The fascist movement which collaborated with the Croatian Catholic Church, claiming that the grouping was not political, but simply a Mass that aims to "remember the dead". In Poland, where I visited with anti-fascists at a squat in Warsaw, I learned that the mainstreaming and embrace of neo-Nazi imagery was not new. The neo-Nazis’ march on Nov. 11, Polish National Day (anniversary of the end of World War I when Poland again became independent). That year, several hundred neo-Nazis peeled away from the main group and physically attacked one of the autonomous movement’s squats in the city; although the squatters and supporters were able to fend off the attack, it was from a clearly defensive position. The 1945. The fascist movement which collaborated with the Communion and for Counterterrorism) in May of this year. The bureau had released, supposedly accidentally, an economic necessity has dictated that we commit to four 8-page issues a year. Last year, we put out 6 issues; this year we will publish 5 times. To restore regular bi-monthly publication, we have

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A Spectre is Haunting Europe by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action-LA/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART)*

The spectre is not fundamentally but a resurgence, zombie neo-fascist racial nationalist populism. I visited Sweden, Poland and Germany this summer and became more aware of troubling developments in all three countries, indicative of the growth of right forces, rooted in old fascist elements in northern and western as well as eastern Europe. You can come and learn more about anti-fascism in Europe from our Ted Talk at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/244393>

Anti-fascists in Stockholm told me that although their movement was still strong and there was substantial, broad opposition to the neo-Nazis, they had succeeded in moving away from demonstrative street actions and confrontations and into the electoral arena over several years. Shortly after my visit, the far-right Swedish neo-Nazis, with neo-Nazis who have promised to form a government with the support of the nationalist party, became the third largest party in the elections, with 17.6% of the vote (up by about 5% from the last election but short of the 20% of the total vote that had been predicted).

Although there was much greater diversity in Sweden, approximately 8 years ago religious groups formed a ruling center-left coalition, led by the Social Democrats, who paved the way for the election outcome through a decade of neo-liberal privatization policies and recent efforts to combat immigrant sentiment. The Social Democrats came in first, but their coalition, including the Greens and the Left, barely led a mainstream center-right coalition, and the outcome of the deadlock is unclear. Jimmie Akesson, leader of the far-right Sweden Democrats (a misnomer) portrayed himself as a kingmaker. “We see that we are this election’s winner, but now we enter a new phase and many of our ideas are about to get influence into Swedish political reality.”

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Over its 30-year publishing history, *TTT* has been published in magazine format, as a 24-page tabloid, and from time to time on a bi-monthly basis, six issues. For the last few years, economic necessity has dictated that we commit to four 8-page issues a year. Last year, we put out 6 issues; this year we will publish 5 times. To restore regular bi-monthly publication, we have launched a fund-raising campaign we’ve dubbed “100X100.”

We are looking for one hundred people who will donate $100 a year, or $500, to make it possible to send out 100 copies of each issue to prisoners. You can donate online at <http://gofundme.com/eugzgg>, via PayPal to anti-racism, or by check to Anti-Racist Action. Donors get a personalized thank-you note with their address on the cover of the issue and their name in the masthead of *Turning the Tide*. Donors also get a gift, a T-shirt or a signed copy of the book *Taking the Tide More frequently*. If you can’t donate yourself, please help spread the campaign via your social media, to your friends via Twitter, and to your email. Everything helps.

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Marek’s welding on the cell to keep it secure pending the investigation can still be seen. Since I’ve been here, two prisoners have died from overdoses.

In particular, on August 28, 2019, around 2:00 am, I watched a black prisoner convalesce, foam and jitter while strapped to a gurney being moved from 4 Building to the infirmary by medical staff who responded with less than the required urgency to collect an overdose victim. This doesn’t happen; medical staff slowly pushing a gurney to grab another overdose victim. The two may not have died, but they certainly overdosed. From what I hear, many prisoners have died throughout the years.

