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A Tale of Two Wolves

A bit of creative political education to help us identify our comrades and co-conspirators in the good fight.

We Need Effective Power Over Our Systems

Power is the strength required to bring about social, political, and economic change.



Let's defend our constitution, defend our human rights, and wrestle control of our country from foreign and corporate interests. We, the People of the United States of America, must band together and take direct action to end our government's support for apartheid and genocide.



Given a choice of two evils, we choose neither.

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This recent U.S. History informs our direct action stratagem and will help acquaint you with our perspective. It's a story about measuring outcomes, and echoes the age old wisdom of the parable of the fruits.

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Page 17 Direct Action #3 - The Bucks Stop Here

We feel strongly against waiting for some future generation to solve the big problems with our systems. We see the devastating impacts of foreign, corporate, and elitist control of our politics and cannot allow it to continue. For us the buck stops here, and to that end we're doing all we can to stop the flow of money to the big businesses and oligarchs that usurp the people's power.

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Let's encourage one another everyday with acts of kindness and resistance. A better world is possiible. We're building it together for each other.

A Tale of Two Wolves U.S. History Rendition

The truth of the American story is that this was already "the land of the free and the home of the brave" before the first settler set foot on its shores. Just as it has always been the beautifully diverse home of many nations, even before the first ship carrying kidnapped enslaved Africans landed in 1619. U.S. History began with a genocide and Indigenous Americans fought tooth and nail against that tragic injustice. Blood has been spilt on this land from our beginning, and there are no clean hands when it comes to a country founded on stolen land. Yet we are, in theory and aim, founded on the idea of equality and liberty for all people. And in our modern age there are more than 500 federally recognized Sovereign Native Nations living alongside and in treaty with the United States in spite of our nation's shameful beginnings. This land is a melting pot of many peoples, and we're at our best when we work together and mind the lessons of our shared history. To that end we share this tale.

The first wolf protects life and strives to create the conditions required for all people to thrive and be good stewards of this land. It wants to enable us to coexist as equals with the autonomy required to pursue our

individual dreams. The outcomes it seeks are well protected human rights and equitable systems that create conditions of liberation and enable collective wealth redistribution to provide adequately for our shared human needs. Core to accomplishing the first wolf's aims are policies ensuring equal opportunity, access to resources, and effective collective bargaining, alongside preserving and sustaining our habitable planet, and preventing violence and harm. The first wolf is naturally ever vigilant in defending the people from being consumed, as it knows that the second wolf would quickly gobble people up with exploitation, discrimination, oppression, dispossession, disenfranchisement, and premature death were it left unchecked. The first wolf fights to maintain the ideal state of lasting peace and prosperity for all people and seeks to deescalate violence in favor of diplomatic resolutions when faced with conflict...

The second wolf protects the interest of capital and strives to create the conditions required for limitless profits and the endless perpetual growth of corporations. It wants to enable executives to act in service of capital with impunity and to maintain corporate immunity to the laws of the land.

The outcomes it seeks are increased shareholder value and inequitable systems that create conditions of poverty and enable the extraction of wealth from the commons (consisting of nature and the people, especially those othered as "less than"). Core to accomplishing the second wolf's aims are policies of deregulation, criminalization, discrimination, poverty, commodification, and manufactured scarcity. The second wolf is ever vigilant in defending labor exploitation, excessive wealth accumulation, and resources extraction as it knows the first wolf would prioritize providing for the collective well-being of all people to the detriment of these lesser aims. The second wolf fights to maintain an endless state of war and aggression, as it has fiendishly devised a myriad of ways to profit from mass death and widespread destruction.

As we scan back over U.S. history we can discern power shifts in dominance, but most of our history is a muddle of policies created by the constant battle between these two powerful wolves. The people have bobbed on the waves created by these variances in relative power, with occasional bouts of prosperity for some, but not yet for all. Though most people have collectively continued to reach for our better selves and patriots will inevitably make our shared values of liberty and justice for all a reality.

However, because the conditions that would enable that universal equity and abundance are not conducive to endless profit and growth for corporate interests, we've thus far witnessed backlashes in response to patriots' vital progress wins time after time. One of many such examples is the Civil War wherein free Black people joining the fight on the side of the North led to the Emancipation Proclamation and contributed the of victory the Union. That victory was the fruit of the struggle of enslaved people to secure their own freedom and the struggle of our nation to reach for the ideals of unity and equality it was founded upon, and as such we can think of it as a political shift aligned with the interests of the first wolf. The Reconstruction era after that war briefly saw the political autonomy of the formerly enslaved increase under the protection of the first wolf, with the power of the vote and reasonable districting, elected officials began to look more like the diverse communities they represented for a time.

This period was muddled with the second wolf's efforts as it raged against these advances with the assassination of President Lincoln and the terrorism of white supremacists' "restoration" efforts which intimidated, murdered, and disenfranchised Black voters. So, during this period our government also paid the only reparations for slavery it has so far, to former slave owners.

That aligned well with the interests of the second wolf, as did much of what followed it. Including the passing of many laws designed to criminalize Black life in the South, commonly referred to as Black Codes. Policies were designed that birthed the convict leasing system, and served to ensure there would still be someone the second

wolf could exploit as "less than" in service of capital. Though the words, criteria, and means of designating some people as exploitable are of little difference to the second wolf, so long as some folks remain convinced their privilege is secure.

But, just as the second wolf only grows hungrier as it feeds and the concept of "enough" is foreign to it, the first wolf simply has no quit in it. It will never surrender. Thus, this epic battle continues. The first wolf fights on because this is a country of people, no matter how the second wolf connives. Therefore, as people continually build the equity demanded by our inalienable human rights, the struggle continues. Many battles have been hard fought and well won. The first wolf emerged the victor again as the people went to battle for civil rights protections against the backdrop of an unjust war and succeeded in codifying some essential human rights in 1964. Truly a heroic victory of the first wolf representative of our better selves. During that time in our history the people also struggled on against that unjust war and refused to support it, even within the ranks of the military.

