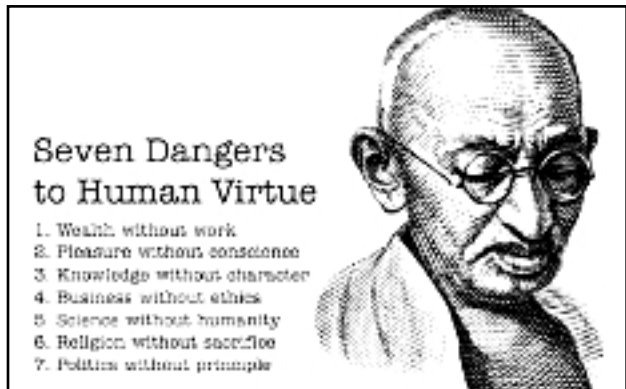


The Need for Revolutionary Anti-Fascism

A lot of people are citing Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi to condemn antifa physical resistance to nazis, even after Charlottesville and subsequent events made clear that physical and cyber-space disruptions of such white supremacists have a huge impact on exposing and demoralizing them. See <https://www.unicornriot.ninja/2017/charlottesville-violence-planned-discord-servers-unicorn-riot-reports/> to see the impact of cyber-penetration on the nazis' morale and exposing them as the originators of the violence. But let's consider King and Gandhi anyway, because they did critique the system.

Even in the narrow context of the US civil rights struggle, or India's independence movement, they existed alongside, and relied on, others in those struggles who didn't share a commitment to non-violence. A stronger self-defense capacity also might've prevented King's and Gandhi's assassinations. (Gandhi was infected with racism himself, and was moved to resistance initially because he felt it unjust that he, in South Africa, would receive the same oppressive treatment as a Black man).



Consider the outcomes of their struggles. India (split off from mostly-Muslim Pakistan, which then split further) is now capitalist, wracked with social, economic and environmental exploitation, especially of low-caste and tribal elements. Struggles persist, many by force of arms. It's ruled by a right wing Hindu fundamentalist with fascist leanings.

Similarly, the situation of the majority of Black people in the US is probably as bad or worse than it was when King died -- the prison population is ten times greater than in 1968; police killings are a daily occurrence; employment and wealth gaps have grown. Obama, first Black US president, did nothing to deal with the oppression of Black people, and carried out multiple simultaneous wars and 'interventions', particularly in Africa. Ferguson and Black Lives Matter erupted in response.

We must deepen the context, therefore, to a necessary transformation of society, in which case the need for effective defensive and offensive capacities is clear. Antifa are one component of an anti-fascist (and hopefully pro-liberation) movement; street action is only part of an antifa commitment to expose and disrupt fascists, which includes exposing nazis to their neighbors and employers, painting over racist graffiti, etc. Antifa also engage in other forms of constructive direct action, such as mutual aid relief efforts in Houston or solidarity with Standing Rock.

Most antifa recognize that fascism is built from above and below. This reinforces the intention of not relying on the cops or courts to deal with fascists, because those institutions uphold white supremacy and exploitation, and are likelier to use repression against antifa and the left than vs. the nazis. In fact, most antifa see the state as promoting



a fascist turn. There are certainly many fascists both open and covert in the state apparatus. But physically preventing retail fascists from carrying out public organizing and deadly attempts at intimidation is still a key aspect of revolutionary anti-fascism.

Militant resistance to fascism, far from alienating people, has been attracting and radicalizing larger sectors of society, especially those frustrated by endless lies and defeats in the corporate political arena, and disappointed by ritualistic public rallies that accomplish nothing. It overcomes defeatism and cynicism.

People suggest using ridicule to defeat the nazis, or other forms of civil resistance. But civil resistance in the US is unlikely to emerge on the scale needed, without being precipitated by intense polarizing impacts. Most in the US, with a chance to resist, have often opted for complicity, because of the corrupting impact of settler colonialism, land theft, slavery and genocide.

Civil resistance did not stop the US theft of native land or extermination of many native people; didn't stop Andrew Jackson's "Trail of Tears;" didn't prevent the US war with Mexico to expand slavery into territory where it had already been abolished. Civil resistance didn't abolish slavery, nor stop the US from sending generations of indigenous kids to boarding schools to beat the "Indian" out of them. It didn't prevent the annexation of Hawai'i or the invasion of Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam. It didn't stop the Sand Creek, Ludlow, Ponce or Attica massacres, or stop the US from rounding up and locking up Japanese-Americans on the west coast. Civil resistance didn't stop the US from dropping two A-bombs on Japan. Civil and more militant resistance, especially by GIs, and the armed struggle of the Vietnamese, helped end the Viet Nam War; civil resistance alone wouldn't have.

My father came to the US from Poland as a teen in the



early 30s. My dad's father had 14 brothers and sisters who remained in Poland. They were liquidated by the Nazis. Civil resistance didn't stop it.

Hitler was ridiculed in and outside Germany, but wasn't stopped until the Soviet Red Army broke the back of his war machine. He could've been stopped if significant elements in Germany had fought harder earlier, and exposed the nazis as weak and futile. Instead they came to appear unstoppable, and masses of ordinary Germans bought into Hitler's program to "make Germany great again," and to target Jews, Roma/Sinti ("Gypsies"), so-called mental and physical defectives, and enemies of the state (like you or me).

Fascists want to foment UNANSWERED violence, because it sows fear and defeatism, and bends people towards their "might makes right" ideology. Some of us can operate on the principle that "right makes might," but most people need to see the might of righteousness demonstrated in practice, in order to take heart, and believe that Nazis and other oppressors can be defeated.

Unsurprisingly, many "anti-antifa statements" are coming from Hedges, Chomsky and others on the "left." (See www.change-links.org for a point by point refutation of Hedges). The left in this country has mainly been content with academic analysis, moralistic appeals, or following the strategy of chasing the Democrats and shying away from costly sacrifices necessary to resist institutionalized racism and colonialism, or autonomous action to meet human needs. Many liberals are fine with the *status quo ante*, if only the embarrassing nazis and Trump would go away. They focus on opposing the tactics of antifa, because they want to circumscribe anti-fascism to reformism, to oppose only nazis, not imperialism.

It's easy for thousands to come out peacefully against nazis without making a dent in racist policing, segregation, discriminatory banks, employers and schools, or the rest of what gives rise to more nazis. With something rotten in the soil, new toadstools pop up after every rain, even if you plucked the last ones. Part of the power of both King and Malcolm X is that the two opponents of white supremacy and the US empire were simultaneously self-critical of their own community and complacent misleaders within it. Many white people think any criticism or self-criticism of white skin privilege or racism is "divisive;" so many white leftists accommodate to that, criticize "identity politics," or equate antifa with nazis.