During my stay at Ramsey, Nov 3, 2017: Feb 21, 2018, three prisoners died from K2 overdoses – one died the day he was leaving the prison to go home. The number of mild overdoses is astounding. On average, at least one a day visited the infirmary here.

Within the nucleus of this epidemic, the symptoms of K2 and the drug itself have been given names that are common to staff and prisoners. Tune, toochie, two, gas, and droopdead are names given to the drug; tune attack, tuned out, and episode are names given to one whose behavior becomes bizarre, or they “get stuck” and stare into space. Zombie-looking prisoners can be seen slugging around everywhere.

The rolled-up joint itself isn’t traditional-looking at all. Due to K2 having such a powerful impact on the mind and body, small toothpick-size “sticks” are rolled and smoked by up to three people. I’ve seen a person take three puffs then instantly pass out within a minute, stick burning in hand. Guards have a routine of having others place an overdosed prisoner in his cell without calling medical staff, so many overdoses, and their harm to an individual’s brain, are going unreported.

One guard, Sergeant Garland, is notorious for her indifference to overdosed prisoners. In one instance, she wrote a disciplinary case on a prisoner for not going to work. She recognized him too high to function, and commented that she knew, but failed to seek him medical care.

At my first encounter with a “tune attack” occurred in June 2018, a prisoner sitting next to me on the dayroom bench had just taken a few puffs; within three minutes, he began clawing at his chest, all the way down to his ankle. It seemed like he thought his heart had left its original spot and come down his leg.

During my stay at the Clemens Unit, a rumor spread in 2017 that a prisoner had a tune attack, screamed “I believe I can fly,” then leaped to his death from the 3rd tier. On Jan 19, 2018 at the Ramsey unit, multiple prisoners told me that Alfred Brosig had just smoked a stick before strangling Kenneth W. Johnson to death and then shooting himself. This was a case where friends of Johnson spent time trying to wake the sleeping guard up.

Medical staff often joke about how the OD’ed prisoner behaved when they respond to a call. Despite the dangers of this drug, the Teford Uniform administration has provided poor oversight on containing the drug, or preventing it from entering the prison. In Telford, there is no interest in implementing a counter, or increasing the amount of scrutiny guards receive when entering the prison. Burnt wicks, partially smoked sticks, and the smell of smoke lingers on the stairwell, in the doorways, and out in hallway.

Ranking staff see obvious paraphernalia and simply sweep it over. Evidence disclosed by us believe these officials are turning a blind eye to maintain a dormant environment, even at the cost of self-inflicted death. This is state-sponsored genocide!

What we as prisoners need to realize is that this is a staged epidemic that’s designed to stunt our consciousness, growth, and ability to be productive members of society upon our release. Bringing awareness to this is the right thing to do; it’s sabotaging our culture and killing us off. Guards get rich, we die!

Between 2016-2017, nearly 60,000 grams of K2 were confiscated in Texas at a cost of $5,867. The Department of Corrections has issues with K2-related deaths, as the current prison system in the US, there’s no telling how much has been smuggled in here.

In the January 2016 issue of the San Francisco Bayview, Comrade Shaka Shakur hit the nail on the head in his piece, “They say the police said I was a snitch, but what does that make you?” when he explored the perils of institutional snitching. In my opinion, snitching is part of the prison system.

In both prisons, guards with powers to push prisoners to the masses is no different than a police informing fellow inmates in the lobby that the gangster from the FBI to help them frame a drug ring. If someone happened to threaten the guard’s job, he would frame the person with the guards say that his “stick” had been laced with a K2 component and killed, or given trumped-up felony charges? If exposing guards using K2 to kill us is the right thing to do, then they don’t know what that makes them.

Dare to struggle, dare to win! All power to the people! Jason Renard Walker #1532092

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2 Sarah Blaskey, This drug is turning Florida inmates into “zombies”. It’s fueling a record death toll: https://www.miamiherald.com/news/special-report/florida-

3 Jason Walker, Murder at the Ramsey Unit, Texas: https://itsgoingdown.org/murder-ramsey-unit-texas-prison-administrations-repression-whistle-blowers

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6 SNCC: http://sfbayview.