However, people having inalienable human rights does not work in service of the insatiable second wolf's appetites and, even though the laws of the land remained unchanged, the backlash was severe. Not only was there the unleashing of state violence and the outright extra-judicial execution of some of the great heroes of the civil rights struggle atop false charges and

wrongful imprisonment for many more, the second wolf also hatched an insidious plan. One it would keep a close eye upon and begin to nurture in secret as it made more blatant moves to keep its bottomless tummy fed. Just as the people began to turn their eyes towards more equal wealth redistribution and creating a more just and level playing field, the second wolf pounced at the chance to capitalize on existing racism and began its efforts to rebrand Black as synonymous with poor, and poor as synonymous with "less than". Effectively expanding the range of people it was "socially acceptable" for it to exploit and deprive. So, its othering propaganda campaign grew to include more terms, while it engineered policies that created more poverty and more systems that profited from it.

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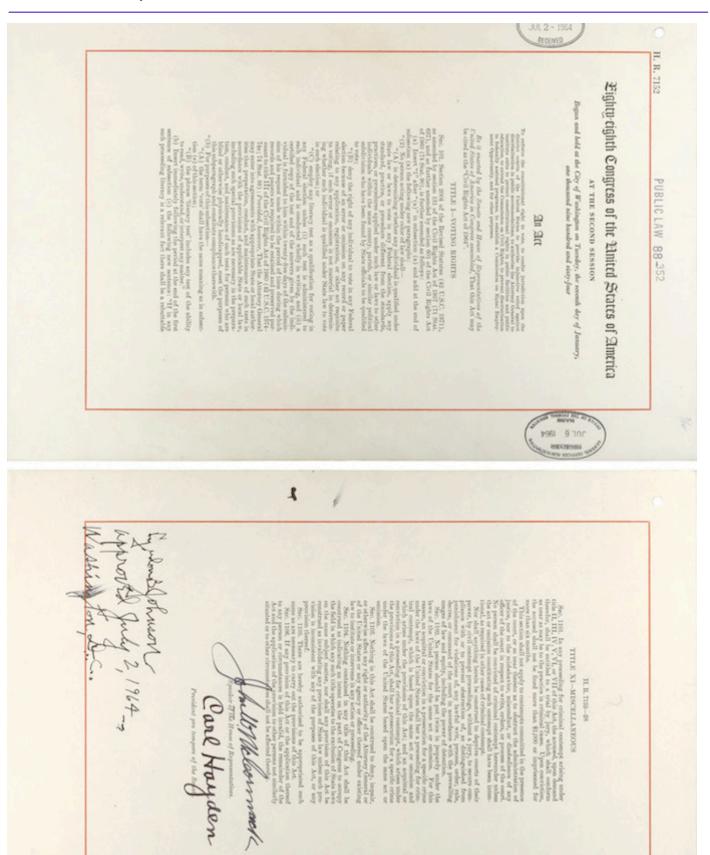






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We Need Effective Power January 2025

"Power properly understood is nothing but the ability to achieve purpose. It is the strength required to bring about social, political, and economic change." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

We need effective power over our systems. When it comes to stopping genocide if 2024 has taught us anything it is that all of our efforts fell short, and we've no alternative to continued struggle. As long as genocide continues, we must stand against it. It took all of our collective efforts here in the United States to combat online propaganda and the lack of meaningful coverage from our mainstream media to help turn the tide of public opinion. But it was the Palestinian people's refusal to submit to the settler knee on their neck and their refusal to accept anything less than their full liberation that brought this conflict to a point of possible ceasefire in January. A ceasefire that, unfortunately and predictably, proved temporary in accordance with the same violations by Israel that have prevented peace in the region time and time again.

Even with all that we've witnessed, due to heroic efforts of Palestinian journalists and

the willingness of everyday people to livestream their own genocide, we still cannot conceive of their suffering. What we saw was only a glimpse of the unfathomable injustices they've endured. But people all over the world now recognize the heights and depths of Palestinian perseverance and strength as legendary. That truth is undeniable, and will echo through the ages alongside tales of Yemeni solidarity. May we do all we can to ease the suffering of Palestinians during this time of great mourning mixed with bittersweet joy as, finally, they return home. May we steadfastly support them as they rebuild and reclaim what is rightfully theirs.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that there have been many opportunities for ceasefire, and it remains the bare minimum. There is a long well-documented history of apartheid and human rights abuses that preceded this past year of genocidal violence against Palestinians. We are witnessing Israel's desperate final attempts in their ongoing effort to separate Palestinians from one of their greatest wealths, their land. Therefore, no outcome that permits the continuation of the illegal occupation of Palestinian land can be accepted by those of us who seek to

stand in solidarity with Palestine.

If any ceasefire is to hold, the true test of it will be when Palestinians begin returning to their homes to rebuild. This is when we've witnessed peace fall apart in the past, and a pattern of Israel reacting to Palestinian sovereignty with violence. Israeli violence began with dehumanization, apartheid, and mass incarceration, progressed to illegal occupation and dispossession, and has now escalated to mass murder and genocide, all to steal Palestinian land and resources. While they've done all this, the world let their aggression continue for far too long unanswered. So now as the International Criminal Court issues arrest warrants and countries that value human life begin to stand up on the side of justice, hope of lasting peace feels quite fragile.

Yet we must dare to hope, and nurture our hopes with action. We will continue to call for our government's funding of this senseless killing to finally end. We demand our government stop sending resources and weapons to fund genocide, and redirect our funds away from death-making towards community care. We will continue to stand together and make our voices heard. We know now, all too well, how little power we as individuals wield. And knowledge of the limited power of our votes is also fresh in our minds. Yet as we watch the merry-goround of the two-headed corporate-owned party's electoral pageantry spin on, we commit to fight on. Though voting is a power we refuse to cede, we must also commit to building more power, collectively. We must

build systems of care rather than systems that perpetuate the destruction of life and our planet.