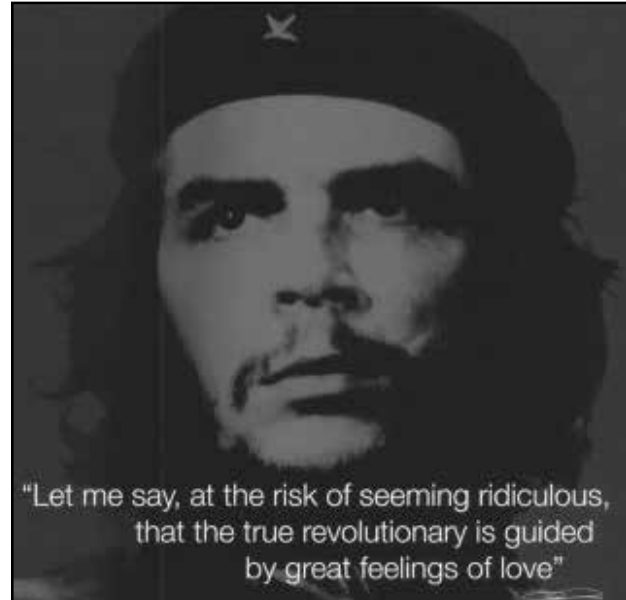
No antifa is stopping anyone from organizing self-sacrificing, transformational civil resistance against fascists, Trump or imperialism. Please, do your damndest to undermine nazi groups peacefully, counter-organize within their base, withdraw your consent to be ruled,



and help topple, through all the peaceful means at your command, the global regime of militarism imposed by the US, which is bleeding the world dry and destroying the biosphere.

It's the state and the fascists who will move against you if you try. Will we muster the resistance necessary to block Trump's wall and mass deportations, or threats of nuclear fire and fury on Korea? If we do, will civil resistance suffice to overcome state repression? How do we join forces? These are the critical questions we must begin to answer, and fast.

As we go to press, Black and Brown and other poor people in Houston, Beaumont and Louisiana are still flooded out, while the media pretends the federal response was better than Bush's to Katrina. Black and Brown people in Houston "already live a disaster every day of your life," Carol Moore, TX NAACP co-chair told the Washington Post. Meanwhile, category 5 Irma is bearing down on Puerto Rico, Cuba and Florida. The Pacific northwest and CA are ravaged by wildfires. What forms of resistance will overcome the fascist roots and trends in US society, and position us to organize effectively, for survival and against the Empire, as open crisis and ongoing catastrophes become the order of the day?



WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

A lot of people are quoting Che Guevara about "love." Too many stop after his first epigraph, and ignore the rest: "At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love. It's impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality. Perhaps it's one of the great dramas of the leader that he or she must combine a passionate spirit with a cold intelligence and make painful decisions without flinching...The circle of their friends is limited strictly to ...comrades in the revolution. ...one must have a large dose of humanity,...a sense of justice and truth in order to avoid dogmatic extremes, ...or an isolation from the masses. We must strive every day so that this love of living humanity is transformed into deeds, into acts that serve as examples, as a moving force." He continued:

"The revolutionary... is consumed by this uninterrupted activity that comes to an end only with death, unless ... socialism is accomplished on a world scale. If one's revolutionary zeal is blunted when the most urgent tasks have been accomplished on a local scale and one forgets about proletarian internationalism, the revolution one leads will cease to be a driving force and sink into a comfortable drowsiness that imperialism, our irreconcilable enemy, will utilize to gain ground. Proletarian internationalism is a duty, but also a revolutionary necessity."

Being guided by great feelings of love is not contradicted by, but necessitates, an implacable struggle against the enemies of humanity, imperialism, an irreconcilable enemy. Individual adherents of fascism and imperialism can and will be won over, as the Guinean and other African revolutionaries demonstrated with the Portuguese colonizing army, but the ideology and systematic operations of fascism and imperialism must be opposed without compromise and eradicated, to be replaced by a fundamentally different system.

Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook

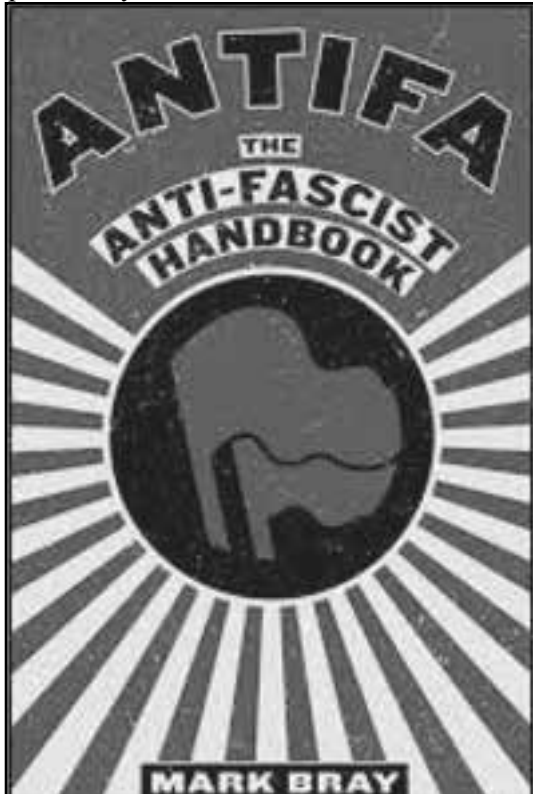
by Mark Bray, Melville House Publishing, Brooklyn and London, 2017. \$16.99. www.mhphbooks.com, ISBN: 978-1-61219-703-6

Against the Fascist Creep

by Alexander Reid Ross, AK Press, Chico, Oakland, Edinburg, Baltimore, 2017. \$16.95. www.akpress.org, ISBN: 978-1-84935-244-4

Reviewed by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART)*

These two recent books are essential reading and complement each other well. *Against the Fascist Creep* chronicles the history and currency of fascist infiltration into and absorption of other political elements, including the left, of various societies, including the US. It is particularly strong about Europe, and about the permutations of fascist ideology and organization in the period after the World War II defeat of official fascism in power in Germany and Italy. It is also up-to-the-minute – to the time of its publication – about the varying strains of neo-fascism and white nationalism seeking legitimacy through the Trump campaign and presidency.



Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook, written more swiftly and at least partly subsequent to *Creep*, is not as comprehensive but covers a great deal of the same history focusing on opposition to fascism, concentrating on the interwar period between World Wars I and II, and then the period from after the war to the present. It, too, is

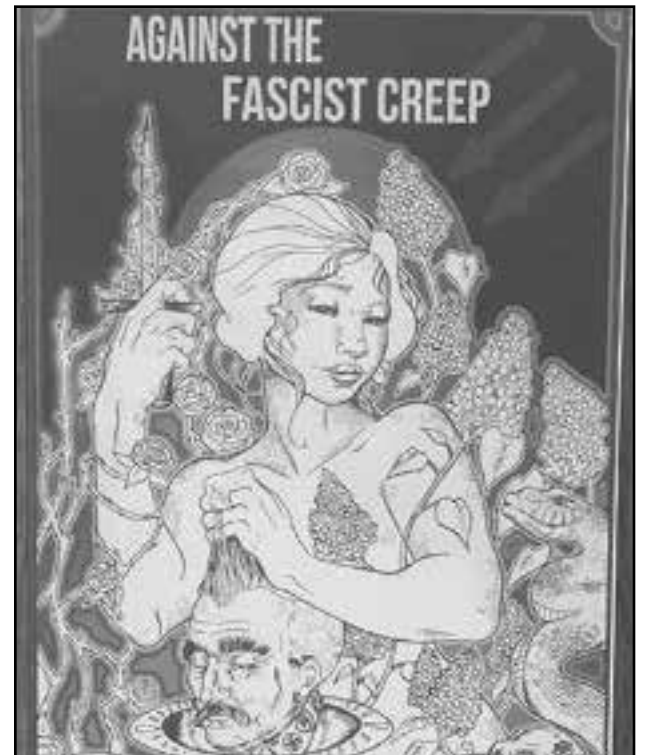
particularly strong in Europe, but also looks at the history of direct action anti-fascism in the US, including the Anti-Racist Action network and TORCH Antifa network.

Against the Fascist Creep is particularly strong in cautioning us about fascism's capacity to recruit from and infiltrate its ideas into the left, and transfer "leftist" ideas and methods into a fascist offensive, such as the so-called National Bolshevik and National Anarchist tendencies. Reid Ross also comprehensively documents fascist presence within and impact on various artistic, philosophical/religious and countercultural scenes, and their effective use of anti-immigrant scapegoating in different national contexts, but as an international trend.

Antifa, while not exactly the handbook its subtitle claims it to be does provide very valuable and pertinent information on the failures of anti-fascist activists in Italy and Germany, and their inability to prevent the rise to power of Mussolini and Hitler. Bray draws many important lessons from that experience for anti-fascists today. Bray also effectively takes up and punctures the "anti-antifa" argumentation coming from sectors of the left and used by the state to justify repression of anti-fascists. He describes various successes in several countries, not without an ebb and flow, of militant anti-fascism in putting an end to neo-Nazi upsurges and racist violence.

A weakness of both books, perhaps because of the European orientation of both authors in their academic work, is that they do not fully grasp the deep roots of fascism in US settler colonialism. In the US context in particular, the state has never enjoyed the alleged monopoly on the use of violence that political theory posits. Armed white settler colonists have always used force and violence to steal land and suppress African and other colonized people alongside with or ahead of the state. Racist terrorists like the KKK provide the original case study of armed action to push back revolutionary democratic gains and obtain state power for a counterrevolutionary, reactionary program.

Another, more minor quibble is that both books emphasize mid-west and east coast antifa (with the exception of Rose City Antifa in Portland, the first to use the name in the US), as well as giving insufficient attention to fascist developments on the West Coast. *Creep* mentions *Turning The Tide* in one sentence, and devotes only a page or two to The Order. *Antifa* neglects



both entirely, and neither pays attention to the 1983 triple cross-burning in LA that reflected the unity of the KKK, Nazi party, Aryan Nations, and White Aryan Resistance. The arrest there of Richard Butler from Idaho was the immediate cause of the issuance of a declaration of war by The Order. The Order's David Lane is the author of the so-called "14 words" that unify much of the fascist right to this day.

Bray offers five important lessons for antifascists, including the failure of interwar antifascist leaders to take fascism seriously enough, and that it doesn't take that many fascist to make fascism. I agree with most of his points except that "fascist revolutions have never succeeded; fascists gained power legally." Counter-revolutionary fascist coups backed by the military, but with significant mass support, have taken power, including in Spain and Chile.

Despite these caveats, I highly recommend that anyone concerned about fascist forces in the US today read and discuss these books and the important lessons that can be learned from them about fascist and anti-fascist history, as we go forward to make some history of our own..

The Battles of History

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The events surrounding Charlottesville, Virginia have a resonance far beyond the borders of Old Dominion. Even though they began as a strictly local affair, they quickly assumed a national character, because this strictly local event stems from the nation's history - a history that remains not only contested but bitterly unresolved.

That history, of course is the toxic poison of White Supremacy, and the trigger thereof - African Slavery -the intentional, centuries-long economic, social, communal and psychic exploitation of Africans for the financial and psychological benefits of the White Nation. This toxin has tainted the bloodstream of the Nation, and infected all segments of society - and was integral to the very development of Whiteness as a core identity for millions of people who call themselves 'Americans.'

As we look at protests rolling throughout the country, the first thing we must recognize is that this isn't about monuments. Nor is it about the Civil War.

It is about the Present. It is about how this country will define itself, how it sees itself, and how it understands its future.

But history, true history, is more about today than yesterday, for it is the pathway to tomorrow, and it lives or dies in the minds of the young who learn, or unlearn, how this country came to be, and what role they play in the days to come.

The great Black freedom fighter, Malcolm X, repeatedly said, "Of all our studies, history best rewards our research." He knew this not only because he was taught this by his Teacher (Honorable Elijah Muhammed) but because he learned this in the very expression of his life. For, as a state prisoner, a man so hated that he was called 'Satan', his learning of a deeper history of Black people literally made him a new man. It gave him confidence, it turned his loathing into loving, it gave him purpose -- and perhaps more importantly, perspective.

Perspective. How to look at the world. How to interpret it. How to understand why things are the way they are. That's the real value of History.

It teaches Perspective of Now -- not Then.

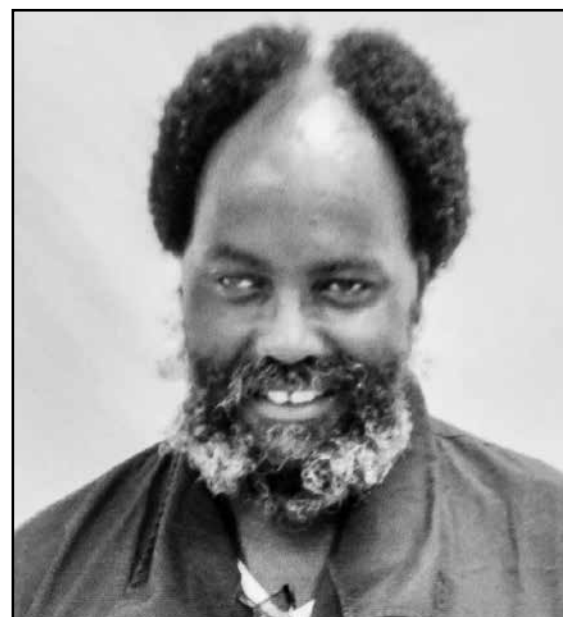
And that's the reason why monuments, turned green by oxidation and pigeon poop, are seemingly at the center of these controversies.

The Trump presidency signaled a Great Leap - Backwards. It was the expression of a deep, profound fear of the Future, of Change, of Transformation. So, they hold on to Yesterday, invoking "Tradition" - as if the central Tradition of America wasn't -- and isn't -- Black Slavery, which launched it into and Economic and World Power.

