

Panel of International Jurists Render Verdict that U.S. is Guilty of Genocide

Tribunal Charges Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown and Indigenous People in the U.S.

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A distinguished panel of international jurists found the United States guilty of a variety of human rights abuses, including genocide, in the wake of an historic tribunal comprised of hundreds of human rights activists who gathered in-person in New York and worldwide on Zoom the weekend of October 22-25 for the “We Still Charge Genocide: The Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal 2021 on Human Rights Abuses Against Black Brown and Indigenous Peoples.”

The convening was one of this century’s most significant events on the issue since the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa and the 1990 Special International Tribunal on Human Rights Violations of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, also held in New York City. The current proceeding was held at the Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, the former site of the Audubon Ballroom, where Black human rights leader Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965, after calling for the U.S. to be brought before the World Court.

The evidence will prove that the treatment of Black, Brown and Indigenous people,

historically as well as currently, “amount to genocide,” declared Nkechi Taifa, author, activist and internationally acclaimed human rights attorney who prosecuted the case as the tribunal’s Chief People’s Counsel.

In the tribunal’s opening statement, she outlined how its convening “comes on the heels” of not only the 1990 event, but also the January-February 2021 International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent in the United States, the 1992 International Tribunal of Indigenous Peoples and Oppressed Nations in the USA and the 1979 international jurists’ report of their visit with U.N. human rights petitioners from America.

“This tribunal stands on the shoulders of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X), whose models were land, self-determination, self-defense and internationalization ... His DNA still manifests (here) as we gather to continue to honor his sacrifice and carry on the tradition of his work,” Taifa declared to cheers and applause.

Taifa led a powerful team of seasoned attorneys and students of law who directed the testimonies from more than 20 impacted victims, expert witnesses, and professionals with firsthand knowledge and/or data raised in the five counts of the tribunal’s indictment.

The event, which consisted of two full days of testimonies and concluded with the international jurists’ verdict read aloud in front of the United Nations, was held amid increased attention on the study of reparations for Blacks in municipalities across America, and that issue was one highlighted as part of the Chief People’s Lawyer’s riveting closing statement.

The nine-member, internationally-chosen panel of jurists included Magdalene Moonsamy (South Africa), former member of the South African parliament; Wilma E. Reveron Collazo (Puerto Rico), long-standing member and leader, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Bar Association); Binalakshmi Nepram (India/Manipur), Founder-Director of Global Alliance; Mireille Fanon Mendes-France (France), former Chair of the UN Working Group on People of African Descent; Sherly Fabre (Haiti/USA), International Fellowship of Reconciliation United Nations Representative; Dr. Vickie Casanova-Willis (USA) former Executive Director US Human Rights Network; Kassahun Checole (Eritrea/USA) renowned Pan Africanist and Pan American scholar; Dr. Alexander Hinto (USA), Director of Center for Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University); and Chairman Brian Moskwetah Weeden, chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

The jurists unanimously found the United States guilty of the following five counts, which attorney Taifa explained fit well within the internationally-accepted definition of genocide:

Police violence and killings

Mass incarceration;

Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War;

Environmental racism;

Public health inequities

The convening, which featured flute music from current political prisoner Veronza Leon Bowers, Jr (<https://www.veronza.org/>). was in the tradition of the 1951 “We Charge Genocide” petition submitted to the U.N. by Paul Robeson and William Patterson, representing the Civil Rights Congress (https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/we_charge_genocide_petition) and the role of activists fighting within and outside the U.N. for the freedom of African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela from the 1960s until the late 1980s.

The Spirt of Mandela coordinating committee, which organized the tribunal, stated it will use the outcome as an opportunity to organize on a mass level across many social justice arenas.

You can read the full Executive Summary of the findings here: <https://spiritofmandela.org/guilty-on-all-counts/>

Excerpts:

The Panel of Jurists heard testimony emphasizing

the millions upon millions of Indigenous and African peoples murdered, disappeared, and nearly exterminated over a period from 1492 through the present. Further the witnesses and prosecution argued that the wrongs have been historic and deliberate, with colonization, racism, militarism, imperialism, materialism, criminalization, patriarchy, neocolonialism, and internal colonialism as part of the larger process that now manifests itself in medical and digital apartheid, chemical warfare, environmental violence and racism, divestment, and a pandemic of accessible guns and drugs – with the majority of gun violence perpetrated by police and security forces in the false claim of upholding law and order.

The testimonies include substantial evidence of the erasure of histories; distortion and cultural misappropriation contributes to and exacerbates the attempted invisibilization and denial of People’s basic humanity. The profound impacts of all of these realities extend beyond the erasure and attempt to exterminate Black, Brown and Indigenous lives.

The testimonies of this Tribunal reaffirm the traditional wisdom and knowledge of Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples. Strong evidence was presented on the indomitable, unbreakable resistance and resilience of the peoples’ struggle for justice and dignity.

The 2021 International Tribunal on US Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples was initiated by a US coalition, In the Spirit of Mandela. Its own recognized legacy, based on efforts dating from the 1951 “We Charge Genocide” petition to the present, rests on the idea that any examination of US human rights must be done in an international context. The Panel of Jurists came together as an independent body made up of legal scholars, human rights advocates and activists, and community leaders. Utilizing the International Criminal Law on Genocide and other instruments, the Panel convened to hear and review the testimony. The Accused, though informed, did not respond to the charges and indictment against them, nor did they appear as invited to present a defense.

Police Killings

Testimony was heard regarding an alarming pattern and practice of police murdering Black, Brown, and Indigenous people with impunity. We were informed that a recent Commission of Inquiry found that “Black people are 3.5 times more likely than white people to be killed by police when Blacks are not attacking or do not have a weapon.”

Mass Incarceration

Testimony emphasized that in the case of US Constitutional law, while the 13th Amendment promised the abolition of the process of chattel slavery, it in fact created an exception incentivizing the incarceration of people of African descent and other peoples. Further they argued that a school-to-prison pipeline has been set in motion by the racialized policies and programs of the US federal and state governments. Further testimony indicates there are US wars on poverty, wars on drugs, wars on terror, and others – amounting to a war on Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples as they disproportionately criminalize their youth and communities.

