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Why didn't BlackPlanet become #BlackTwitter?

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Student to Me: Why didn't @blackplanet turn into #BlackTwitter? Any thoughts? @WorldProfessor @NewBlackMan @drgoddess @jmjafx @owasow

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@jmjafx

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Jessica M. Johnson

@jmjafx

Replying to @BlackDigitalHum

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@NewBlackMan @drgoddess @owasow This world doesn't
exist without qtpoc x black femme folks..

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Jessica M. Johnson

@jmjafx

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@NewBlackMan @drgoddess @owasow and our world building,
need for community, safety & justice

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Jessica M. Johnson

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time and different community.

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

Replying to @BlackDigitalHum

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few guesses from the (old) frontline.

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx 2/ Firms often miss platform shifts. BP
missed web to mobile.

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx 3/ BP started in 1999 & pioneered social
web but code was dated by 2005.

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx 5/ Over last decade, site would've needed to rebuilt from scratch.

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Omar Wasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx 6/ Being early is both a curse & blessing (eg AOL didn't become Facebook)

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Kim Gallon
@BlackDigitalHum

Replying to @owasow

@owasow Would love to talk with you more about Black Planet - old enough to remember when it first came out and how big a deal it was

3:48 PM - Feb 17, 2016

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Kim Gallon
@BlackDigitalHum

Replying to @owasow

@owasow the politics of what you were trying to do seems clears - my student called it Afrofuturistic

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Kim Gallon
@BlackDigitalHum

Replying to @owasow

@owasow @WorldProfessor @NewBlackMan @drgoddess @jmjafrx BP is an important Black digital legacy that shatters Black Technophobia myth

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx Early on, had staff read John Henry to show depth of myth of tech vs folks

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx And, you're exactly right, goal was for BP to help overturn that myth

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx (Though, I still love the story of John Henry <smile>)

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Kim Gallon
@BlackDigitalHum

Replying to @owasow

@owasow Yes!!! I pulled it up for my students last week and most were dismayed that they didn't know BP existed.

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Kim Gallon
@BlackDigitalHum

Replying to @owasow

@owasow @WorldProfessor @NewBlackMan @drgoddess @jmjafrx Love the idea of starting w/John Henry just developed a digital blackness syllabus

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Kim Gallon
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Replying to @owasow

@owasow Right! very interesting to tech this gen. history of black engagement with technology

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Kim Gallon
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@owasow @WorldProfessor @NewBlackMan @drgoddess
@jmjafx Terrific!
- getting added to syllabus!

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Omar Wasow
@owasow

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@drgoddess @jmjafx This was the version we used:
[amazon.com/Henry-Picture-...](https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Picture-...)

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Kim Gallon
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Replying to @owasow

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@jmjafx @amazon my 6 yr old son just learned about JH -
great book!

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

Replying to @BlackDigitalHum

@BlackDigitalHum Happy to talk. I'm proud of our work at BP & it's often left out of the history of social media.

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Omar Wasow

@owasow

Replying to @BlackDigitalHum

@BlackDigitalHum It's very generational. If you were black in college at a certain moment *everyone* was on. This gen hasn't heard of it.

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