Charlottesville is thus a Turning point - a pivot point upon which the Nation turns back, or moves forward, creating a New History.

This, only the people of America can, and will, decide.

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Black Riders

Portland Chapter Confronts Racist Trump Supporters Before Charlottesville!



by BRLP Minister of Public Relations E. da Ref

Revolutionary Greetings, All Power to the People!

The spring has come to an end. The summer is strong and surging in revolutionary spirit. We have received reports from the Black Riders - New Generation Black Panther Party for Self-Defense chapter in Portland OR that there has been a lot of racial tension due to white supremacist terrorism. A Black woman was stabbed at a public transportation station and a racist white hate double murder took place on Memorial Day weekend, May 29th, 2017.

Racist right wing extremists have held rallies riding the wave of hatred and made terrorist threats to attack a local community parade called, "Good in the Hood". Comrade Captain Ogun reports, "The Black Riders Liberation Party Portland chapter mobilized security for this three-day weekend event to ensure the safety of the people by setting up post up command centers and even called in reinforcements from Antifa, Brown Berets, and O.G's to young G's from different hoods to protect our own community."

Racist redneck right-wing extremists held a so-called "Free speech" rally that was protected by pig police. They had all the corners and crosswalks blocked off in Shrunken Plaza. The Black Riders Liberation Party Portland chapter under the command of Captain Ogun brought several different Portland hoods together such as woodlawn park (bloods), unthank park hustlas, 9 block (bloods), rolling 60's (crips), Kirby blocce (Crips), and grape street (crips), that posted in formation along with the Brown Berets and Antifa to confront the racists. We stood strong and stern-faced in military silence, providing a presence of power and protection for people who oppose the oppressive forces of white supremacy, capitalism, imperialism, and fascism!

The Department of Homeland Security, SWAT teams, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Federal Protective Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were all there enforcing fascism, anticipating the backlash.



Jeelani Ogun - Captain of the Black Riders Portland Chapter

Black Riders showed solidarity in our structure. We were disciplined and ready to defend our people by any means necessary.

We received a white supremacist terrorist threat that they would try to attack and disrupt the "Good In The Hood." It said in the communique that racist Donald Trump supposedly "Issued an Executive Order to Kill all niggers;" it said that the white kkk now owns the North

and North East of Portland. The threat letter also said that The Good In The Hood parade would not happen without a bloodbath, in retaliation for Black Riders having the audacity to show up to the white supremacist right-wing extremists' "freedom of speech" rally in a military manner the day before. We successfully secured the "Good in the Hood" event and deterred any idea of attacking our community.

On August 12th, 2017, in Charlottesville, VA racist Trump supporters, the so-called "alt-right," which included nazis, ku klux klowns, and other trump supporters, mobilized to attack people. Many people were hurt. Deandre Harris, a young Black man, was brutally beat at the event with metal poles. He received 8 staples to close a gash in his head and received a concussion. We are working hard to set up a Black Riders Chapter in Charlottesville to make sure the community there will be protected. 19 people were injured and one killed when a nazi rammed his car into a crowd.

As General T.A.C.O. (Taking All Capitalists Out), leader of the Black Riders, states, "They only understand the knife, they only understand the gun, and we intend on communicating with them clearly!"

Black Power! All Power to the People!

The Black Riders Break the Lock Prison Education and Communication Program

If you are interested in our new Black Book Draw, Please send us a 200 word report on

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You must be a official Black Rider Member to enter the Black Book Draw.

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**Black Riders - New Generation
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense!
Black Power!
All Power to the People! RBG 4 LIFE!**

Contact Info for the Black Riders Liberation Party

Join Now! You can reach the **Black Riders Liberation Party, New Generation Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**, at PO Box 8297, Los Angeles CA 90008, blackriders1996@gmail.com or by calling 601-557-2757 (BRLP), or on facebook, Black-Riders-Liberation-Party, instagram: blackriders1996 and twitter: @blackriders1996



Black Mold and Toxic Prisons

by Noah "Comrade K@do" Coffin & Keith "Comrade Malik" Washington

Looking at the curling, peeling layers of paint in my neglected cell here on Eastham Unit brings to mind what it's like taking a look inside an old car that's been in the junkyard -- upholstery tattered and hanging down...Another similarity to the old weather-damaged relic is cause for alarm: the presence of black mold!

The mold is very dangerous; anyone exposed to it for any length of time is at risk. Problems ranging from respiratory infections to complications with liver or kidneys. My experience as a contractor, and working in home development, has spurred Comrade Malik to request that I write the bulk of this article pertaining to black mold.

The 1st thing you should know is that any time black mold is found in an establishment, all people are relocated while the mold is eliminated! Workers using paper face masks will go to such measures: if residential, all sheet rock and insulation are torn out and replaced along with carpeting suspected to have moisture damage. Air ducts are sanitized or replaced. Industrial strength oil based kiltz primer paint is used throughout the home. That's before new material and fresh finish paint. If industrial,

with concrete walls (e.g. schools, rec centers), the paint is removed by bens-o-matic torches and tools to scrape the burning paint. A stone soap and scrub brush are used on the porous concrete.

Should these measures not be followed and black mold is again found, the place is condemned! Why not here? Because we are convicted criminals? We are human! We are people too!

From Malik:

Revolutionary greetings, sisters and brothers! As you can see, Comrade Kado has expertise in this area and it didn't take 6,000 words for him to hit on all the key points.

Black mold is pervasive and systemic in TX prisons. It's the result of living where the climate seems to be radically changing to a tropical climate, in an area where we have the most prisons. Anyone reading this essay would scream in protest if forced to live in such conditions.

We are humyn beings! We refuse to live in these uninhabitable environments! But without you, our voices will be ignored and TDCJ will continue to lie!

From Comrade Kado:

Brothers and sisters, my comments are cut-and-dried: this stuff is dangerous to our health and only because we're in prison does it go unchallenged. That's

injustice. Ponder TDCJ's history of throwing money at attorneys to avoid accountability for problems--more money than would take to fix the problems: installing air conditioning, providing safe conditions and medical care, for example).

It's not about money, but control. Relent, and TDCJ loses some control. Harsh conditions are a means to subdue those under control and reduce morale--leaving subjects resigned, deflated... In love and rage.

Fight the power!!