8 K2 is a synthetic cannabinoid that is unique, and can cause hallucinations, seizures, heart attacks, aggressive behavior, and suicidal acts.

9 It’s supposed to trigger the same receptors in the brain as THC – the component in marijuana that produces a high.

10 There are a lot of unknowns. “They are very powerful drugs. The effects are very unique, and they are very dangerous because there are a lot of unknowns.” The National Coordinator for Environmental Health, stated that dozens of chemical compounds are used as synthetic cannabinoids, and their unknown characteristics make them dangerous. “They are very dangerous because there are a lot of unknowns.”

11 The CDC studies also suggest this drug is highly addictive.

12 Blaskey’s “Mami Herald” report gave a peek into the perils of K2 use in prison. “Last year, at Franklin Correctional Institution, Eugene Martin fell forward and sprained his ankle. He initially tried to stand up, but then suddenly collapsed and fell. He was taken to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a sprained ankle. However, his condition did not improve, and he was eventually pronounced dead. The cause of his death was determined to be K2 overdose. Thecorrectional institution’s medical examiner stated that the cause of death was a drug overdose, specifically from K2. The medical examiner also stated that the deceased had been using K2 in the days leading up to his death. The medical examiner concluded that the cause of death was due to the effects of K2 overdose.

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The National Prisoner Strike is Over.
Now is the time that prisoner strikers are most in danger and need solidarity more than ever.

by Heather Ann Thompson
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Over the last few weeks men and women across the US – and as far away as Nova Scotia, Canada – have protested to demand humane treatment for the incarcerated.

In 2016, when prisoners engaged in similar hunger strikes, sit-ins, and work stoppages, their actions barely registered with the national media. As someone who regularly writes about the history of prisoner protests and prison conditions today, this lack of interest was striking.

This time around, though, prisoner demands to improve the conditions of confinement have captured the attention of reporters everywhere. Coverage can be found in such major newspapers as the Washington Post and the New York Times. Popular magazines such as GQ and Teen Vogue have also published pieces. All seem to sense that US prisons may well be descending into crisis, so perhaps it is time to start paying attention.

That our institutions of confinement are in a state of emergency is, in fact, not new. Prisoners tried to tell us this when they erupted in 2016. It was perhaps still possible to imagine that the abuses they suffered might be addressed by a seemingly robust bipartisan criminal justice reform effort in D.C.

Today, however, with Donald Trump in the White House and Jeff Sessions heading the DOJ, it’s harder to conjure up such optimism. News of seven horrific prisoner deaths at Lee Correctional Facility in South Carolina last April made it quite clear that corrections officials are still failing to ensure prisoner safety and haven’t made the conditions inside their institutions any less brutal. This time, with politicians so noticeably less vocal about this vital issue, prisoners alone are calling the public to action.

That their determination to be heard is finally striking a chord, is good news for our nation.

Our responsibility
Prisons and detention centers exist and claim to operate in the name of the public good. People want to believe that the people who make our society safer by upholding the rule of law.

Yet, as those locked up keep telling us in painful graphic detail, these places are barbaric. They do far more harm than good. These are places where men, women and children are placed in solitary confinement for periods considered torture by medical experts; where human beings are fed too little, denied access to basic medical care, and are raped, abused and even killed.

Children behind bars are increasingly isolated from their parents, and parents behind bars find it almost impossible to connect with their kids, thanks to companies who charge usurious rates for calls, and push unwanted services such as video visits.

These myriad abuses take place in taxpayer-funded institutions, and can happen because the public is utterly shut out.

So, it’s indeed positive that the media is finally shining light on what prisoners need in order to survive their time. They need “immediate improvements to conditions, and prison policies that recognize the humanity of imprisoned men and women,” an end to prison slavery as well as real rehabilitation programs.

Prisoners want to end to severe racial discrimination evident in our nation’s policing practices, laws and sentencing guidelines. They are calling for the rescinding of 1996’s Prison Litigation Reform Act, which has made it difficult for prisoners to seek legal help.