We do well to recall that the U.S. government supported the apartheid regime in South Africa until the bitter end, when the propaganda machine became ineffective and too expensive to maintain. Yet that apartheid regime fell, just as this one inevitably will. We have witnessed wave after wave of propaganda combated effectively by the conversations we have with one another, whether on social media or in person. And though they can ban apps to try and keep us divided, like-minded people will inevitably find each other.



In 2025 and beyond, may we recommit to having tough conversations and speaking up for what's right in the face of misinformation and one-sided reporting. Let's not shy away from confronting and forcefully opposing colonizers, white supremacist ideologies, mass incarceration, militarization, war, and death-making systems. Let's stand against

human rights abuses and apathetic responses to human suffering.

It is the ways we show up in real life for each other, that will inevitably change our world.

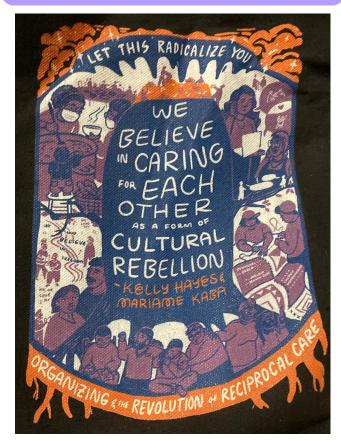
Through our actions we can prioritize care over callousness and people over profits. As the unified party of increasing shareholder value and exploiting workers continues to treat human life cheaply, collectively, we can oppose it at every turn. We will take turns resting, and keep our focus on the end results of our government's policies. We can't settle for empty gestures, or half measures, or flash in the pan superficial concessions that evaporate over time. We have to pay attention, and fight for the results we want.

As we seek to build the collective power we need, and to build systems that represent the will of the people, we must be willing to fail, and learn, and keep going. Through our steadfast continuous struggle we will bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice. There will be missteps and bad days, but we must keep experimenting and taking direct action to obtain better outcomes for future generations. To do this we must build with those who seek the same ends, and not waste time debating those who choose to place themselves in opposition to achieving our goals. We have to get organized and stay in community. Rather than despair, we must care for one another as an act of radical reconstruction. When we find things that work we must keep sharing our ideas

and building upon new bases of power.

In the coming year we'll advocate for direct actions we believe can make an impact, with each month bringing a new subject to our blog. And we'll continue to encourage conversations and collective acts of solidarity we can all participate in to help support the changes we want to see. Check back here for more to come.

We continue to hope and pray for real lasting peace, not the negative peace of silent suffering, but "a positive peace which is the presence of justice". There is peace in the struggle as well, satisfaction in doing whatever we can to enact justice, may we find and cultivate that peace together.



"Let this radicalize you, rather than lead you to despair." haymarketbooks.org/books/1922-let-this-radicalize-you

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War Tax Resistance

January 2025

Tax Strike 2025 - We should not pay the forces of genocide and apartheid a penny more to continue committing crimes against humanity. As the rest of the world moves to hold Israel accountable, the U.S., led by its people, must respect the international arms embargo. It is time for the United States to divest from war, and sanction Israel.

Our U.S. tax dollars fund genocide, mass incarceration, carceral slavery, mass displacement, and global destabilization while our policies prioritize corporate interests over human life and sustaining a habitable planet. It's time to escalate our subversive actions and redirect our dollars. Until our federal spending prioritizes funding our communities over funding apartheid and mass death, we will exercise our rights, and resist. We hope you'll join us in acts of resistance great and small this year, and as W-2 forms start arriving we're advocating for the direct action of federal War Tax Resistance.

We live in perilous times where U.S. fascism no longer masquerades as "colorblind justice" here at home, and voices of dissension are often met with state repression and violence. Taking this action involves real risk, nonetheless, the cost of inaction remains far greater. The forces of warmongering and corporate greed have found our house divided, and ripe for plunder. The results of the 2024 election only further illustrated the divide between those unwilling to compromise shared values of equal and inalienable human rights, and those who embrace our country's settler colonial roots by adopting a politic of privilege at least, or outright nazism at worst.

Weaponized incompetence, organized abandonment, and policies of poverty and identity criminalization are poised to steal more lives here at home, even as our tax dollars are hard at work funding war, supporting apartheid, and dealing arms abroad. Despite the forces of algorithmic separation, misinformation, and state propaganda, Americans are learning we don't have to suffer this. There are proven systems at work all over the globe that are consistently providing for people's needs. Policies we could implement here, were that spending not perpetually deprioritized. Even in the years since the onset of the pandemic,

which caused mass disablement and over 1.1 million deaths here in the U.S. alone, more of our funds have been directed towards militarism than community care. We are watching so many countries represent their citizenry on the right side of history, while also providing them with a high quality of life. How can we go on paying for policies that support apartheid, genocide, and mass death?

We can no longer deny the fact that our government is organized to serve the interests of corporations and profiteers first, so now it falls upon the people to change our country's course. We must organize systems of care to secure our collective futures. People form governments not to increase shareholder value, but to sustain and enrich our collective lives. Sustaining our lives will require infrastructure that protects human rights, prevents labor exploitation, provides for our basic human needs and the public good, while also protecting the life of our planet. Reclaiming, reimagining, and rebuilding this lifesustaining infrastructure will take time, experimentation, and funding. So, as we look to fund our futures, we must confront the mismanagement of our resources by taking the funds we need back from the federal government.

In 2025, we're calling upon all people of conscious to demand our government divest from apartheid and genocide by engaging in war tax resistance. It is time for the people to divest from the U.S. war machine. This act of protest has the potential to help us take

our power back, and there are many ways for us to resist.