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Ed note: The problems described above were before the massive flooding. Above, TDCJ prison in Rosharon in AP photo. TX prisoners and at FCI Beaumont were forced to drink from toilets!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF SEPT. 2017

Black Riders - New Generation Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

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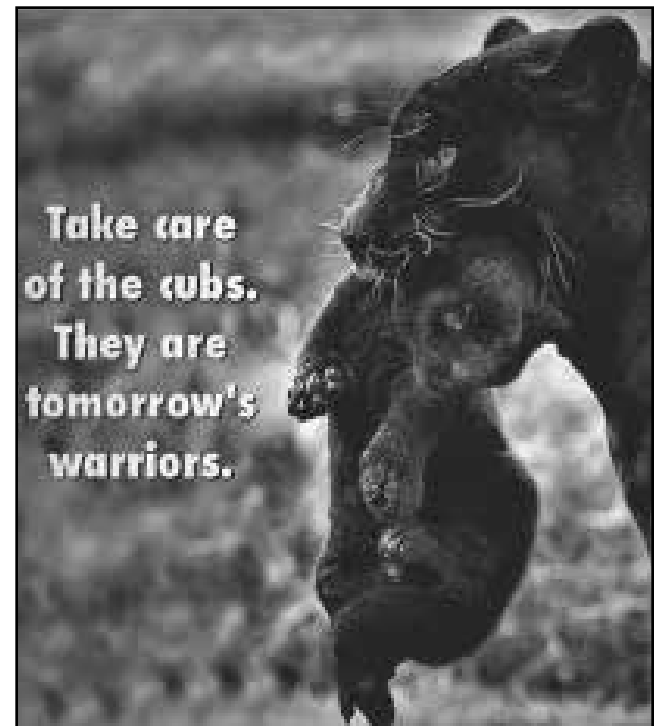
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In Loving Honor of One of Our Own:

Savannah LaFontaine-Greywind and all of our murdered and missing Native Women

Greetings my friends, relatives, supporters and loved ones,

I want to speak to you today in regards to some current events that have taken place. The one most noteworthy at this time, which is representative of an ongoing problem for our people, is the horrific murder of Savannah LaFontaine-Greywind. Savannah, whose baby was ripped from her womb, and then Savannah's body wrapped in a plastic bag and thrown into the river.

Deaths among our people by other than natural situations have, for generations been untimely, unnecessary and tragic. Savannah's death is a gruesome example of what happens to so many of our people at the hands of this dominant society. Our native women are ten times more often victims of violence than any other group of women. And that is violence from non-Indians, that is a statistical fact. Our women are kidnapped and killed and made to disappear more than any other group. It's as if society has put us in the category of some species that is expendable.

Whether America wants to believe it or not, the Native American people and their philosophy is crucial

to survival of America. We have given our lives to protect the mother earth and bring to your attention the destruction that this industrial society perpetrates against the natural ecology of this portion of the planet where we all dwell. If Savannah's terrible, tragic, horrific death was an unusual occurrence, then we could probably grieve as we often do and move on. But her death is representative of common occurrences against our people and especially our young women. We cannot afford, physically, emotionally, mentally or any other way for this type of behavior to continue. I am not a begging man. It is not part of our culture to beg. But I'm begging you white America to rise to the occasion and help stop this continuing residual byproduct of the genocide that has been perpetrated against Native people.

It is a time in history now that all the different religions, faiths and philosophies need to come together and actively, in a loud voice, seek change in America. Based on respect, for one another, the creator of all things, the mother earth and actively take part in bringing about this needed change of direction that America has taken for so long, for too long. I am not just talking about

our indigenous people either, I am referring to all people and all colors of people and all social economic levels of people. The web of life in America is deeply fractured and torn. And I know anyone taking time to read this knows in their heart that my words are true.

So challenge yourself to make a difference. Having said that, I want to encourage you to find it within your heart to donate to this child that was a victim of this mindset that allows this type of tragedy to take place. Savannah's little girl that was ripped from your womb, will need your help. Savannah had picked out a name for her while she was still unborn, her name is Haisley Jo and you can donate to help establish her in a healthy environment by sending your donations to any U.S. Bank in the name of the child, Haisley Jo.

In the spirit of Crazy Horse,
Mitakuye Oyasin
Leonard Peltier

Peltier is recovering from triple bypass surgery in prison. Write him: #89637-132, US Pen Coleman #1, PO Box 1033, Coleman FL 33521-1033. Support him: ILPDC, PO Box 329, Fargo ND 58107

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DATA RELEASE:

Neo-Nazis Plan Revenge on New Discord Server After #UniteTheRight

by Unicorn Riot

<https://www.unicornriot.ninja/2017/data-release-neo-nazis-plan-revenge-in-new-discord-server-after-unitetheright/>

After Charlottesville, white supremacists are continuing to use the Discord online chat platform to organize stalking and hacking campaigns against their anti-racist opponents. A large amount of the work putting the 'Unite the Right' rally together took place over Discord, a voice and text group platform used by gamers. The platform has been described as having a monopoly on the internal communications of the modern white supremacist movement. These organizations have been named, along with individuals who planned the rally, in a \$3 Million lawsuit from 2 of the people injured when James Alex Fields, Jr. struck them with his vehicle.

Discord closed several servers after Unite The Right and made a statement denouncing white supremacy, but many of the same groups continue to use the company's services to organize, plan, and recruit. Unicorn Riot

has obtained screenshots and server logs documenting the contents of a Discord server called 'Pony Power' that was created on August 17, just five days after Charlottesville.

The 'Pony Power' server was set up by 'I Am Not A Gerbil,' who identifies himself as Nebraska resident Dan Kleve. Kleve, a biochem major at the Univ of Nebraska-Lincoln, attended Unite The Right and is a member of Vanguard America. He also runs an online national socialist group called "Racial Theocracy." After Kleve was exposed, people began calling his department and demanding he be expelled.

In retaliation, Kleve created 'Pony Power' to maliciously publish personal information of alleged antifascists and encourage others to harass them and bring them harm. "There was a coordinated effort to get me kicked out of uni," Kleve wrote in one Discord message. "Plus a bunch of death threats. This is war."

Conversations progressed to some users discussing cyber-attacks against antifascists, which led some participants to express concern about risk of conspiracy charges under federal hacking laws. Some of the first conversations in the chat server focused on how to create a centralized system for archiving "dox" (sensitive personal information gathered with malicious intent) of alleged antifascists to be targeted by white supremacists. One user using the alias 'Timmy Matlock' claimed to be working with the Daily Stormer to create a central database to store people's personal information for use in harassment campaigns. Another Discord user under the alias 'Klaus Albricht' spoke of his plans to create a Tor hidden site to host such a database.

Kleve, referring to people to be listed in this database, asked "Do we go Turner Diaries on them?" - this appears to be advocating murder, as he refers to the 1978 novel *The Turner Diaries*, in which white supremacist insurgents overthrow the US government and exterminate all non-whites on the planet.



While many postings focused on Nebraska-area antifascists, the scope quickly widened. Eventually, the users seemed to target any person they saw 'like' anti-racist posts on social media, sometimes going after liberal, Democrat-connected groups, as well as progressive elected officials. Several senior citizens were also among the list of harassment targets named by Kleve and others. Some, particularly 'NSJW', expressed keen interest in targeting reporters, with messages in the chat logs including "we need to make an example out of journalists" and "we need to dox journalists."