But what happens next is also critical. It is when the headlines fade, and prisoners once again slip from the public’s consciousness that prisoners are in the most jeopardy.

Consider the brutal aftermath of the Attica Prison Uprising in 1971, when nearly 1,300 men took over that facility in upstate NY to call attention to the inhumane conditions inside. As the state moved in to retake the facility, state troopers shot 128 men and killed 39 – prisoners and hostages alike. Countless other men were then tortured.

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It’s the responsibility of anyone who has voted for prison construction to know what happens in those institutions, particularly since this country has locked up more people in the last 40 years than ever before in its history – more than any other country. We must pay attention to which companies benefit from such a harsh criminal justice system, and recognize the devastating price certain communities have paid for that same system to exist. Because it ensures so many of our most vulnerable citizens, we must insist that those inside be treated lawfully and humanely.

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The land that has provided an education of our past, an understanding of our present, hope for the future and so much more for the Mexican people is once again under attack by the state and those who put personal financial gain over the liberation of the Mexican people. An entity of the government called the ‘Porros’ (semi-fascist shock groups) is attempting to once again steal the land away from the Mexican people by claiming that they have more right to develop that land than those that have been its faithful stewards for nearly 30 years.

The future of the Tierra Amarilla Youth programs have never been at such risk for destruction by the state as they are right now. As you know, Al Frente de Lucha will not stand by and let the ‘Porros’ (named. Revealing the corruption and brutality of the state is trying to reduce.

The movement’s demands have now been expanded elsewhere in this issue. If you live in L.A. or nearby, we can come to house meetings to speak do so. If you work with an info shop or other zine or record distro, please consider ordering a bundle of TTT to distribute; $5 will get you 20 copies. And check out our 100X100 campaign elsewhere in this issue. If you live in L.A. or nearby, we can come to house meetings to speak and collect donations for the paper. Email anticracstaction_la@yahoo.com

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Student Protests Sweep Mexico

New waves of student protest have been erupting in the universities and colleges of Mexico City. Students in all the major universities in the capital have come out en masse in solidarity after 14 students at UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico) were injured by porros (semi-fascist shock groups) earlier this month.

The protesters have called for the attackers to be brought to justice and are now making a stand against societal violence and the insecurity of daily life. On September 3, students organizing in support of teachers’ protests about low wages, were set upon by porros, leaving 14 injured. The victims belonged to the Science and Humanities Faculty of UNAM, which is the largest university in the country. After the attack, there were immediate solidarity protests from the other major universities in the capital: IPN and UAM.

On September 5, the main campus of UNAM was inundated with 40-100,000 students calling for justice and for authorities to reveal the masterminds behind the attack, who are suspected to be the university executives and the right-wing political parties who influence them. The protesters have been identified after intense popular pressure, but the puppet-masters remain unnamed. Revealing the corruption and brutality of the university bosses would escalate the rising tension the state is trying to reduce.

Porros are paid by the university executives to squash any form of student organization. They are reactionary students who have historically been used to break up strikes and protests by beating up protesters or vandalizing campus facilities in order to intimidate students and create an image of delinquency to discredit the movement as a whole.

They were used heavily in the 1980s as a counterinsurgency force by the PRI government. PRI is fused with the state apparatus due to its decades of dominance in Mexican politics. In return, the porros enjoy immunity and certain benefits in university such as free subscription to courses and preferential treatment. Protests have continued to grow as more universities and colleges in Mexico City and the surrounding regions have come out in support. Following the traditions of the student movement in 1968, students organized themselves in Protest Committees across various institutions, which have scored many historic victories against the porros in the past but have not succeeded in eradicating their presence on campus.

Now students have revived the legacy of 1968 by forming an inter-university assembly to coordinate the Committees and agree on their demands and goals. 50 representatives from all institutions met on September 5 to plan student strikes of 24, 48 and 72 hours. The Assembly is calling for better pay for professors, improved teaching facilities to cope with the overcrowding of classrooms, free democratic elections of university directors and other executive positions, and an end to violence.