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Arguments were made presenting the criminalization of legitimate political struggles, most particularly of Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples. Several witnesses testified that with regard to traditional torture techniques, there is ample evidence of solitary confinement lasting for decades, which go far beyond the UN constituted definitions of torture. Further testimony was presented arguing that decades-long sentences have been imposed for those imprisoned for their political beliefs.

Environmental Racism

Testimony was received arguing the impact of environmental violence. They asserted that the climate crisis disproportionately impacts Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples, constituting environmental violence. The Prosecution contended that deliberate and callous poisoning of land, water, air, and soil, threatens the survival of the planet and impacts most devastatingly the

lives of Black, Brown and Indigenous peoples.

Public Health Inequities

The testimony highlighted deep public health inequities including both physical and mental health manifestations. Further assertions were made that the COVID-19 pandemic and an “inadequate and incompetent Federal response to this crisis” magnified the disparate impact of structural racism affecting access to health care. Moreover, testimony was heard regarding indifference to the suffering of groups of people considered expendable due to the profit model of US health care, leaving behind those most vulnerable. The Prosecution argued that, from forced sterilization to “food deserts” and chemical contamination, Black, Brown, and Indigenous people are left out of any human right to health.

Judgment

Despite the need for further deliberation on the extensive submissions and documents from varied expert witnesses, a deep analysis from the Jurists found that the process did sufficiently cover the scope and elements of all five counts in the indictment as having legal standing and hence legitimacy. The Jurists further establish that the grounds for each of the five counts in the indictment presented the basis for successful intervention due to the extensive testimonies of both witnesses and expert witnesses.

After having heard the testimony of numerous victims of Police Racism, Mass Incarceration, Environmental Racism, Public Health Inequities and of Political Prisoners/ Prisoners of War, together with expert testimonies and graphic presentations, as well as copious documentation submitted and admitted in the record, the Panel of Jurists find the US and its subdivisions GUILTY of all five counts. We find grounds that Acts of Genocide have been committed.

Signed, 25 October 2021, Panel of Jurists, Church Center of the United Nations

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Binalakshmi “Bina” Nepram (Manipur/Northeast India), Founder-Director, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network; Founder-Director, Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace; Board member of the International Peace Bureau (1910 Nobel Peace Laureate)

Special Advisor to the Panel of Jurists: Matt Meyer, Secretary-General, International Peace Research Association



For a Tribunal for Popular Justice

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A year ago, the nation and much of the world saw an explosion of popular support for laws against police terror against the people, sparked by the film of the killing of George Floyd.

The telephonic recording of the man, dying as he was crying for his mother, touched hearts world-wide, and became the impetus for laws designed to protect people from state, police violence.

The roiling ferment from this mass, multiracial protest forced this question into a national issue, demanding a broad and national solution through Congress. And so this issue went to Congress -- to die.

Politicians wiggled and waited, until the [din] died down, and protesters went back home. The media found new spectacles. And the politicians slowly choked the police violence bill into a quiet, inglorious death.

Why should that concern us, at the Tribunal? Because it reminds us of the true, precarious nature of Black life in America, both then and now.

For several centuries, Black folks and our allies fought against the torture of lynching, sending countless petitions and pleas to Congress, where they died, in silence. The iron grip of the slave-ocracy still held sway in Washington, until the waves of Black freedom and anti-war movements washed much of this away.



Movement Pains

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I call this “Movement Pains.”

Every social movement begins in pain. When people see or experience social injustice, movements are born. This should surprise none of us, for our mothers brought each of us forth at the crucible between death and life. When we see or experience social injustice, we viscerally sense pain and are urged by internal forces to fight, to right such wrongs.

This is so despite the fact that we, all of us, live in a sticky web of oppression. We rarely admit this fact, yet we know this through our social interactions. We know that we are not free. What does this mean for social movements? It means we come to them with a psychosocial wound, one that is only exacerbated by the hypnotical lure of power. Think of this: people who come together, organized to build social movements for greater freedom, are not free.

What does this mean in the real world? I should tell you that I speak today, not merely of today but of our yesterdays when one of the deepest social movements held sway. Men, usually men, mostly, and women who [had] never held power, found themselves in powerful political positions in organizations, and more than a few

of them abused that power, usually for sexual favors from women.

On this note, I must add this aside. European modernity had its emergence not merely, as Marx asserts, in the brutal lives of capitalism but in the inquisition which marked mass terror and the suppression of women. In the name of a war against witches, men waged war against women who were traditionally herbalists, healers, doctors, and nurturers of European tribes. Their prominence had to be diminished. Their prominence had to be diminished so as to make room for the mastery of men and the suppression of the awesome power of female sexuality.

So men, many clothed in robes that brought to mind female garb, took their places in the healing arts: medicine, the priesthoods, and in the councils of the law. These profound abuses radiated throughout European society and its colonial outposts like America. Here we find the roots of patriarchy.

In hindsight, I can see that **all** of us were oppressed. Even while we were abusing our power, we were abused by a greater power, state power that killed us in the streets and, as the example of Fred Hampton showed us, in our sleep as well. We must not forget that the abuse of power also led to us killing each other, Panthers killing Panthers, the ultimate abuse of power and betrayal of power.

But white supremacy wears many faces, and adopted the guise of neo-liberalism to wage war against the poor, as well as Black communities, often co-opting Black allies.

These neo-liberals brought new vigor to the industry of repression, building prisons across rural America, while the corporate media further demonized Black life, in or out of prison.

It should not surprise us that Clintonian neo-liberalism built -- and filled -- more prison cells, for **juveniles**, than any other jurisdiction on earth.

Now, today, after one of the biggest civil rights protests in history -- here I am speaking of the George Floyd actions -- the bill named in his memory is as dead as Floyd himself. For Congress is once again in the grip of a fascist fever that was seen by all on January 6th.

It is still feverish, and it is unwilling or unable to sign its name to **any** civil rights bill -- unless, of course, it benefits Donald Trump.

And if Black freedom is off the table, state repression is on it. This Tribunal needs to seize the time, and back the tide of history, and oppose state repression while expanding the call for Black freedom, for abolition, and an end to mass incarceration.