War Tax Resistance is direct, nonviolent, action we can all take every day. Action that voices our steadfast refusal to fund policies that disregard international law, human rights, and environmental justice. We are taking collective action now to end the widespread suffering our tax dollars fund. We hope you'll consider joining us as we follow the lead of existing resisters who have advocated for and applied varied War Tax Resistance techniques over the past hundred years.

Stand in solidarity with this action by beginning or refining your own practice of federal War Tax Resistance in 2025.

This will require:

- Paying your Federal Social Security and Medicare taxes (because they are direct payment programs that support people in need).
- Paying your local State taxes.
- Paying at least a portion of your federal taxes, in support of other federal direct payment programs (like food stamps, student education grants, housing, financial, and international aid).
- Redirecting a percentage of any withheld federal taxes into direct payment community care programs, like mutual aid funds or bail funds.
- Tailoring your war tax resistance actions to your personal tax situation and risk tolerance.

Resistance should also involve any combination of these personalized war tax resistance techniques:

- Living simply, below the line at which your income becomes taxable, and filing taxes as you would normally.
- Adjusting W-4 withholding to prevent overpayment of taxes throughout the course of the year. (For those consistently receiving federal income tax refunds).
- Voicing your objection to your tax dollars being used for the purposes of militarization and war.
- Refusing to pay a symbolic amount of your federal taxes, or a more significant percentage.

We are taking this action to hold our representatives in Congress accountable for decisions that have contributed our tax dollars to systems of violence, oppression, and mass death. We're sending a clear mandate to reprioritize federal spending towards preservation of human rights and directly funding community care.

One of the central tenants of managing funds well is to prioritize spending based upon your values in service of your goals. Which calls to mind the James W. Frick quote, "Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money, and I'll tell you what they are."

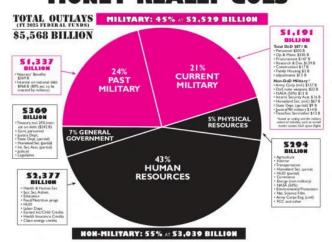
The 2023 annual tax receipt released by the National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies estimated the average U.S. taxpayer contributed

\$5,109 for militarism and its support systems, \$2,974 for the Pentagon, and \$1,748 for Pentagon contractors. The War Resisters League has released a pie chart of the anticipated 2025 Federal Fiscal Budget that places military spending at \$2,529 Billion, or about 45% of total federal spending.

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Read the full War Tax Resistance online.

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The results of the 2024 election suggest that many white voters in the U.S. embrace white supremacist ideologies at worst or at least embrace politics of preserving their own privilege over all else. Hundreds of millions of voters made it known that genocide was not a red line for them and that electoral failure to prioritize the preservation of human rights has emboldened the enemies of equality, life, and liberty. The new administration has appointed multiple literal neo-nazis and empowered them to run amok, with the

goals of looting the treasury, privatizing public lands/services, dismantling human rights protections, continuing worker exploitation, and funding endless wars. In conjunction we're all, many of us unsurprisingly, watching Democrats vote with Republicans to confirm these disastrous nominations, thus enlightening more people to the reality of who they actually serve —their corporate overlords.

However, we mustn't forget that according to the final numbers nearly 90 million eligible voters abstained from participating in the 2024 election, and over 3 million voters withheld their votes from apartheid-supportive presidential candidates. All told, over 168 million Americans did not vote for this current administration. We must ground ourselves in that reality and remember our collective power as a people. The power we wield when united in shared purpose is why the current power structure works so hard to keep us distracted, exhausted, and divided.

Since the new administration took power a little over a month ago it has already violated an alarming number of federal laws, planned to defund our direct assistance

programs, and dismissed an alarming number of vital civil servants. Patriots are countering these efforts with lawsuits, protests, whistle blowing, and refusals to comply. It's heartening that so many Americans are determined to prevent our government putting even more lives at risk. Far too many people were already being victimized by our government's support of apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and the genocidal Israeli occupation, even before this current administration began doing its damage.

People are resisting in masse at every turn, and on all levels. Importantly, these resisters include many members of the demographics that we've been told embraced and voted in large numbers for this new administration. This calls into question many things. including the results of the 2024 election. Whether possible election interference is eventually exposed, or we suffer that gerrymandered single-party electoral pageantry to spin on, is of little consequence at the moment. This administration is clearly not planning for future elections, and the people cannot afford to wait for them. We must act swiftly, continually, strategically, and effectively if we're to defend against our governments' best efforts to destroy both our lives and the life of our planet in service of capital.

People are seeking impactful actions to engage in that will thwart this administration's plans. And many of us are also driven to do all we can to stop funding genocide and redirect U.S. spending towards

community care. Now is the time for us to unite our efforts as we reject the continued mismanagement of our funds and resources.

There is not one solution or action, but millions. When the people show up differently in their everyday lives, the world changes. It's how we relate to and care for one another that counts and contributes to the outcomes we want to see. Just as it is what we stand against and refuse to participate in nor tolerate that makes it impossible for injustice to continue. So, we're joining the chorus of voices in reminding Americans that Black History is an integral part of American history this month, and advocating for sustained direct action against racism.

White supremacy is the ideology that has fueled this greedy and corrupt administration's rise. Zionism is essentially white supremacy with a heavy emphasis on settler colonialism. So, it's a direct attack on those ideological foundations, as part of a program of continued resistance on all fronts, that we believe will eventually help topple them both.

We're also advocating for conscious limitations of consumerism and consumption in service of emptying the pockets of the oligarchs that have successfully orchestrated this hostile takeover of our government. We must remove them from power and curb their unquenchable greed. We're punching nazis by taking sustained economic action against all white

supremacist oligarchs' bottom lines.