Reassentment against the system

The size of the protests and the speed with which they have spread reflect the deep resentment that has built up over years amongst the youth towards the capitalist system. The porros are not the main problem but have become a point of expression that has unleashed the accumulated anger on campus.

In the capital and across the country, the youth constantly feel on edge. The National Institution of Statistics (INEGI) reports that 76.8 percent of 18-year-olds nationally feel unsafe in their city. Women are violated and murdered on their way home from work on a horrifying scale. From January-July this year there were 387 reported cases nationwide of feminicidios (female homicides).

Add to this the decline in general living conditions. Mexico suffers from an increasing global trend of poverty and under-employment. While the government celebrates annual reductions in unemployment figures, 49m workers fail to cover their basic needs with their earnings. The average cost of living for a student in Mexico City is 14,350 pesos per month set against average household income of a paltry 13,239 pesos. Now the students are saying: enough is enough!

The movement’s demands have now been expanded to resist the debilitating violence that workers and youth suffer on a daily basis. Violence is a tool by the state to hamstring the student movement and cause people to live in fear. However, violence is a sign of a weak state threatened by the power of the masses.

Students, teachers and volunteers at the Tierra Amarilla Youth Leadership Training Institute on liberated land in New Mexico, organized by Al Frente de Lucha.
Here is a round up from the TORCH Anti-Netw work of actions that took place across the country and around the world in solidarity with Dan Shersty and Lin Spit Newborn, the two Las Vegas Anti-Racist Action members murdered 20 years ago by neo-Nazis.

Comrades in Charleston started things off with a release of contact information exposing organizers of Unite The Right 2.0, which was scheduled to take place August 12, 2018 in Washington D.C.

In Richmond, VA, Anti-fascists handed out memorial flyers and speakers to spread the word about Dan and Spit in their local community. Later that night they unveiled a solidarity banner complete with fireworks to celebrate the #FuckTheFourth day of action. And of course an obligatory flag burn from some other friends.

Anti-fascists in Portland OR honored Dan and Spit with an impressive banner drop and messages of solidarity across the city.

Comrades from the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement in NYC put up graffiti in solidarity with the call to action. “On this 20th anniversary of the murders of ARA comrades DanAndSpit by fascists, we want to tribute these fallen fighters. Honor the dead and fight like hell for the living. #NeverForget #SmashTheFash

In Las Vegas, Nevada, comrades launched the day of action down under with a powerful mural commemorating Dan and Spit, and submitted a picture of it to It’s Going Down.

Anti-fascists in Sacramento put up a banner in honor of Dan and Spit, and anti-racist activists lifted up their names while taking to the streets for an anti-4th of July party that included an action at the local ICE building and a loud noise demo at the county jail. Actions took place in San Diego and L.A. as well. Seattle and Bloomington IN also held commemorations.

Lexington ARA created a write up for the day of action, posted at https://It’sGoingDown

Remember Lin Newborn and Dan Shersty:
Anti-fascists Murdered By Nazis
July 4, 2018 marks 20 years since Las Vegas anti-racists Lin “Spit” Newborn and Dan Shersty were entrapped and shot to death by neo-Nazis outside Las Vegas. Lin was 24, and Dan was 20.

Although they might have seemed like a clash of identities—Lin being a black skinhead singer-songwriter working at a local body-piercing shop, and Dan having served at Nellis Air Force Base to pay for his tuition, the two met and instantly formed a close friendship. They found affinity in piercings, ska, punk rock and opposing the racist creeps that threatened them, their communities and the city they lived in.

Both regulars and known best friends in the music scene of Las Vegas, they were vocal about their opposition to the bigotry in the spaces they frequented and the uptick in Nazi bonehead crews in Las Vegas. Lin had started a “nazi terminator skins” crew to counter Nazi recruitment in the skinhead scene, while Dan had worked closely with Lin to form the Las Vegas Anti-Racist Action (ARA) chapter which distributed anti-fascist literature, staged demonstrations and confronted out and loud the white supremacist presence in the city.