From imprisoned nation, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal. Thank you all for coming here and listening. (These commentaries are recorded by Prison Radio [<https://www.prisonradio.org/commentaries/>])

Social movements can and must allow for room to grow among each other, for few life experiences will allow better opportunities to work with people such as those drawn to social movements. For fundamentally, social movements are peopled by idealists, people who deeply believe that another world is not only possible but necessary. This means they’re called by compassion, feelings for each other, to help build and support each other. These feelings help us really see each other, even our very human failings in the struggle to change the world.

If Huey and Eldridge had more compassion, maybe, just maybe, the party would have survived. We are our brothers’ and our sisters’ keepers. We hold the keys of compassion that can break the bonds of power’s abuse.

For, we are all subject to an oppressive system that seeks to destroy all who seek social change. We must learn from the errors of our past, so [as] to not repeat them. I leave you all with two simple but pretty powerful words: compassion and love. These will not fail us.

From imprisoned nation, this is your brother, Mumia Abu-Jamal.
Delivered to Survivors Speak Out: Confronting Abuse and Sexual Violence in the Movement
Full proceedings here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fC-ivNukuw>

Rest in Power Ronald Spriestersbach

1928-2021

Ron Spriesterbach, who passed away recently at age 93, was a warm friend and good comrade, an anti-racist and anti-imperialist to the last. Ron was a former member of the KPFK Local Station Board and active with the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition as a manifestation of his lifelong commitment to peace, justice, socialism and liberation. He was a loving stepfather and husband, and had mourned the loss of one step-daughter and later and more recently his wife of many decades. He was tall, gangly, garrulous, and irreplaceable. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Ron had been a member of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles during its heyday in defying McCarthyism and the “whitelist” of radicals while he worked at the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) in Pasadena. He had fond memories of the “First Church” chorus and their repertoire of socially progressive hymns and songs. He was active for many years at Cal State L.A. in anti-oppression educational efforts, hosting forums and discussions on campus for students and the community.

As a Senior Scholar on global warming at UCLA, he helped many students much younger than himself to see the need for concerted, anti-corporate action for environmental justice and sustainability, such as the still growing movement for divestment from fossil fuel companies. He helped Grassroots Community Radio Coalition hold a major environmental justice conference, highlighting indigenous environmental and sovereignty struggles in Latin America and elsewhere.



Ron was also a linguist and lover of literature, reading Sartre and Camus in French, and then Cervantes and others in Spanish. He also read widely on public affairs, history and economics, and was always happy to share good reads with friends and comrades. Among his other claims to fame was possession of the entire print run of *Monthly Review*, the independent socialist journal from their first issue, which featured Albert Einstein’s “Why Socialism?” essay, to date. Despite his erudition, Ron was a plainspoken, open-hearted person who did not hide from his emotions. As Che Guevara said, a true revolutionary is guided by deep feelings of love, and Ron exemplified that all through his long life.

Ron Spriestersbach, *¡presente!*

On-Line Resources for Turning the Tide & ARA-LA/PART:

You can find archives of
Turning the Tide
at www.antiracist.org
that go back more than 30 years.

In addition, there are several Facebook
pages, such as
facebook.com/tideturning, and
facebook.com/intercommunalsolidarity.

You can follow @ara_losangeles on
Twitter, Instagram, and the De-Colonize
LA! blog at ara-la.tumblr.com.
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SF BAYVIEW OUTS KEITH MALIK WASHINGTON AS AN INFORMANT

<https://sfbayview.com/2021/11/was-the-bay-view-infiltrated-by-a-rock-star-informant/>

In disclosing that “Comrade Malik” was no longer associated with the SF Bay View, a national Black liberation newspaper published in San Francisco and distributed widely in prisons, featuring voluminous writing “from behind enemy lines” by prisoners in CA and elsewhere, the Bay View published a letter from the then-prisoner offering to snitch on another TX prisoner. The text follows (on the website you can see the handwritten facsimile).

Keith Washington’s letter to the Harris County D.A.’s Office

[In addition to the typed and lightly edited copy of the letter presented here, the handwritten original letter is also presented.]

23 January 2011

To: ADA [Assistant District Attorney] Marcy McCorvey, Harris County D.A. Office

At one time, in the realm of intelligence gathering, I was viewed as a “rock star.” I was respected by many. Now I am a nobody.

I give the authorities info and they pay no attention. I’m not fighting for recognition; I am more interested in gaining back my credibility.

Drugs and alcohol have ravaged my life.

One of your colleagues helped me get a 20-year non-ag sentence. However, there is still a light that burns inside me which says, “Do the right thing even if no one is watching.”

Bradley Barton is really a conniving, wicked young man. I’m impressed by his intellect but sickened by his hatred and disregard for human life.

My talks with him have led me to believe that he orchestrated the murder of Miguel Figueroa. Barton’s father was released from TDC[J] in 2009, I believe. Barton’s father has a “significant other” who is a former TDC[J] guard, and they schooled “KB” Bradley how to manipulate the system.

The white female former guard has also promised to hook the younger Barton up with corrupt TDC[J] officers that work at other facilities – cell phone, weed, tobacco to Barton.

However, the only reason I wrote is to warn you that Bradley has told me once he reaches his unit of assignment, he intends on having some of his “home boys” or possibly his father reach out and “touch” you.

I am willing to talk to you or other law enforcement officers, but I request one of the following three people be present.

Special agent Matt Taylor – FBI Houston. I trust this man with my life.

Texas OIG agent Joshua D. Lyons. We have butted heads in the past, but I trust and respect him.

Harris County Detective Dave Farrel, sheriff – good honest man!

Do I have a lawyer? Of course, I do. Do I want him present – NO!!

The fewer people that know about me helping you the better. You go home every night; as for me, I have to contend with these sick people in TDC[J] and things are getting worse – and the budget cuts hurt security and safety! I do not want Barton to be placed in the position where he can hurt innocent people.

What do I want? I’d like to be re-activated as a source for OIG.

Agent Lyons took good care of me when I worked for him in the past – on top of that, I have a lot of skills to bring to the table.