Key Takeaways

- It takes an extensive pyramid of white supremacist ideology driven violence to arrive at its peak, evidenced by genocide and ethnic cleansing.
- We must take an active anti-racism stance against every level and manifestation of this ideology in order to stop this violence. Every act of antiracism big and small will work towards dismantling this regime.
- There are many lessons from African American history that can inform our actions as we craft our continued resistance efforts.
- There are also many anti-racist actions we can take, and among the most essential are standing against neo-nazi propaganda that promotes a monochromatic lie about America's diverse population and standing against zionist propaganda that dehumanizes Palestinians and advocates for stealing their land.
- Another effective way to punch nazis is by hitting white supremacist oligarchs where it hurts, their wallets. We're accomplishing this by continuing to boycott and escalating to sustained economic actions that amount to long term lifestyle changes starting in March.
 - *We're against physically punching nazis, unless one punches you first.
 Pacifism, except in immediate deescalating self-defense, is at the core of our movement.

 We use the terms white supremacist, nazi, zionist, and bigot interchangeably to refer to anyone who believes they have the right to claim superiority and control over others on the basis of race, creed, color, sexuality, ability, or gender identity. The fact that regardless of name these all manifest in the violences of discrimination, deportation, enslavement, violations of inalienable human rights, apartheid, mass incarceration, and genocide evidences the corrosive core of any such ideology.

Black history is an integral part of American history. Being educated patriots who are mindful of our shared history of fighting oppression will prove essential when facing the struggles ahead. Bigotry is un-American and we must treat it as such. The plague of racism has been left to fester for too long. Now it has swollen again, perhaps to the point of threatening our country's continued existence. But we must refuse to let it define America. It's what we do now that matters and will define our futures.

Read the full Anti-Racism Praxis online.





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The Bucks Stop Here!

At this moment, a lot of us are angry and some of us are livid. Most of us are recognizing the many ways we've been lied to, and we are in various stages of peeling back the layers of propaganda and distraction that have been the wool over our eyes. We are all gradually accepting that we cannot wait on our so-called leaders to "do the right thing". We have to take power and create the circumstances required for our survival.

Under the anger we're feeling is a core of hurt. We know it doesn't have to be this way. Most of us possess the spiritual gifts of kindness and empathy and know that a mandate of community care would transform our systems, and all our lives. Many of us long for the U.S. to show up better throughout the world and to enable that we must show up for each other here at home. World history is riddled with sad examples of evil forces perpetrating injustices, immiserating masses, and orchestrating mass death. Horror stories of demagogues who exploit the capacity of some to latch onto the lie that some people are "less than", despite the fact of our equality. Other willing accessories to crimes against humanity are motivated by the futile

pursuits of imagined supremacy, preserving unearned privilege, or greed. Some onlookers choose willful ignorance as long as their comforts remain undisturbed. But there are also always people that will not go along and instead take action to tip the scales towards justice every chance they get. And their efforts eventually succeed.

This moment in U.S. history, watching our leaders support apartheid and genocide while demonizing anyone who speaks out against it, feels like another of those sad examples. Yet so many people are refusing to be silenced and banding together to stand up for what we know is right. Our movement in this moment must be on all fronts. We need to become a problem for this administration, and fight for our lives and the lives of our neighbors. We must move with full knowledge that this is a marathon, not a sprint. We'll all need to rotate in and out of the fray. Not every action is for everybody, but there is some action for every one of us. We need each other, and now, as always, we are stronger together.

In trying times like these we're closing ranks and not wasting time on bad faith debates. Preserve your peace when you can. Save your energy to move strategically with like-minded people. Build your strength and pitch in your funds to defend the vulnerable and endure the trials and tribulations still to come. We'll make many imperfect offerings towards building a better world, and we'll inevitably achieve our aim because we're not giving up. Though not every experiment will prove fruitful, when we fail, we must encourage each other and carry on and try again. Let's offer each other extra grace as we link arms in shared struggle. Many of us are weary from remaining resilient so long already, when what we really need is rest.

It is a hard thing to love your country yet recognize that our leaders have been orchestrating policies of suffering, poverty, exploitation, and oppression, both globally and within our shores, for a very long time. Which means also reckoning with the fact that we have been fed a white-supremacist-washed version of our history that is rife with lies of omission, intended to perpetuate false narratives that obscure our nation's crimes. We're living the consequences of the stories we've been sold.

Thankfully, we are also living in the Information Age, where the establishment has lost much of its ability to dictate our story and dominate U.S. history with a one-sided settler-colonial genocide-denying "might=right" "money=merit" monochromatic narrative. The people have self-educated and will continue to do so. Before the powers that be set out to purchase, pollute, and destroy all our virtual "town squares", we were regularly sharing

our learnings with each other and talking about new ideas and perspectives without regard for state surveillance mechanisms. Though now we're wise to seek more secure avenues and connect in new ways, we are still connecting and connecting the dots together.

With the rise of AI, misinformation-serving powers have been emboldened to try and drag us back to bygone prescribed ways of thinking. They've put these powerful emerging technologies to work editing our shared internet by removing huge essential archives of knowledge, manufacturing false online interactions by employing armies of argumentative bots to parrot shameful opinions, and by analyzing massive amounts of our personal and communications data for signs of dissent. We're watching the foot soldiers of fascism rain down torrents of state violence on those who refuse to "toe the line", making spectacles of their punishment to discourage others from speaking their minds and acting from their hearts. And our government is doing this to its own people in defense of a foreign power, without regard to our rights, our laws, or even the existence of objective truth.

We have passed the point of grave concern; we are in a moment of outright alarm.

Any remaining illusions of free speech are being shattered, and state propaganda is an unrelenting firehose hitting us from multiple well-funded sources with echoes of the same old lies. All this to limit our access to knowledge about different ways of thinking and being and relating to one another so the state can perpetrate and support crimes against humanity unimpeded.