"Nazis planned VA violence on Discord servers." -UR

While they identified a goal of neutralizing anti-racist opposition, users in the chats appeared to have little understanding of the decentralized, leaderless principles at work in most antifascist organizing. Chat participants repeatedly stated their goal to identify antifa "commanders" and claimed at various times to have discovered a "chapter leader," while at other times they bragged about identifying "the man who runs antifa." They became very excited when one of them claimed to have found a YouTube video providing "confirmation that Antifa is a Jewish run organization." [Ed. note: This is a reference to your editor, and a video of me speaking at the LA Housing & Hunger

Crisis Conference, where I talked about my Jewish immigrant family background. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqypR2HAoRw&t=13s>]

A few users in the chat claim to possess some IT skills, at times discussing hacking techniques and describing plans to carry out cyberattacks against antifascist websites. 'Klaus Albricht' discussed the possibility of launching a Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attack to try to shut down the anarchist news site *It's Going Down*. Klaus and another user also discussed carrying out a basic "spear phishing" attack, in which they sent malicious URLs to targets, who would then unknowingly transmit their IP address by clicking the link. Chat logs suggest several individuals were sent malicious tracking URLs after some of the neo-Nazi Discord users suspected them of being administrators on antifascist websites or Facebook pages. Another participant, after being told by 'Albricht' how to conduct a spear fishing attack, said they would use the method to try to obtain IP addresses of members of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

It's unclear if any of the spear phishing attempts were successful. Both the proposed DDOS attack and the actually-carried-out spear phishing attacks mentioned in the 'Pony Power' server, could be perceived as violations of the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, passed in 1986. Many of the potentially incriminating messages appear to have been deleted, though we were able to obtain screenshots and Discord history logs of the posts, some of which were taken in real time.

New information about how people can avoid these types of neo-Nazi and white supremacist doxing campaigns is available from equality labs, and further guides from equalitylabs.org (@equalitylabs on Twitter).

We will continue publication of material from Discord chat servers connected to Unite The Right the rest of September 2017. Please support us with a donation to allow our ad-free media collective to continue reporting on these leaks.



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Newly Re-Vamped *Atlantic* Magazine calls for Violent Suppression of Anti-Fascist Activists in Major Editorial

by Gerry Bello <http://www.mockingbirdpaper.com/content/newly-re-vamped-atlantic-magazine-calls-violent-suppression-anti-fascist-activists-major>

The Atlantic, a flagship liberal publication since its founding in 1857 in Boston, was purchased by Laurene Powell Jobs for an undisclosed sum on July 29th. The first issue since this purchase was led by a major editorial from their Contributing Editor Peter Beinart. That particular 2200 word screed has already appeared on the Atlantic's website and been boosted on social media at some cost. This can only be seen in context as a declaration of new editorial line, policy and intent. It can be read, if one cares to read the cobbled fact-lite hack job that is, as the new worst editorial to pass muster at a major publication in my recent memory. The previous winner is not even a runner-up, they are an also-ran.

I am loath to insult other professionals on issues of craft unless their actual practice is either completely barbaric, fails to disclose their own hidden connections to the material, or is a just plain sloppy mess.

Beinart's piece, which is provocatively titled *The Rise of the Violent Left*, uses cherry-picked half-told or largely inaccurate historical anecdotes to lead his would-be intellectual victims to his conclusion that "What's eroding in Portland is the quality Max Weber considered essential to a functioning state: a monopoly on legitimate violence," and therefore that "The people preventing Republicans from safely assembling on the streets of Portland may consider themselves fierce opponents of the authoritarianism growing on the American right. In truth, however, they are its unlikeliest allies."

This translates roughly to "The State needs to violently repress anti-fascists because they are fascists." He spends his entire article using incomplete and de-contextualized history snippets to lead the reader through from the first quote to the second.

Beinart's framing of Anti-fascist activists in both a present and a historical context make it apparent he never left his office. I know for an absolute fact that the research tools, contacts, social access, phone numbers and already-done legwork are at the Atlantic's disposal. He could have had four or five people provide him with different annotated bibliographies. When he discusses a historical event, he seems to forget that some readers were physically present at said event. I personally have been involved in anti-fascist politics for more than two decades. I was there, Beinart was not, and he is dead wrong.

Beinart misuses the term Antifa repeatedly. He refers to Antifa in terms of "Antifa is." No, Antifa is not. Antifa are or they are not. Antifa is a plural descriptive of people with shared politics not an organization. There are many organizations that are consciously and outspokenly anti-fascist. Some anti-fascist activists engage in some well-known tactics on occasion. "Antifa is" creates a monolithic organization where none actual exists. If he does not know enough to use singular and plural in the correct context he is not qualified to draw a single conclusion from his limited, carefully curated dataset. Anti-fascism is an ideology. The word "Antifa" is a plural descriptor of Anti-fascist activists engaged [primarily] in street action. Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP), Anti-Racist Action (ARA), The General Defense Committee of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW-GDC), Red and Anarchist Skinheads (RASH), Hoosier Anti-Racist Movement (HARM) and the TORCH Network are anti-fascist organizations. That is just to name a few with strong brand recognition. All of the above have existed for more than 5 years. All but one has existed for more than 20 years. Overlooking that makes Beinart literally too lazy to use Google.

Since I've come out and said that I've been participating in Anti-Fascist street actions for a very long time, I can say that Beinart is dead wrong in characterizing the recent post-inauguration (which is an inaccurate time measurement) wave of activity as being the work of young people in need of guidance. "From Middlebury to Berkeley to Portland, the latter approach is on the rise, especially among young people." and "Antifa's power is growing. And how the rest of the activist left responds will help define its moral character in the Trump age."

I'm not the only person who has been doing this for more than 20 years. Beinart thinks he is playing adult role model to his barristas trying to work themselves through Georgetown or the server fetching him his avocado toast that in DC costs more than some of my utility bills, but he is not. Now, today, there are active anti-fascists, wearing masks, fighting fascists directly and they are nurses, schoolteachers, carpenters, auto mechanics, vet-techs, legal secretaries, welders, full-time moms, social workers, domestic violence counselors, and filmmakers. At least two that he could have interviewed are grandparents and I'm not the only editor. I did not have to look outside my state for that list of professions and unlike Beinart I can tell when nouns are singular and when they are plural. He thinks we are not old, wealthy or smart enough to read The



Atlantic, and therefore won't spit in his food. Actually, some of us might be the people working on his brakes or giving his relatives their in-hospital care. I'd say we are his neighbors, but editors of big magazines based in DC only have contacts and servants.

Beinart references a historical "brawl" in Pennsylvania against the World Church of the Creator in 2002 that resulted in 25 arrests. I was there and he was not. That was not a brawl. That was an all day all city street fight that followed a police riot in York, PA. One of those arrested was an 8-year-old girl. She was lying on the ground with her arm broken. Her arm was broken because a nazi, who was not immediately arrested, drove a truck through a crowd of protestors. This was followed by a baton charge by the police who beat the girl, beat and arrested her family members, beat and arrested the medics that were treating her and anyone else who got in the way. I was 30 feet away when it happened. I was somewhat distracted by the grenade launcher pointed at my face from inches away. It was attached to a national guardsman who was crying because he knew he was doing a bad thing. This is the monopoly of state violence that Beinart has called for.