Ms. McCorvey, I don’t play games. If you send some people to interview me, I will co-operate. Just don’t be loose with my identity. It can be dangerous behind these walls for an informant. Please utilize tact and discretion.

I realize your job is to lock people up; however, I am a good man who could use another chance. I’m ready to be a productive member of society.

I asked Barton how he got Cansler to sign that affidavit. Barton said: “Look, that nigga (Cansler) is a Blood like me. I told that nigga that if he didn’t clean this shit up that I was going to send word to the Homeys (other Bloods) to smash him on sight at whatever unit his bitch ass lands at!” End of quote.

Apparently, Barton, shooter McClain and Cansler were all simultaneously at Byrd Unit recently. Barton used this time to pressure his co-defendants into recanting their statements and testimony against him.

Barton is actively preparing his appeal, and a big part of his strategy is to intimidate and discredit the state’s witnesses. However, the most audacious plan he has is



Keith “Malik” Washington shortly after his arrival in SF after his release from custody.

to have Assistant District Attorney Marcy McCorvey murdered.

Barton is very intelligent and extremely manipulative and potentially dangerous in my opinion.

Once this guy Barton reaches a TDC[J] unit, he will usurp, exploit and manipulate the mail and other means of communication with the outside world to orchestrate his plan. And believe me this young killer has a plan – I take his threat against Ms. McCorvey very serious and so should you!

I can’t make you folks listen to me. I can only pass the information – please listen! If your men decide to visit me, I will elaborate on Barton’s plan(s).

I will continue to glean as much intel as I can from Barton so as to thwart any attempts at harming Ms. McCorvey.

Barton is not aware of my co-operation with law enforcement. I offer my help and co-operation to Harris County D.A. office and Harris County sheriff as well as Texas OIG. My main goal is to earn parole.

OIG Agent Joshua D. Lyons is someone I trust and respect; please have him arrange the meet.

However, I also would like to rebuild my relationship with the law enforcement community in Houston and redeem myself from my past.

[Signature] Keith Washington

Please pick up the phone and call Darrington Unit, OIG office, but they may have already contacted you. – A Friend

Important – 1 February 2011

I have collected extremely detailed info from Barton concerning his plan to have ADA McCorvey harmed. I anonymously forwarded this intel to the OIG office at Darrington Unit where I am now housed. Please note: OIG Agent Joshua D. Lyons is someone I trust and respect; please have him arrange the meet.

Documentary evidence of this is available on the SF Bay View website cited above, or at these original sources: Barton-v.-Davis-Footnote-72-re-Keith-Washington-ltr-to-ADA-McCorvey-in-Exhibit-A-Detective-Steven-Januhowski-affidavit-081017-in-case-file-1400x478

This letter, handwritten by Keith Washington to Assistant District Attorney Marcy McCorvey, is mentioned in this footnote to a ruling denying Bradley Barton’s writ of habeas corpus. The entire ruling is online, at <https://casetext.com/case/barton-v-davis-2>, but the exhibits are not included. Keith’s letter, attached in the case file as an exhibit to the affidavit of Detective Steven Januhowski, should be available from the court clerk.

In response to later letters and questions, Nube Brown acknowledged that she found the charges believable because of Washington’s abusive behavior to her personally and in the context of taking over editorial duties at the SF Bay View. Former editor and publisher Mary Ratcliff explained further:

I received a jubilant letter from Keith Washington a couple of years ago. He announced that to his surprise he’d been granted parole. He said he had to serve a short time in federal prison and could then head to San Francisco to become the new editor of the Bay View.

While I’d been begging, especially after reaching my 80s, for readers to help find a new editor I could pass the torch to, I’d pictured someone with newspaper experience. Keith had none. But he seemed to be a competent writer, and he had an extensive following among prison movement activists. Having no alternative, I accepted his offer, and he arrived a year ago, on Sept. 3, 2020, to a warm welcome as the new Bay View editor.

Like Nube, I was shocked to read Bradley Barton’s letter

and even more shocked by Keith’s letter to the assistant D.A. Had I allowed a professional informant to take over the SF Bay View National Black Newspaper? Fortunately, by then, Keith had been long gone from the editor’s seat, having quit last spring, saying he didn’t like the job and wanted to make more money.

Even more fortunately, Nube agreed to fill the editor’s seat as soon as Keith left, and I’m confident that with your generous help and support, she’ll join Ida B. Wells in the Black journalist pantheon. Please keep your loving arms around her as she recovers from this personal and professional calamity.

Looking back, I have to wonder whether Keith, a self-confessed FBI informant, had been directed to infiltrate the Bay View. Was that plan hatched when he “earned” parole by selling out Bradley Barton?

Will the FBI, having failed in 2016 to destroy the Bay View and perhaps having tried once more in this round, try again? I’m asking readers to alert us if you see or sense something brewing. I’m proud that the mighty power of the FBI has met its match in the tiny staff of the Bay View, strengthened by you, our army of readers.

TTT’s editor was among the “prison activists” who followed Keith Malik Washington’s work, and published some of it here in Turning The Tide. Malik wrote some moving exposes of conditions inside Texas prisons, presented himself as an officer of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party Prison Chapter (NABPP-PC), and had a wide network of outside supporters and contacts, while maintaining a prolific correspondence. His association with the NABPP has subsequently been terminated and he was disavowed also by the Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party which split from the NABPP.

To the extent that TTT’s publication of Malik’s writings fostered his ability to put up a false front behind which to do harm, we are very regretful. The content of the articles themselves seems to be valid so the associated PDFs and content are still up on our website and on the ARA-LA tumblr account.



Nube Brown, Managing Editor of SF Bay View, national Black Liberation newspaper

But clearly this poses questions and lessons for all of us regarding gullibility or a lack of accountability, as well as the need for clear criteria for evaluating self-proclaimed leaders. Unlike the leaders of the CA prison hunger strike, who had a clear collective organization among themselves, Malik tended to act as an individual, and somewhat of a political chameleon claiming affiliation to both anarchist groupings on the outside and the NABPP-PC on the inside, which professes a Maoist analysis of society and of revolutionary organization. TTT’s political eclecticism and willingness to print material from varying perspectives within the Black freedom struggle, Black liberation movement, and New Afrikan independence struggle, and from both anarchist, communist and non-ideological sources probably provided some cover for that.