We're all just trying to survive and provide for our families day by day as this new administration sets out to destroy our communities, steal our collective wealth, monopolize our time, and keep us impoverished. It is all exhausting, and intentionally so. Nonetheless, we must each find ways to ramp up our resistance. We must remember the only reason for this administration and the occupier state to spend so much time, effort, and expense to keep us propagandized, divided, distracted, and discouraged is because the people united represent a real threat.

In the tradition of pursuing justice and our better selves, we persist. The people are wide awake and resisting at every turn. There is encouragement in that. At the core of this month's post is the idea that we cannot wait for history to tell the truth about this moment, we have to live the truth of the future we want every day. Now that we know better, we are determined to do better. We're a nation of fighters, and we want to contribute our best efforts to helping unite those among us that are determined to fight the good fight. Even when that means getting into some "good trouble".

We're all writing our history now.

We will reclaim our power as people.

This month's action is just one more suggested avenue to bring us closer our shared goals. We hope it empowers our readers to walk softly and make an impact every day. We feel strongly against waiting for some future generation to solve the big problems with our systems. This is a problem we didn't create, but we clearly see its devastating impacts and cannot continue to perpetuate it. We're taking this direct action because for us the buck stops here, and to that end we're doing all we can to stop the flow of money to the big businesses and oligarchs that usurp the people's power.

Get in on the action:

- We're prioritizing needs-based spending and reducing our consumerism.
- We will each pick our own 3 days each month to break our needs-based spending only fast, but still minimize our spending in general.
- We will always shop as consciously as possible.
- We will purchase new goods primarily from small businesses and buy locally.
- We will favor credit unions over big banks and be conscientious in our banking choices.

We are ramping up our resistance as we engage more intentionally as consumers, and encouragingly, there is a lot of this in progress already. Information is readily available on who's got billions while millions starve, and who gleefully announces they don't want diverse and equitable systems with their company policies and

monochromatic leadership teams. We will continue choosing carefully which corporations we give our dollars to, and we'll favor supporting small businesses and credit unions instead. Focusing on needsbased spending will help redirect our dollars, and ultimately our industries, towards community care.

Forming these new habits around our consumerism and convenience levels will be hard, and we'll all take things at our own pace. We recommend partnering with a buddy as you carefully examine and realign your spending in service of the future we're building together. It will not be easy to consistently resist the instant gratification offered by faster shipping or access to the widest variety of options. Some of us will not have the capacity or the fortitude to participate, but many of us will. We're hopeful that, through all our collective efforts, sacrificing luxuries in favor of retaking our government from corporate and moneyed interests will soon be seen a mark of nobility in these trying times. We must all set our sights higher and redefine our visions of success.

The everyday changes we make together will force a change in our country's course. We're calling for the long-term lifestyle changes that will characterize the next chapter of our nation's history. Eventually we must strive to completely disengage from purchasing new goods from wasteful, exploitive, destructive, violent, and polluting industries. It will be up to the people to sunset the industries that harm our planet

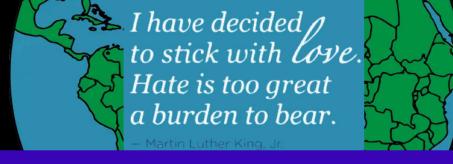
and society. So, we'll continue to build this muscle of resistance and then build upon this foundation in the coming months. We won't stop until we take our power back and break the yoke of corporate control.

Our long-term goal is a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United, and take mega-donors out of our politics, our short-term goals are building community, and funding community care. Those of us who are privileged enough to have excess funds should redirect luxury goods spending to mutual aid and community-building programs to help create the better world we all seek.

Though we've long been sold a story of scarcity and the idea that the growth required to support decent lives for all was beyond what the planet could sustain, recent studies and advances have revealed these ideas to be either outdated or outright lies. Economics experts have revealed that the measurement methods used to indicate the health of our economy appear expertly designed to mask human suffering and overlook conditions of poverty. Modern scientific studies reveal that when we focus our efforts on needs-based growth, decommodification, luxury industry de-growth, community care, and decolonization we have more than we need to provide decent living standards for all. And we can do so without negatively impacting the life of our planet, nor impeding our ability to reach our climate change mitigation goals.

Read the full Buck Stop Here online.





Earth Day to May Day!

We hope you were able to spend time this Earth Day centering our planet and making stewardship contributions you found meaningful. We especially hope that you were able to nourish your connection with our shared home. Maybe even accomplishing the rare gift of a quiet moment out in nature to secret away for yourself, replenish your well, and strengthen vour commitment to environmental protection, climate justice, and climate change mitigation. Every tree branch, web, circulatory system, estuary, and family tree (both biological and self-curated) upon Earth's surface testifies to our interconnectedness and reflects back to us the undeniable truth of our interdependence. We must take care of each other and our planet if we want to survive and thrive.

Folks who are temporarily shot off into space to explore and collect data for continued scientific study, or just for super expensive funs-ies, all testify to our planet's breathtaking beauty. Just as all space exploration thus far has testified to its rarity and all earth studies testify to the importance of mindfulness and balance. If we're to change the way we relate to our planet as stewards and collectively show up

differently, we need to make some big course corrections. Not just personal ones, but societal changes and collective actions. Changes that will eventually accomplish our goals if we stay the course. Scientifically speaking, as revealed in recent studies, providing decent lives for everyone while still reaching climate goals is well within our grasp. As we conspire to change our world for the better, we believe some shared philosophical adjustments will help undergird those efforts. So let's examine how we shape our reality and expand how we express shared meaning. Simply put, we must broaden our perspectives to help adjust our course and uproot some entrenched evils. Perhaps new terminology will eventually come to bear, but first we must address how existing accepted definitions and conventions sell us short and limit our possibilities.

