilbert](#) and the late [Kathy Boudin](#).

They were part of the gang that murdered O'Grady and Brown.



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