Being the visible agitators for anti-fascist resistance at that time in Las Vegas proves to be dangerous for the two, and costly. Lin’s house was shot at in response to speeches he had given at past demonstrations, Dan’s car was broken into with his anti-racist pamphlets torn up, and the two had received dozens of threatening calls during this period. The two stuck it out with their sizable chapter having their back. Dan once said that “the gamble’s part of the fun.”

On the night of July third, Dan and Lin were driving to what they thought was a Fourth of July party with two girls from Lin’s body-piercing shop. When they arrived, the two were confronted by three nazis who were specifically out for Lin. The two were shot multiple times while trying to flee into the desert. Dan was found on the morning of July fourth; when the same nazis who had shot them came back to clean up evidence. Lin was found on July sixth during a police investigation.

The murderers and their accomplices were eventually arrested and sentenced one by one over the span of ten years. Since then, anti-racists in Las Vegas and cities everywhere have told the story of Dan and Lin, a sobering reminder of what the nazis are willing to do when their trash is tolerated no longer; when unity and friendship steps up and fights back against efforts to oppress and take over.

Racist, white supremacist violence won’t stop until we build the capacity to defend ourselves in throwing off racism, fascism and all forms of domination. Remember Dan and Spit! — Lexington ARA (@LexingtonARA) July 5, 2018

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the day of action in remembrance of Dan and Spit. Our comrades may be gone, but they will never be forgotten. We will keep up the fight against white supremacy and oppression with their memory in our hearts!

Autonomous Vehicle Technology Transforming Capitalist Workforce & State Surveillance

Self-driving vehicles are coming, rapidly, and the technology will transform the economy. As the job market, the military, and through other related applications, the total surveillance state that will seek to maintain control over society during those enormous transformations.

In addition to the obvious targets of Uber and Lyft drivers, predictions at a recent industry conference on “Autonomous Vehicles” centered on long-distance delivery trucking. 48% of the cost of shipping is labor, and eliminating drivers will boost profits dramatically, even show across, as well as allowing for “tandem operation” of 4-5 trucks in a row, resulting in huge fuel cost savings for the trailing trucks. Robotic vehicles are required for the maneuver. In addition, the US military, which has been pushing for drones and other military robotics both because of the unreliability of human soldiers, sailors and pilots, and because of anticipated conflict with China, which has a huge numerical troop advantage, is betting heavily on self-driving tanks.

Speakers at the industry conference included Dr. Robert Sadowski, Chief Robotician, and Paul Rogers the Robotics Division at General Motors. The next conference on Autonomous Vehicles is scheduled for February 25-27, 2019 in Silicon Valley.

As Marx predicted, capitalism is constantly required to increase the “organic composition of capital” through automation that reduces the need for human labor and human sentiment in labor processes. Just as Walmart and China are moving towards totally robot warehouses, where goods are sorted and packaged for shipment untouched by human hands, shippers and truckers are moving to eliminate unionized longshore workers, teamsters and troopers with containers and self-driving trucks. This reflects the deepening crisis of capitalism, where even the sweetened “contractors” and gig economy “self-employed” can’t provide enough profits.

But the technology involved with sensing the road has many other applications, particularly for border control and other aspects of surveillance. Quanergy has been testing its sensors for the US Border Patrol and ICE. Being tested in Del Rio, they can capture activity across 360 degrees and a distance of about 100 meters. The software can automatically pinpoint people moving past and alert border agents. Lined up in large numbers and paired with cameras that snap images when movement is detected, producing a three-dimensional representation, these sensors could provide a detailed picture of border activity and help agents organize their activities. Quanergy has tested its sensors using solar panels, which eliminate the need for power lines. But for effective use along most parts of the border, authorities would have to install new fiber lines or cell towers to make the data captured available in real time.