We invite you to take a moment to contemplate how much evil can be excused through the misuse of certain terms. We'd like to highlight a couple we think are worth re-aligning among ourselves as we build a better world together. Let's consider first how we've been conditioned to think about cost and define expense. If doing the right

thing always costs too much, and it costing "too much" monetarily is an acceptable excuse for failing to do the right thing, then we're operating in a system that accepts cheap evils, then perpetuates and exalts them. Giving the cost/expense this undue power over life allows a tyranny of capital, and diminishes us all. There are always gonna be some profit seeking servants of greed who can make the case that because some percentage wasn't hit or money wasn't made we can't do what we know is right for people. When it comes to life, monetary concerns must be made secondary, otherwise mass death will continue to be the outcome achieved. If it is acceptable to call it "too expensive" to preserve, provide for, and nourish life, especially human life, then we're perpetuating a world where genocide is inevitable. We're creating opportunities for fascists to use manufactured scarcity and in-group vs. outgroup thinking to take power time and again. This subjugation of life to cost/expense is the manifestation of the love of money that we've long been warned is the root of all evil, and we must recognize it as such to move past it.

The other construct we invite you to contemplate is how we've been conditioned to think about worth and worthiness. One of the great truths of being human is that if you allow the denigration of the value of a single human life it accomplishes the denigration of the value of all human life. This wisdom has been handed down to us many ways, from biblical warnings to prevent mistreatment of "the least of these" to allegories like "First"

they came for [insert some part of humanity] here], then....". Every one of our lives is precious and worthy. Yet, in contrast to that truth, provisioning for our needs is currently tied to wage work even though there is not full employment nor any guarantee one can secure wage work. Therefore, we've empowered corporations and oligarchs to decide who and on what terms one is worthy of having their basic human needs met. The precariousness of this arrangement is fertile ground for the purveyors of division to offer in-group membership as a false promise of stability. Whether racism or riches are the implied promise of accepting such an invitation, it remains grounded in the idea that it's OK that some folks go without, as long as one's own needs are provided for. This societal arrangement encourages us to accept the idea that some folks are more worthy of a decent life in a way that tears us away from our shared humanity.

In our modern age of information and global interconnectedness we collectively wield the power to make the changes needed to save our lives and the life of our planet by prioritizing our actions and spending towards community care. This is why the latest backlash from the champions of the status quo and the "best we can hope for is our past" crew has been so focused on division. From the racism they excuse or openly embrace, to their obsession with lying loudly and repeatedly to separate us from shared objective truth, it is a relentless circus meant to keep us from uniting against these evils and demanding fundamental changes. As we're forced to witness and

oppose a torrent of these efforts, we must remain mindful of the more subtle machinations of the language we use and the premises we accept. We must begin fundamentally reframing conversations around cost and worth to ensure that our lives are valued and sustained. We must choose love and reject all efforts to divide us to upend these established constructs at every turn.

A perspective of love for ourselves, for each other, and for the planet can help us take our power back. We can adopt the adage Paul Farmer coined, and do the right thing first, then figure out how to pay for it. Out of love for one another and our planet we can refuse to take our eyes off the end results and make sustainably providing for peoples' needs the measure of our success. When we refuse to accept any definition or limitation of the worth of human life that centers money, productivity, race, class, or creed we reject the denigration of human life that allows evil to flourish and immiserate our lives. We must never accept policies that starve, imprison, bomb, exclude, exploit, enslave, expel, or execute any human, out of our love for all humanity. With hearts filled with love we will never stop building a better world for each other, and future generations. The powers that be cannot prevent the changes that are already afoot any more than they can drag us back to a past illusion of equality and justice that never really included "for all".

"The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world."

~ Paul Farmer

After all these years of struggle, the ideas that some people are unworthy of having their basic needs met or that providing for each other's needs "costs too much" have served only the wealthy 1% and the powerhungry. We've undeniably proven that what's trickled down to the masses has been woefully insufficient and piss poor as the wealth gap has only widened. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing but expecting different results. So, as we expand our imaginations and reclaim key terms (and revive some pretty banger catch phrases like "Abolish ICE" and "Defund the Police"), let's also expand our definition of solidarity. Love, solidarity, and togetherness in community are powerful forces we can wield to help reshape our world.

Acting in solidarity with workers must include supporting them when they cannot work so that they don't have to settle for less than a living wage from exploitive employers. Anything less than what's needed to meet Decent Living Standards where a worker lives must be unequivocally recognized as exploitative. Acting on our love for each other should include retiring the idea of "unskilled labor" and instead recognizing the preciousness of time and the vitalness of rest in each of our finite and miraculous lives. Which will mean demanding that DLS should be met by trading no more than 32 hours a week of any worker's time. Ultimately, we want the needs of every human being met and all life protected and nourished to abundance without requiring work, but as we move towards that long-term goal we must stand

in solidarity with all our fellow workers until we can fully abolish the "cost of living".

As we reshape our consumerism and make more conscious purchasing decisions, let's also refuse to cross picket lines and boycott businesses that participate in union-busting or exploit their workers. Similarly we must advocate for free education to allow people to gain the skills they want to pursue the work they find most meaningful. It is exciting to think what humanity might achieve with such a foundation for every life. It's a miracle that we've accomplished all we have thus far while only providing resources, educations, and opportunities to a privileged few.

Where we witness injustice, let's wield what power we have to protect our neighbors. Let's reject the tyranny of capital, and refuse to bow and kiss the ring when it comes to the idea that some people are illegal, expendable, exploitable, or somehow too expensive to save. When they invite us to surrender to despair by weighing us down with barrages of bad news, let's dig our heels in, and take action to create more good news by getting into some good trouble and refusing to be moved.