Despite that, TTT will probably not abandon its relatively open editorial policy or willingness to air views with which we are not in agreement. TTT’s political line is expressed in “PART’s Perspective” articles, and is anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-patriarchal, and anti-capitalist and sees white supremacy and settler colonialism as the main undergirding of all that is wrong with this society. We uphold decolonization and self-determination. But much of what we publish, based on that perspective, is not uniformly in line with that analysis.

So let these developments with Keith Malik Washington and the SF Bay View serve as an object lesson to all of us to keep our antennas alert and to recognize that not everything that comes through that fairly porous sieve can be taken at face value. We must do our due diligence about personalities, organizations and ideologies. Take nothing on faith.

These are sample items from the most recent issue of the ARA E-News, a weekly email of news and commentary on racists, anti-racists, colonialism, imperialism, and resistance struggles and movements. You can subscribe here: <https://antiracist.org/subscribe-to-our-e-newsletter/> We started producing it when the pandemic made physical distribution of this print publication much less effective or possible. We will continue it indefinitely.

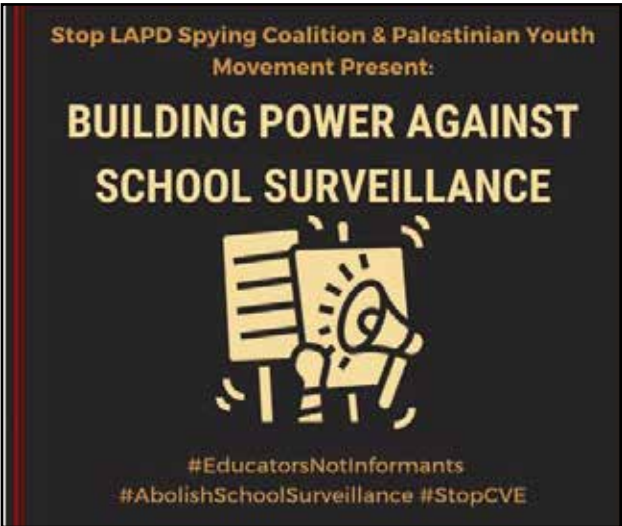
Anti-Racist News Briefs

Dec. 10 International Human Rights Day

Dec 10 was International Human Rights Day, the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ARA-LA/PART for many years called public actions on Dec. 10, including a march against the US invasion of Afghanistan in Dec. 2001, joint actions with the “Four Winds Student Movement,” a multi-racial, international high school and college student group that supported self-determination, and others.

One glaring violation of Human Rights was the UK court decision to reverse a lower court ruling and allow the US to extradite Julian Assange from that country to this in order to try him for violations of the US “Espionage Act” for publishing evidence of US war crimes. Assange is appealing this reversal to the British Supreme Court. See the ruling here: <https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/USA-v-Assange-judgment101221.pdf>

We want to draw your attention to an on-line event, and one IRL on Saturday December 11. Stop LAPD Spying Coalition and Palestinian Youth Movement held a webinar on Building Power Against Surveillance at 10 AM Sat and PYM and others called a Human Rights rally on Sat.



Stop LAPD Spying Coalition and the Palestinian Youth Movement LA-OC-IE Chapter held a special workshop for educators, students, community members and youth on “Building Youth Power Against School Surveillance.” They discussed how “Countering Violent Extremism” frameworks and national security surveillance are impacting Muslim, Arab, Black, Brown, Immigrant and Indigenous youth in schools. This workshop included information about the pitfalls of the terrorism framework, the intent of CVE to repress and criminalize political organizing, and the role of Zionist organizations in implementing surveillance programs. Participants were invited to join the campaign and share ways to take action and build power together, using our positions as educators, youth, social workers, parents or community members to stop CVE and end surveillance in our schools.

Defend Reproductive Rights and Women’s Right to Control Their Own Bodies Anti-abortion Movement Another Example of Fascism Built from Above and Below

The clear intent of the (illegitimately appointed) Supreme Court majority to overturn Roe v. Wade and eliminate Constitutional protection for women’s reproductive rights and choices is yet another manifestation of the essentially reactionary and antidemocratic nature of the US state, and of the power that gives to organized reactionary forces based in settler colonialism, patriarchy, and white Christian nationalism, all of which are fundamental and strengthened

by capitalism and imperialism. Simultaneously, such forces have also always embraced extra-legal means, harassing women at clinics, creating fraudulent “pregnancy centers”, bombing clinics and killing providers. Hacking can now be added to that list, as reported by LA TACO: <https://www.lataco.com/hack-planned-parenthood-la/>

Excerpt: “On an already aggravating afternoon for supporters of U.S. reproductive rights and the right to choose—with the Supreme Court trotting out another step in Roe Vs. Wade’s presumed march to the gallows—local supporters of women’s health were dealt an extra blow by the news that Planned Parenthood L.A. had undergone a massive hack leading to a breach of roughly 400,000 people’s personal data.

“The breach was said to be a ransomware attack conducted from October 9 to 17 that may have exposed the names and addresses of patients and members, as well as medical and insurance info, and possibly even prescriptions, diagnoses, and the procedures they’ve undergone.

“The potential for harm to come to these individuals in Planned Parenthood L.A.’s database sent a chill down the spine of anybody who remembers one of the “17 attempted murders, 42 bombings, and 186 arsons“ that targeted health clinics that provide procedures to terminate unwanted pregnancies from 1977-2015.

“This is where we arbitrarily remind you that Planned Parenthood clinics provide a wide variety of reproductive care-related and educational services, with abortions variously estimated to make up only 3-10% of their performed procedures.”

[ARA-LA urges people to get involved now not only in plans for major protests on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January, but in developing mutual aid efforts to ensure that women who need them can obtain safe abortions whether they are legal or not.]