Anduril, founded by Palmer Luckey, who built the virtual reality company Oculus and sold it to Facebook for $2 billion in 2014, is testing technology in the Rio Grande Valley that uses digital cameras and artificial intelligence to track people coming across the border. Luckey was forced out of Facebook in 2016 after it came out that he supported a political action group spreading anti-Hillary memes. Tree Stephens, who co-founded Anduril with Mr. Luckey, discounted Luckey’s history of political provocation when the Times asked him about it in an interview. “It is a national security company,” he said.

Cognite is another Silicon Valley start-up, offering technology for identifying people and objects in camera images. They are exploring similar border security applications, but given the interest police departments have in facial recognition analysis of body-worn and other cameras, license plate readers and other visual surveillance, including by drones, they are likely to find a ready market in other law enforcement agencies absorbing counter-insurgency policing as their 21st Century mission. General Electric is piloting “smart streetlights” in Columbus OH that incorporate microphones, cameras and cell-phone capture technology, and the self-driving sensors will no doubt find application in controlling such surveillance.
The Fall of Empire

[Col. Writ. 9/7/18 (c)18 Mumia Abu-Jamal]

Imagine living in almost any country in the world, except the United States.

Imagine looking at news accounts reporting on the US presidency for the last 2 years. Imagine what millions of people think of the current president, and through him, the American people. Try to imagine how they could see both as anything other than mad.

America looks and sounds like a nation in the throes of madness. Lod, abrasive, offensive, addicted to name-calling and an air of mean, how could they seem otherwise?

Threatening war one day, loving and praising dictators the next, how can the US Empire seem anything other than schizophrenic? It looks like a circus act; like a clown juggling atom bombs.

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Editor’s note: The Trump administration has had a clear negative impact on migrants, prisoners, militarized policing, communities of color and poor people generally, on the promotion of misogyny and white supremacy, and on the electoral arena. The political and economic crisis “has not alleviated homelessness or real un- and under-employment, and has only increased economic inequality. This has implications for the ‘middle-term’ elections as pivotal, and to direct their efforts towards the election of Democrats, disregarding the lessons of the past.

Two different alliances, one “progressive” and more wedded to the Democrats, the other called “socialist”, has both been fighting in and outside the Democratic Party. Unlike them, we think the Democratic Party continues to be the graveyard of popular movements, and that the electoral arena is unworkable, a spectacle designed to obtain “the consent of the governed” to continue to live under capitalism and Empire.

But we’re reprinting excerpts from their statements here, because in their liquidation of any expressed opposition to colonialism; to police terror, mass incarceration and the total surveillance state; or to US military aggression in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia, they demonstrate the illusory identification with the empire that leads them to see the Democratic Party as in any way a vehicle towards liberation.

The question before us is how to advance the anti-colonial, anti-capitalist politics and solutions that will strengthen the “outside” movements. These “extra-parliamentary” movements are the only way to undermine and delegitimize the system that generates genocide, war and environmental devastation no matter which capitalist party is in power.

Left Unity Campaign Path For Organizational Coordination

Capacity Building


On May 23, the Left Inside/Outside Project hosted a call that featured Progressive Democrats of America (PDA), Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS), Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Committees of Resistance (FRSO), and LeftRoots. The call focused on these organizations’ approaches to electoral politics. It provided an opportunity to explore potential for electoral alignment among the organizations.

The Inside/Outside project anticipates scheduling additional calls to discuss the strategy of building power inside and outside electoral politics, and inside and outside the Democratic Party.

Although there are significant differences among (and within) the organizations, our guests see electoral politics as crucial for the left to engage in. While electoral politics has its limitations, it presents huge opportunities, which the representatives of these organizations demonstrated, including a path to governing. In the US today, where the fight against the right again must utilize all methods, it’s also a necessity.

The call was moderated by Rishi Awatramani of LeftRoots. Speakers included Sendole Diaminah of FRSO, Rossana Cambroon of CPUSA, Christian Bowe of DSA, Maria of LeftRoots and Janet Tucker of CCDS.