Beinart describes the secrecy under which anti-fascist activists operate. He fails to place that in the context of the fact that we are targeted for outright murder and our killers rarely if ever go to jail. One of the same medics that was beaten and arrested in York survived an arson attack on his home by the Aryan Nations 4 years earlier. It came complete with a burning cross. It happened one month after two other anti-fascist activists were lured into the desert outside of Las Vegas and shot to death. It was in response to civil disobedience that happened at an Aryan Nations parade in Idaho on the same day that one of them was buried. I remember, I was at the funeral. Had Beinart used Lexis-Nexis, he would have found the New York Times front section article. He would know that it was a criminal conspiracy that left 38 separate and distinct sets of boot prints at the crime scene. Only one neo-nazi has ever been convicted for the crime. This is the rule of law Beinart harkens unto.

I have been to probably close to 1000 anti-fascist actions, protests and events. I stopped counting at 500 in 2001. I have been to them in big cities and small towns in 19 states. I've been there alongside small town activists who are fighting Klansmen because the latter's stated intention is to gas them, their children and put their corpses in an oven. Beinart is correct when he says "Antifascists call such actions defensive." We are defending our lives and our homes in our own communities against people who have clear, uncompromising, and clearly announced intentions of actual genocide, and whose intellectual forebearers carried out actual genocide. My ancestors fought in the war against that as infantry. Military service has always been a quicker path to citizenship for immigrants.

If Beinart wanted to discuss or even examine the nuance that is the three way fight between the repressive forces of the state, the fascists, and anti-fascists defending their actual communities, he could have looked no further than his primary geographic focus, which was Portland. While adorning his article with a masked protestor burning a "blue lives matter" flag which the fascists were flying, he failed to mention the documented fascists in executive positions in the Portland Police Department. Captain Kruger, recently in charge of the vice squad, has been documented pepper spraying reporters, beating protestors, spray painting nazi graffiti, playing hitler speeches in his patrol car as a sergeant, and placing memorial plaques to fallen SS soldiers on public property. Attempts to discipline him have resulted in his winning lawsuits.

I have only referenced some history, and there is so much more, as Beinart noted in his opening paragraphs: "Since 1907, Portland, Oregon, has hosted an annual Rose Festival. Since 2007, the festival had included a parade down 82nd Avenue. Since 2013, the Republican Party of

Multnomah County, which includes Portland, had taken part." The fascists are in the middle of a wholesale takeover of the Republican Party. Steve Bannon's booze-swollen face is seen staring dizzily around the White House every day. The Right Wing Christian Secretary of Education's brother is trying to craft war policy and owns the largest private army in the world. Somehow historical context in the present tense eludes Beinart.

Beinart notes that anti-fascism has a long history as well. "Antifa traces its roots to the 1920s and '30s, when militant leftists battled fascists in the streets of Germany, Italy, and Spain." Anti-fascists did not battle in the streets of Spain. That was a full-scale civil war. It lasted three years. More than half a million died. More than half a million people fled. Nearly a quarter of a million people were executed by garrote in the 40 year dictatorship that followed. Picasso painted one of his most famous paintings depicting the terror of nazis bombing civilians in Guernica, in the Basque country.

This was not a street brawl. Americans went there to fight fascists, along with people from 45 other countries. Some of the greatest writers of the interwar years, like George Orwell and Ernest Hemingway were there. Orwell was shot and wounded in the neck while fighting in the trenches. Atlantic Editor Beinart would have known that if he had been awake in his High School English class.

The clear purpose, other than factually misleading the reader, was to create a moral equivalency between an exterminationist political movement and the grassroots organizations of community self-defense. He goes so far as to suggest that hate crimes are caused by fascists being denied their right to organize for genocide.

"When antifascists forced the cancellation of the 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade, Trump supporters responded with a "March for Free Speech," he says. "Among those who attended was Jeremy Christian, a burly ex-con draped in an American flag, who uttered racial slurs and made Nazi salutes. A few weeks later, on May 25, a man believed to be Christian was filmed calling antifa 'a bunch of punk bitches.'

"The next day, Christian boarded a light-rail train and began yelling that 'colored people' were ruining the city. He fixed his attention on two teenage girls, one African American and the other wearing a hijab, and told them 'to go back to Saudi Arabia' or 'kill themselves.' As the girls retreated to the back of the train, three men interposed themselves between Christian and his targets. 'Please,' one said, 'get off this train.' Christian stabbed all three. One bled to death on the train. One was declared dead at a local hospital. One survived. The cycle continued."

This is where he ignored George Orwell's plea at the end of his *Politics and the English Language*, "Break any of these rules sooner than say anything outright barbarous." Perhaps this is what allows him to barbarously equate a man who gives nazi salutes and stabs people with the very people he stabbed and the people who put themselves in danger to keep him from building or joining an army to commit more racist murder. Beinart calls it a "cycle," as though self-defense begets racist murder committed on public transit in broad daylight.

The actual context of the editorial was to announce an a new management course change to the center-right. Other publications were clearly signaled. *The Nation* was chastised for a lukewarm article it published on the same topic. What it really said was, "This is the new establishment line: law and order" Despite racists in the police forces, despite open murder on the streets, the legitimate monopoly of violence will fall on those that dare defend themselves. This is the beltway establishment's threatening boundaries signal on what is to be tolerated within the political class: "And how the rest of the activist left responds will help define its moral character in the Trump age."

Organized White Racist Threats Increase in So Cal

From San Diego to Santa Monica, from Huntington Beach to Huntington Park, organized white supremacist harassment, threats and violence are on a drastic upsurge around southern California in recent months. Thankfully, there has also been a significant increase in opposition and counter-organizing.

A significant manifestation of this new reality came in Orange County. A few months ago, on the same day as the Anarchist Book Fair in Anaheim, a small contingent of antifa and a few other anti-racists held a counter-demonstration near Bolsa Chica State Beach in response to a “MAGA” (Make America Great Again) march called by supporters of Donald Trump to celebrate his victory and call for construction of a wall along the US-Mexico border. A few dozen of us, some masked, held placards and banners as the rally began to form, getting catcalls and threats. We were vastly outnumbered by the MAGA crowd of almost 2000, which included a number of Proud Boys and other more explicit racists, some of whom came with brass knuckles and knives, clearly looking for someone to attack. In a scuffle that broke out, one counter-demonstrator used pepper spray to defend others being attacked.

But a few months later, it was the opposite story in nearby Laguna Beach. In response to provocative call for a white power, anti-immigrant rally shortly after Charlottesville, 2500 anti-racist demonstrators showed up in response to a call from the OC Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), far out-numbering the handful of racists and anti-immigrant protesters, fewer than 50 who rallied briefly with large scale police protection.

