



## Angela Corey - tough on crime, especially that committed by young black men and victims of domestic violence

[Angela Corey](#) is an American attorney currently serving as the State Attorney in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit Court after being elected in 2008. She is the first woman to hold the position. Angela Corey is reputed to be a 'tough on crime' prosecutor. On average, Corey tries more male juveniles as adults than any other county court in Florida. However, Corey also tries a much greater percentage of black male juveniles as adults than the rest of Florida. In the five year period between 2006/7 and 2010/11, across the state of Florida, an average of 52 % of black male juveniles were tried as adults for crimes they had committed. Angela Corey tried an average of 70%. The same state over the same time period tried an average of 25% of white male juveniles as adults for crimes that they had committed, Angela Corey, on the other hand, tried an average of 18%. ([Source](#))

### [florida juveniles tried as adults](#)

In 2012, Julie Bindel interviewed Angela Corey. [In a piece on the death penalty](#), Bindel quotes Corey talking about the death penalty:

"I had a young black woman tell me she was totally against the death penalty unless somebody killed someone in her family. Luckily justice is blind and we treat everyone's loved ones the same."

I do not support the death penalty. [However, analysis of death penalty data tells us that Florida is far from unique with its racist application of 'justice'](#). Since 1976, 35% of people executed in the USA were black, 56% were white. Their victims were black in 15% of cases and white in 77% of cases. However, where the victim was white and the killer was black, there have been 261 executions (I prefer to see them as state sanctioned murders). Where the victim was black and the killer was white there have been only 20. What is particularly worrying is that America knows its justice is racist. The United States General Accounting Office, Death Penalty Sentencing report from February 1990 states: "In 82% of the studies [reviewed], race of the victim was found to influence the likelihood of being charged with capital murder or receiving the death penalty, i.e., those who murdered whites were found more likely to be sentenced to death than those who murdered blacks." Angela Corey is therefore just one of many, but if justice is -as she claims - blind, it is blind to racism not race.

Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old young black man was chased, beaten and shot by [George Zimmerman](#) in Florida on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Zimmerman claimed he [feared for his life and was acting in self-defence](#).

[Less than two years previously, Marissa Alexander, a 31-year-old black American woman had been jailed under Corey](#). On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010, Marissa Alexander's husband, Rico Gray, hit her, attempted to strangle her, threatened that no one else could have her and told her, "[Bitch, I will kill you](#)," as he ran towards her. She fired a warning shot from her gun which was angled away from him. She did not hit him and originally Rico Grey said that he did not believe she had



intended to kill him.

George Zimmerman pleaded self-defence, even though he ignored a 911 call-taker's recommendation that he did not need to leave his car and chase Trayvon Martin, even though, despite this recommendation to the contrary, he hunted for Trayvon Martin, confronted him, attacked him and shot him dead. Marissa Alexander was trying to flee from Rico Grey. She was in her mother's home. He had attacked her moments before and was threatening to kill her. He has a record of domestic violence against her and several other women.

Trayvon Martin is dead. His shooter, his assailant, his attacker, George Zimmerman, walked free after being found not guilty of murder.

Rico Grey is alive and well. His shooter, who was trying to escape from him and against whom he has a history of violence, was found guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Marissa Alexander was sentenced to twenty years in prison.

[George Zimmerman has a criminal record which included domestic violence and "battery of law enforcement officer"](#). Marissa Alexander did not have a prior criminal record.

Anyone would think that 'tough on crime' prosecutor Angela Corey is a little tougher on young black men than young white men. Anyone would think that 'tough on crime' prosecutor Angela Corey is a little less tough if the victim of crime is black. Anyone would think that 'tough on crime' prosecutor Angela Corey is a little tougher on crimes committed by black women with a history of being a victim of domestic violence. Anyone would think that justice in America is racist.

Anyone wanting to support Marissa Alexander may want to sign this petition demanding that she is pardoned: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/503/600/056/dont-imprison-marissa-alexander-for-standing-her-ground/>

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