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Our Revolution and Progressive Democrats of America Announce

Strategic Partnership

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“Our Revolution looks forward to our continued work and partnership with PDA,” said Our Revolution President Nina Turner. “Before Sen. Sanders’ historic presidential run, people thought ideas like Medicare for All, a $15 minimum wage, and tuition-free college were impossible to achieve. In only a few short years we’ve changed the political narrative on what is possible in this country and now the American people are on our side.”

Turner added, “Our partnership with PDA will continue to change the narrative about what is possible, and result in real change by building a new coalition that will work to implement our progressive vision for the country. Progressive Democrats of America was the first national group to endorse Senator Sanders for President, and since January have joined forces to push for positions on issues, candidates, and reforming the Democratic Party.”

Incoming PDA Executive Director Alan Minsky said, “Our Revolution’s success is a testament to the power that ordinary people can bring to bear on our political system. Our Revolution was formed in 2014, directly contributed to Sen. Bernie Sanders’ decision to run for president in the Democratic primaries. PDA and the nationwide grassroots effort that evolved into the movement to support Sen. Sanders’ campaign to win the Democratic nomination.”

PDA and OR continue to empower the millions-strong movement that Bernie Sanders’ campaign energized.

Minsky added, “Working together, OR led by President Nina Turner and incoming Executive Director Alan Minsky, and our partners at Progressive Democrats of America will continue to grow the progressive political revolution necessary to elect progressive candidates and build towards a progressive governing majority, and thereby enact widely popular progressive policies like Medicare for All, Free College and Vocational Training, Clean and Fair Elections, Inclusive Prosperity, Protecting the Climate, and Equality and Justice for All. Stumping upsets in this year’s Deepest primaries by progressive leaders will include Ben Jealous, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Andrew Gillum, and Ayanna Pressley—as well as consistent political polling results showing that Americans support candidates and organizations that speak out and stand up for the 99%, even when that requires directly challenging the status quo and incumbents who are insufficiently prepared to achieve.

Our Revolution has over 600 local groups in 49 states and nine countries. Our Revolution’s Board includes Robert Reich, Keith Ellison, Raul Grijalva, and James McGovern; as well as progressive leaders such as Michael Moore, Kennedy, Lila Garrett, Thom Hartmann, Meade Benjamin, and Dr. Paul Song.

For more information on OR, please visit: https://ourrevolution.com

Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) is a grassroots political action committee. PDA’s Healthcare Not Warfare campaign brings together the need for a healthy and strong America with the need for a peaceful world. PDA’s relentless “Run Bernie Run” campaign, launched in 2014, directly contributed to Sen. Bernie Sanders’ decision to run for president in the Democratic primaries.

In the last several years, PDA and Our Revolution have worked together to elect progressive candidates, and move into questions of governance after election day.

The notes show a lot of local and historical experience that should be mined for lessons. One participant wrote, “We have the tasks of enfranchising working class people, nonwhite socialists, women, and anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist candidates where they are viable, training people to become candidates, developing the campaign capacity to elect them, but in the near term defeat right-wing incumbents with whoever is nominated. In most cases this will involve diverse coalitions of the 99% that the 1% systematically seeks to split using wedge issues, especially racism and patriarchy.” Another participant stated “This is a ‘GO NOW’ campaign—so why did the CPUSA throw its resources into creating a center-left alliance to build a new labor movement?”

Rishi Awatramani (LR) closed with a mention of shared questions and themes from the small groups:

What organizations and forms do we need to build to scale? How do we build our core constituencies while building independent electoral organizations and struggle with[in] the Democrats? How do we change the balance of forces, which sometimes requires supporting neoliberal Democrats while moving our own anti-neoliberal politics? Who do we see as our key “base”? How do we build the infrastructure that we need to have an independent political organization?

If we’re thinking about building a majoritarian movement, that involves our base and beyond, we need a new ‘we.’ We understand class/race/gender don’t dictate politics, it’s on us to build the political subject we need.

The Inside/Outside project anticipates scheduling another left unity call that will go into more depth in some of the questions raised during this session.

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