As the Earth reflects with a myriad of representations, always remember our interconnectedness and the intersectionality of our struggles. In May of 2024 our loudest shared call was for an end to genocide and apartheid in Palestine and an arms embargo against Israel. We renew our call for international justice, and demand an end to

the forced starvation of Palestinians. Aid must be allowed in to avoid more senseless. loss of life. Now as the international court calls upon us all to execute their arrest warrants and apprehend the perpetrators of genocide, that call has only gained more urgency and grown into a dire MAYDAY from the Palestinian people to the rest if the world. We must answer the call. This genocide must be ended, NOW. Yesterday we failed them, but each new dawn we fight anew until Palestine is free. We stand against continued genocide, apartheid, displacement, and forced labor in solidarity with the people of Palestine, Congo, and Sudan. Even though the illegal antics of this new administration must now also be resisted, we will never stop fighting for human rights nor abandon our demands for justice and self-determination for all oppressed peoples throughout the world. Injustice anywhere is an affront to justice everywhere, and we cannot allow these injustices to stand unopposed.

As we recognize May Day let's reflect back on the promises of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness long-denied and lock in on our shared goals. Please continue to protest safely, build community quietly, resist our oppressors forcefully, and defend one another unfailingly. We urge you to participate in the May Day actions that move your spirit, and loudly reject the heartless billionaire takeover of our nation.

- <u>May Day Strong</u> mobilize.us/mayday/
- <u>An Injury to Palestine is an Injury to All</u> laborforpalestine.net/

Our demands still stand.

Modern day demands adapted from the Ten Point Program of the original Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.



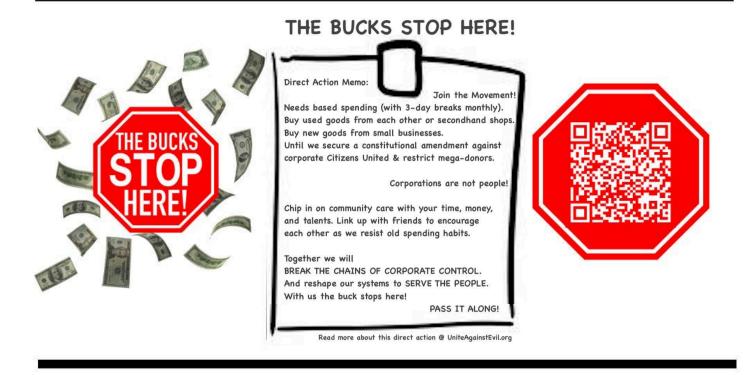
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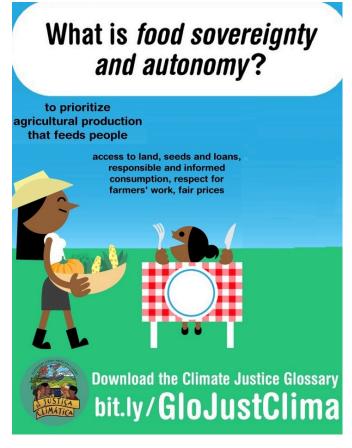
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

- WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
- WE WANT OUR INALIENABLE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTED.
- WE WANT FULL AT WILL EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE FOR ALL PEOPLE.
- WE WANT THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR AS COOPERATIVE JOINT OWNERS & EQUAL PAY.
- WE WANT AN END TO THE CORPORATE ROBBERY AND EXPLOITATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND PLANET.
- WE WANT DECENT GUARANTEED HOUSING IN HOMES FIT FOR SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.
- WE WANT EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES, CHILDCARE, AND HEALTH CARE.
- WE WANT EQUALLY FUNDED FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL PEOPLE THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE DIVERSE HISTORIES AND HOW TO NAVIGATE GLOBAL SOCIETY.

- WE WANT PROTECTED VOTING RIGHTS, & PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.
- WE WANT ALL MILITARY SERVICE AND TAXES THAT FUND WAR MADE OPTIONAL.
- WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE STATE'S MURDEROUS EXECUTIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.
- WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS.
- WE WANT ALL PEOPLE WHEN CHARGED WITH CRIME TO BE SPEEDILY TRIED IN COURT BY A JURY OF THEIR ETHNIC PEERS FROM THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE WANT AN END TO PRETRIAL DETENTION, HIGH CASH BAILS, LONG SENTENCES, CARCERAL SLAVERY, AND INHUMANE JAIL CONDITIONS.
- WE WANT LAND, WATER, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, & PEACE.

END WARS * END POVERTY * END APARTHEID * END GENOCIDE

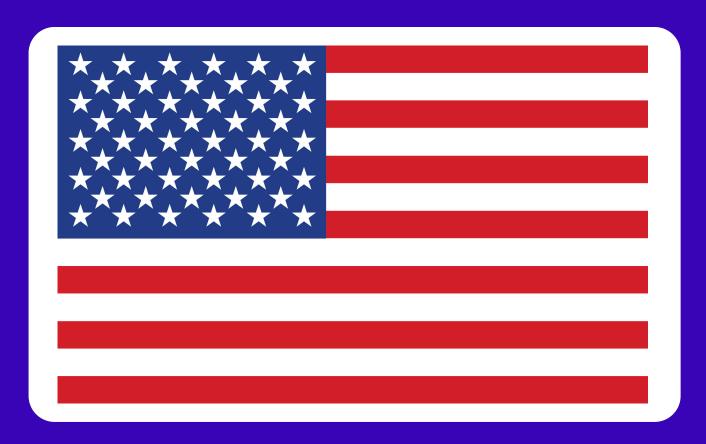






A better world is possible, and we're building it together for each other.

United against evil with the power of solidarity, love, and hope – in action – we will change our country's course.



This is our flag and our nation, they belong to the people.

Together we will defeat the oligarchs', bigots', war mongers', and apartheid apologists' takeover attempt to remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Stay tuned in for more encouragement & direct action.