Immediately after their hearing on the Mississippi effort to ban abortions and overturn Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court again allowed the even more restrictive Texas anti-abortion bill to stand, while allowing providers to sue to try to overturn it – but refusing to issue an injunction against the law coming into effect while those appeals proceed. Any favorable ruling achieved by providers would go back to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals which is likely to dismiss them and uphold the law, which would send it back to the Supreme Court (unless it then just declines to review the appellate decision in favor of the law).

The NY Times has reported on a fascinating Gen Z effort to disrupt anti-abortion protests and other right wing conspiracism, the “Birds Aren’t Real” pseudo-conspiracy theory. Started by a college drop-out as a satiric disruption of a pro-Trump rally in 2017, the mock movement, which purports to claim that birds have been replaced since the 1970s by spy-drones, has spread widely via social media and even billboards and has held mock protests of Twitter’s bird logo and of the St. Louis Cardinals “pro-bird” emblem. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/09/technology/birds-arent-real-gen-z-misinformation.html>

Excerpt: Birds Aren’t Real members have also become a political force. Many often join up with counterprotesters and actual conspiracy theorists to de-escalate tensions and delegitimize the people they are marching alongside with irreverent chants.

In September, shortly after a restrictive new abortion law went into effect in Texas, Birds Aren’t Real members showed up at a protest held by anti-abortion activists at the University of Cincinnati. Supporters of the new law “had signs with very graphic imagery and were very aggressive in condemning people,” Mr. McIndoe said. “It led to arguments.”

But the Bird Brigade began chanting, “Birds aren’t real.” Their shouts soon overpowered the anti-abortion activists, who left.

Deep-pocket donors supported Trump’s Stop the Steal Rally that culminated in storming the Capitol

https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/publix-heiress-capitol-insurrection-fancelli/2021/12/08/5144fe1c-5219-11ec-8ad5-b5c50c1fb4d9_story.html

Excerpt: “Eight days before the Jan. 6 rally in Washington, a little-known Trump donor living [in Italy] quietly wired a total of \$650,000 to three organizations that helped stage and promote the event. The lack of fanfare was typical of Julie Fancelli, the 72-year-old daughter of the founder of the Publix grocery store chain. ...Fancelli is facing public scrutiny as the House committee investigating the insurrection seeks to expose the financing for the rally that preceded the riot at the U.S. Capitol. Fancelli is the largest publicly known donor to the rally, support that some concerned relatives and others attributed to her enthusiasm for conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.”



The Congressional hearings are turning over a lot of rocks, and some of those crawling out are turning on each other. According to a report in the NY Times, Ali Alexander, a major organizer, has named members of Congress, including Paul Gosar of AZ and Rep. Mo Brooks, who appeared at the opening Stop the Steal rally in body armor, as having collaborated closely with him in planning the action. Gosar and Brooks were among those who voted against certifying the election results even after the storming of the Capitol. Alexander claims he himself showed up at the Capitol after violence had begun, and only tried to defuse or de-escalate.

Various of the federally-charged defendants have staked out differing defenses, some claiming they were following instructions or directives from Donald Trump. Others have begun to release footage of violence by Capitol police, claiming they were merely defending themselves or others from excessive force. Meanwhile in various claims and counterclaims the Capitol police, the National Guard and the Pentagon call each other liars or contradict each other’s testimony.

Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) held a press conference this week predicting a GOP takeover of Congress in 2022 and planning to probe Jan. 6 as a false-flag operation against Trump involving the FBI. “We are going to take power after this next election and when we do, it’s not going to be the days of Paul Ryan and Trey Gowdy and no real oversight and no real subpoenas,” Gaetz told a news conference highlighting District of Columbia jail conditions for accused U.S. Capitol rioters. “It’s going to be the days

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of Jim Jordan and Marjorie Taylor Greene and Dr. [Paul] Gosar and myself doing everything” to get answers to claims about FBI involvement in the deadly violence on Jan. 6. Gaetz appeared on Steve Bannon’s “War Room” show and declared that their “army of patriots” and “shock troops” would take over the government “when” Trump wins the presidency again in 2024. Gaetz declared that “stagecraft is statecraft” and that they would speak and act for the rank and file of the military and law enforcement who “feel betrayed by what is going on in” Washington DC. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0uJWLsvamI>

All this seems like a case of “a plague on all their houses”, as state violence, white-nationalist violence, and police violence are all simply manifestations of the “three-way-fight” that anti-racists and anti-fascists must take on. We don’t have to defend the FBI or other federal law enforcement agencies to oppose neo-fascist or Christian nationalist forces, or vice versa.



Former KKK, National Alliance leader running as a pro-Trump Republican in GA

<https://www.ajc.com/news/investigations/why-does-a-longtime-white-supremacist-think-he-can-win-an-election/MGQLKWO2DND7NBAS2P35R5REBM/>

Excerpt: “Chester Doles, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan and the neo-Nazi National Alliance, filed paperwork earlier this year to run for a spot on the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners in 2022. He ramped up his campaign this fall, riding a souped-up Jeep in Dahlonega’s annual Gold Rush parade. He’s been to prison twice, marched with white nationalists in Charlottesville in 2017’s deadly “Unite the Right” rally, and, while he



Chester Doles

claims to have left white supremacist groups behind, stays in contact with skinheads, neo-Confederates and Klansmen.

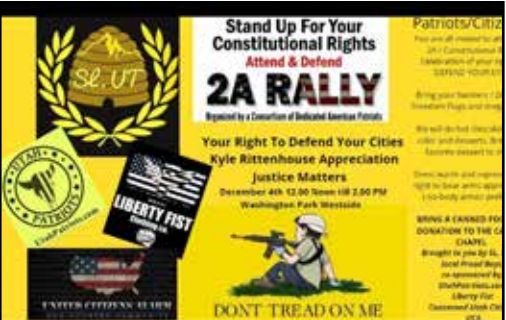
“Even so, he believes he can win running as a Republican and an ardent supporter of former President Donald Trump. His campaign signs carry the warning “Stop Socialism. Save America,” a slogan borrowed from controversial U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene.”

Proud Boys, Militias held “Kyle Rittenhouse Appreciation” Rally in Utah

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2021/12/03/proud-boys-hold-kyle/>

The far-right Proud Boys and other right-wing militia groups held a “Kyle Rittenhouse Appreciation” event at Washington Square in downtown Salt Lake City last Saturday from

noon until 2 p.m. The event was billed as a sort of heavily armed potluck.



