

Price Cobbs, Who Helped Define ‘Black Rage,’ Is Dead at 89

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Price M. Cobbs, who in an attention-getting 1968 book written with William H. Grier sought to define the deep-seated anger felt by many black Americans and identify it as a legacy of slavery, died on June 25 in Wynnewood, Pa., outside Philadelphia. He was 89.

A statement from the Executive Leadership Council, an organization of senior black executives for which Dr. Cobbs was a consultant, said the cause was heart and lung failure. The council said Dr. Cobbs, who lived in San Francisco, had traveled to Philadelphia for a grandson’s high school graduation.

Dr. Cobbs and Dr. Grier, both psychiatrists, had opened a clinic in San Francisco in the mid-1960s and had begun to notice patterns in the problems and experiences of their patients.

The result was “Black Rage,” published a few months after the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and in the midst of a decade marked by rioting in Newark, Detroit, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

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