Similarly, in San Diego over the Labor Day weekend, a threat to fabled Chicano Park and its murals by white racists was met with a large turnout of Chican@/Mexican@s, called by Union del Barrio, along with many Black allies, and activists from a local antifa group and from Redneck revolt. Only about a half-dozen racists showed their faces, while hundreds of community residents made it clear they were unwelcome, and a community defense patrol was set up to make sure they did not return to vandalize the park.

In Santa Monica on September 10, white nationalists have threatened to return for a third straight month to harass and disrupt the Committee for Racial Justice, a multi-racial community group of concerned parents at Santa Monica High School and others, which, along with the Church in Ocean Park, has been sponsoring a monthly educational forum and community forum about racism for many years, since some racist incidents at the high school. In July, four to six white nationalists showed up, some in bandanas, and two from “Red Elephants,” a pro-GOP group who cause provocations with liberals and livestream the resulting confrontations. Sitting in the audience, they interrupted the presentation about dealing with white privilege with catcalls and racist and anti-Semitic slurs. In August, 30 or more white racists showed up, including some national figures, banging on doors when they were refused admission because of the previous month’s disruption, and facing off with Black, Brown and white neighborhood residents and others who had come out to defend the CRJ. The CRJ has trained their members and supporters for non-violence in response to this but is calling for community supporters to come out in case the white power advocates make good on their threat to return and prevent the monthly meeting.

White power disrupters have also been showing up for several months at city council meetings in Cudahy, Huntington Park, and possibly other heavily Chicano/Mexicano and immigrant cities in south east LA. Racists were mostly no-shows at two proposed rallies in northern CA, one in San Francisco and the other in Berkeley, but thousands of anti-racists showed up just in case. Antifa, masked up, were warmly welcomed by other demonstrators in Berkeley despite efforts by the state



In Santa Monica on Sunday August 6, 2017



In Charlottesville on Friday August 11, 2017

to paint them as “terrorists.”

Despite the widespread condemnations of Trump’s embrace of the white supremacists and neo-Confederates in Charlottesville, it is the antifa who are facing designation as domestic terrorists by federal authorities. The “liberal” mayor of Berkeley is calling for something similar, and the state of CA is considering classifying “violent extremists”, including antifa as well as possibly some racist groups, as “street gangs,” who would be subject thereby to enhanced criminal penalties, gang injunctions and court orders prohibiting them from gathering or associating with each other. The liberals who’ve been loudly defending the free speech of fascists and condemning antifa haven’t had much to say about this except for a couple of “I told you so”s, as if antifa are also to blame for increased repression.

Mutual aid is Anti-Fascism

from “Gonzo Notes”

Recently I heard from a reporter writing an article for a major mainstream newspaper who wanted to talk with antifascists. After checking out his Twitter, I decided to give him a shot. We spent about an hour talking about my work with Oh Shit! What Now? an anti-fascist anti-capitalist educational collective that’s hosted everything from computer security classes to discussions of education reform. I stressed the everyday nature of real anti-fascist organizing, and emphasized that all of us are involved in other social justice causes.

When the article came out — actually an opinion piece, it turned out — it was a horror-show of predictable hot takes about antifa that ignored nearly everything I told him, and most of the other constructive work being done by antifascists around the country.

The piece erased all the women, queers, and non-binary folks I work with every day in my anti-fascist work by suggesting that “hyper-masculine” violence was the main focus of antifa. And he insisted that antifa is completely a spasm of reaction to right wing violence, that there was nothing constructive about it. And worst of all, we just refuse to listen to Grandpa Noam when he tells us to settle down and talk it out with nazis.

At least the article didn’t directly conflate antifa with nazis, though he did skirt awfully close to blaming antifa for the violence of the fascists. Happily, neither my name nor that of my collective were quoted.

I’m still frustrated by the piece, and all the other garbage takes on antifascism flooding the slightly center-left media right now. One meme that’s grown especially pernicious recently is the idea that antifa are merely destructive forces, and that we’re off somewhere setting fire to trash cans as the world itself burns — or in this case floods. But I’m openly antifa, I’m heavily involved in organizing community relief efforts for Harvey and the Houston floods, and I’m far from alone.

My community relief work is happening via Austin Common Ground Relief, inspired by and named with the permission of members of Common Ground Relief, the community aid collective that arose after Hurricane



Houston is the fastest-growing, youngest & most diverse big city in the US, though you might not know from KPFT, the Pacifica radio station where the Black general manager was just fired. LA Times photo of Houston teens.

Katrina. Common Ground was founded after Katrina by anarchists & radicals — also openly anti-fascist — like Malik Rahim, Scott Crow & Lisa Fithian.

Actually though, this is normal. If you look at almost any popular grassroots movement, from the #J20 protests all the way back to Occupy, you’ll find radicals at the heart. We’re experienced organizers. We’re dedicated. We know how to move people and motivate people. We care. So we help out. Every single antifa I know is involved in a host of social justice & radical equality issues. We’re not just in masks fighting nazis.

For most antifa today, fighting nazis tends to come out of, and as a consequence of, our other work as activists and organizers. Many of us become anti-fascist because we see it as the best way to defend the communities we support in our “regular” activism.

So this popular idea that antifa are just picking fights and ignoring the relief efforts is flat wrong and propaganda. Most of the people I know organizing to fight white supremacy, like myself, spent the weekend organizing Harvey relief. And Harvey relief is anti-fascism in the long view. We’re helping people, connecting people, and showing them alternatives.

One major factor giving rise to fascism is isolation and desperation, which makes folks vulnerable to nazi recruitment. Antifa & radicals like me know that after Harvey we can both save lives and show that mutual aid is stronger than fascism and capitalism. Even the state admits there is too much work for the social safety net to handle. Now is our chance to show what humans are

capable of working together.

Even though we’re not wearing our masks, antifa in Texas are in the streets, saving lives, feeding folks and organizing. “It’s up to everybody to fight. If you want to live here, you have to stand up for yourself.” — Liam Shea (Rest In Power), from 2014 Interview about Hurricane Sandy (NY/NJ)

Gonzo Action Tips

Donate locally after disasters, instead of giving to massive NGOs like the Red Cross.

Community supported aid can go directly to the people who need it most, bypassing overhead and red tape. While there’s a place for the emergency shelters these organizations provide (however ineptly they may do it at times), there’s no shortage of millions pouring into the Red Cross right now.

Meanwhile, your \$50 given to a local org would be an amazing grocery gift card, perhaps ending up in the hands of an undocumented person whose family is starving, but who is afraid to approach the normal shelters. To help with Hurricane Harvey, check out “Hurricane Harvey: How to Help” from Traitor Radio <https://www.patreon.com/posts/hurricane-harvey-14076152>, this thread on radical and autonomous relief efforts from Texas NLG <https://twitter.com/UTNLG/status/902013807786110978>, and this fabulous thread on Houston organizations helping after the flooding by Jia Tolentino: <https://twitter.com/jiatolentino/status/901851531577884674>. [Ed: Also see p. 4 here.]

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