Meanwhile in Missouri, a man was arrested for threatening on snapchat to shoot up a high school in the name of Kyle Rittenhouse. <https://news.yahoo.com/man-threatens-school-shooting-name-225738591.html> “I’m going to shoot Festus high school students in the name of Kyle Rittenhouse,” he posted on his Snapchat story at 7:49 p.m. that night, court records show. The post was viewable to all of his friends on Snapchat, according to a probable cause statement.

This was one of at least a half-dozen school shooting threats in the wake of the Michigan school shooting in which the parents provided the shooter with a gun and backed up his cover story with the school, allowing him to return to campus to kill people. They now face charges, although no charges were ever brought against Rittenhouse’s mother for bringing him across state lines with an AR-15 from Illinois to Kenosha WI where he shot three people, killing two.

White nationalists hold DC Rally to Reclaim America

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/patriot-front-white-nationalists-stage-bizarro-rally-in-downtown-dc-find-themselves-stranded>

Excerpt: A group of white supremacists stormed through downtown Washington, D.C. on Saturday evening, bearing American flags and mildly menacing plastic shields while marching to the beat of a snare drum down the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. But after chanting aggressively about their plans to “reclaim America,” their intended show of force stalled spectacularly when they lost their ride.... [B]y the end of the night it was not even clear how they intended to reclaim their U-Haul. The rally by more than 100 members of the “Patriot Front” group, held just blocks from the White House, sparked fear among many bystanders and immediately attracted the attention of law enforcement, who shadowed the group to apparently prevent any clashes from erupting. Members wore a uniform: white gators, sunglasses, blue jackets, khaki pants, and brown boots and hats. Some donned plastic shinguards, seeming to anticipate violence.”

Man Arrested for Nearly a Decade of Threats Against LGBTQ+ People, Organizers

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/long-island-man-charged-mailing-threatening-letters-lgbtq-affiliated-individuals-and>

Excerpt: A criminal complaint was unsealed in federal court in Central Islip charging Robert Fehring with mailing letters threatening to assault, shoot, and bomb LGBTQ+ affiliated individuals, organizations, and businesses. Fehring was arrested [Dec. 6]. Breon Peace, US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, and Michael J. Driscoll, Assistant Director-in-Charge, FBI, New York Field Office announced the arrest.

“As alleged, the defendant’s hate-filled invective and threats of violence directed at members of the LGBTQ+ community have no place in our society and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” stated US Attorney Peace. “This Office is firmly committed to protecting the civil rights of all members of every community in this district, including the LGBTQ+ community and other minority communities.”

Fehring had been sending threatening letters to Pride march organizers and others dating back to at least 2013. Despite this indictment, we cannot rely on the cops, the courts or the FBI to counter bigoted violence or threats, or neo-fascists targeting LGBTQ people, women, or BIPOC communities or individuals. The system and its enforcers are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

Los Angeles Crust Fest Benefit for AARF Mutual Aid

Here’s a report from the Autonomous Anarchist Revolutionary Front about a successful art and music fest here in L.A. last



weekend despite threats from racists and repeated efforts by the cops to shut it down.

“In October, the Autonomous Anarchist Revolutionary Front (AARF) reached out to LA Crust

Printing (who is known to help mutual aid groups raise funds) for collaboration on an event to raise money for it’s weekly free store. At first the idea was to have just a show with a few local bands – but LA Crust envisioned something bigger.

“Vendors and artists from around the LA area were contacted and an art show was planned in conjunction with the bands playing. Habak – a crust band from Tijuana – was set to headline the event and LA Crust Fest was set to take place in a warehouse in Boyle Heights on December 4th. The event quickly gathered attention from all over the area, with the flyers being re-shared from people both in and outside of organizing spaces. Needless to say it wasn’t long until it also got on the radar of far-Right chuds. “Five days before the Fest, the warehouse canceled – not just the Fest but all scheduled gigs – saying that the police came to tell them that they could no longer have any events, citing permits as the issue – FUCK 12 and FUCK THE CITY. This major setback had us scrambling to find a place that would host an event of this size with such short notice. We reached out via social media for help with suggestions – and the outpouring of support from the scene was amazing. Literally 24 hours before the event – a studio was found that would host the artists and vendors and a venue not far from the location was booked for the show. “The art show was a success with many displaying their paintings, drawing portraits, tabling zines, selling clothes and merch. The event went on for 6hrs until it was time to move to the next venue for the bands. The turnout for the bands was even bigger than the art show and was not expected to be so huge! Many people donated extra at the door for the free store and zines were also given out at the entrance. Prior to the first bands set some fuckface abuser was outed for touching underage girls and was dealt with accordingly. “Not long after the venue also reached full capacity and people had to be turned away per the venue owner’s rules (fuck him). Unfortunately the cops also came right before Habak was able to play their set – and the power was shut off. Three pigs stood by the entrance while the crowd filtered out into the

See: Anti-Racist News, p. 6

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parking lot and a fight broke out between two people, it was quickly deescalated by the punks, while the pigs just stood there useless as fuck like always. The bands were able to play their set at another location later that night.”

Labor Militance Continues to Grow

Following in the footsteps of the John Deere workers who rejected two contract offers negotiated between the company and the UAW before reaching a better settlement and ending their strike, workers at Kellogg’s also rejected a negotiated settlement and continued their strike. People are being urged to boycott Kellogg’s-owned products to support the workers. Unfortunately IATSE, the union of Hollywood craft workers, caved in a ratified an agreement in what would have been their first strike in over a century.



The majority of members actually opposed the settlement, but the union’s complicated rules resulted in a ratification. One local officer in Hollywood described the agreement by the International as ”the greatest missed opportunity in their history.”

Striking graduate students at Columbia University in a UAW local have picked up increased faculty, community, and labor support after an email threat from the University clearly threatened to replace them with scabs if they did not end their picketing and return to work by December 10. Such threats are illegal under existing labor laws, although Columbia does claim it has the right to hire “replacement workers” for the duration of the strike. Most colleges and universities rely heavily on low-paid grad students and adjunct professors with no job security or benefits to carry most of the teaching load.

