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Amplifying the Voices of the Oppressed!

America is still plagued by racist bigotry, plantation-like work conditions for masses of its citizens, declining manufacturing and the flight of factories to other countries, an economic system in which corporate profit comes before human need, corporate domination over the lives of people, classes of extreme wealth and extreme poverty, two parties that monopolize the money and the media, bloated military budgets, U.S. military intervention for the promotion of capitalist enterprise abroad, the historic forced labor of blacks and poor people under new and conniving definitions of slavery.

“When the president declares happily that ‘our economy is sound’, he will not acknowledge that it is not at all sound for 40 or 50 million people who are struggling to survive, although it may be moderately sound for many in the middle class and extremely sound for the richest 1 percent of the nation who owns 40 percent of the nation’s wealth.”

- Howard Zinn

The crime rate among blacks and poor people - instead of being seen as a crying demand for the elimination of poverty and the reconstruction of our economy for producing in a cooperative way what people need most - is used by politicians to call for the building of more prisons and expansion of the surveillance state. All of these conditions and practices amount to government repression and violate the freedom and rights of the People. We, the People, must create opportunities via organizing to wrest back control of our political and economic systems from corporate greed and take billions of dollars from the military and use it for human needs. New values of cooperation and freedom might then show up in the relations of people and in the upbringing of children.

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