Racism at US military academies

<https://apnews.com/article/business-race-and-ethnicity-racial-injustice-army-only-on-ap-2975ab7e8d4fde2f275179e088878fb0>

Excerpt: “Eight years after he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Geoffrey Easterling remains astonished by the Confederate history still memorialized on the storied academy’s campus – the six-foot-tall painting of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in

the library, the barracks dormitory named for Lee and the Lee Gate on Lee Road. As a Black student at the Army academy, he remembers feeling “devastated” when a classmate pointed out the slave also depicted in the life-size Lee painting. “How did the only Black person who got on a wall in this entire humongous school — how is it a slave?” he recalls thinking.

As a diversity admissions officer, he later traveled the country recruiting students to West Point from underrepresented communities. “It was so hard to tell people like, ‘Yeah, you can trust the military,’ and then their kids Google and go ‘Why is there a barracks named after Lee?’” he said.” US Military Personnel, Veterans Involved in “Extremist” Violence

Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the US, (PIRUS), a research project of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) and the Applied Research Lab for Intelligence & Security issued a report with these findings about veterans and active-duty military:

Excerpts: “From 1990 through the first nine months of 2021, at least 424 individuals with U.S. military backgrounds committed criminal acts that were motivated by their political, economic, social, or religious goals. This includes 99 individuals who are facing charges for their involvement in the breach of the Capitol building on January 6, 2021.

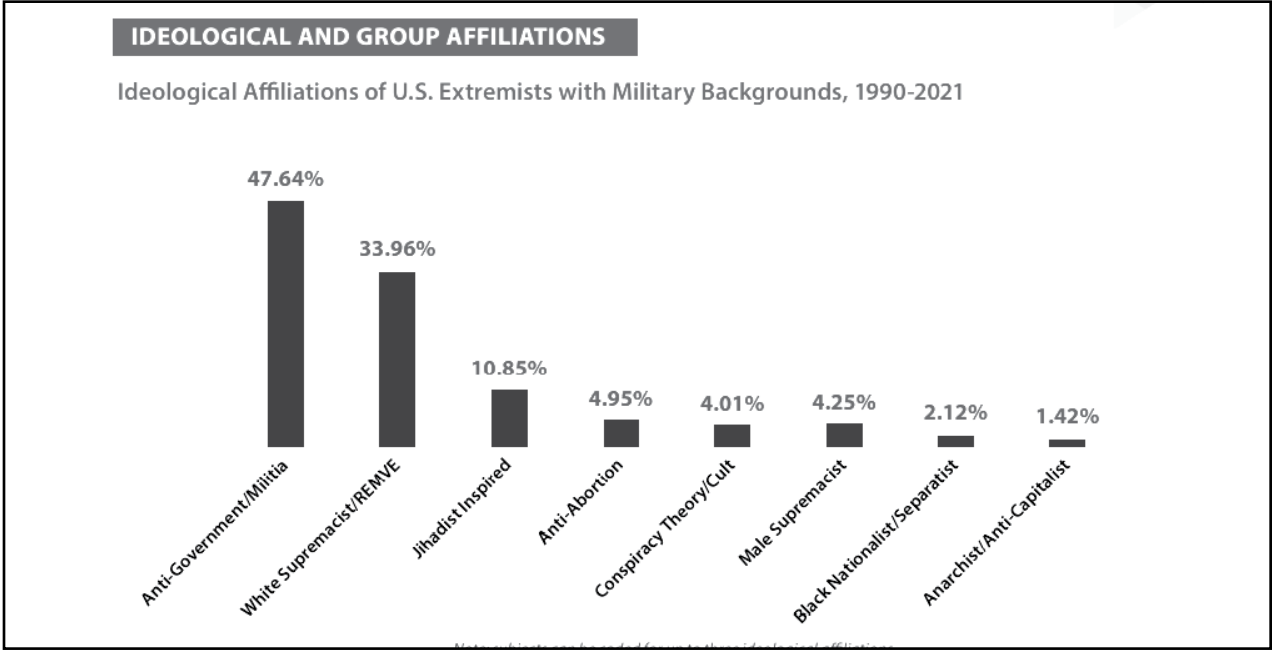
The rate of military experience among the extremists in PIRUS is comparable to the rate of military service in

behavior to any degree. So the 8.3% identifiable among the people who have gotten busted for this criminal activity since the 1990s is probably disproportionately high compared to the much smaller percentages of the population with military experience in the era of the smaller, “all-volunteer” military.]

The 424 subjects in PIRUS with U.S. military experience are overwhelmingly men. Indeed, the data include only eight female subjects, three of whom participated in the Capitol breach. The low percentage of female subjects in PIRUS with military backgrounds stands in contrast to the rate of women in the general adult population who have served in the U.S. military. While women make up only 1.8% of the subjects in PIRUS with military backgrounds, they represent 9% of the adult population in the U.S. with military experience.

Military status at time of radicalization/arrest Of the 424 subjects in the data, 83.7% (n = 355) were no longer serving when they were arrested for committing extremist crimes. [Of these,] twenty-three individuals (5.4%) were separated from the military during basic training (i.e., entry-level separation) and later committed extremist crimes.

Approximately 16% of the subjects (n = 69) were serving on Active Duty, Reservist, or Guard status at the times of their arrests. [ARA Note: Deceptive again. Doesn’t indicate how many were “radicalized” while in the military, or went in as “radicals.” Also, it reflects the general bourgeois treatment of this issue as primarily a “command and control” problem of how to keep GIs in line and obediently



the general U.S. adult population. For example, 8.3% of the subjects added to PIRUS in 2018 had military backgrounds. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2018, approximately 7% of the U.S. adult population had served in the U.S. military.

[ARA Note: this is a deceptive statistic. The 7% of the entire adult US population that has served in the military still includes some aged WWII survivors and others from the Korean and Vietnam War eras, when the US military included a much larger total number and many draftees) who are quite aged and not likely to be engaged in such

carrying out their military mission, without in the least addressing the white supremacist and “terroristic” nature of the US military itself and its mission.]

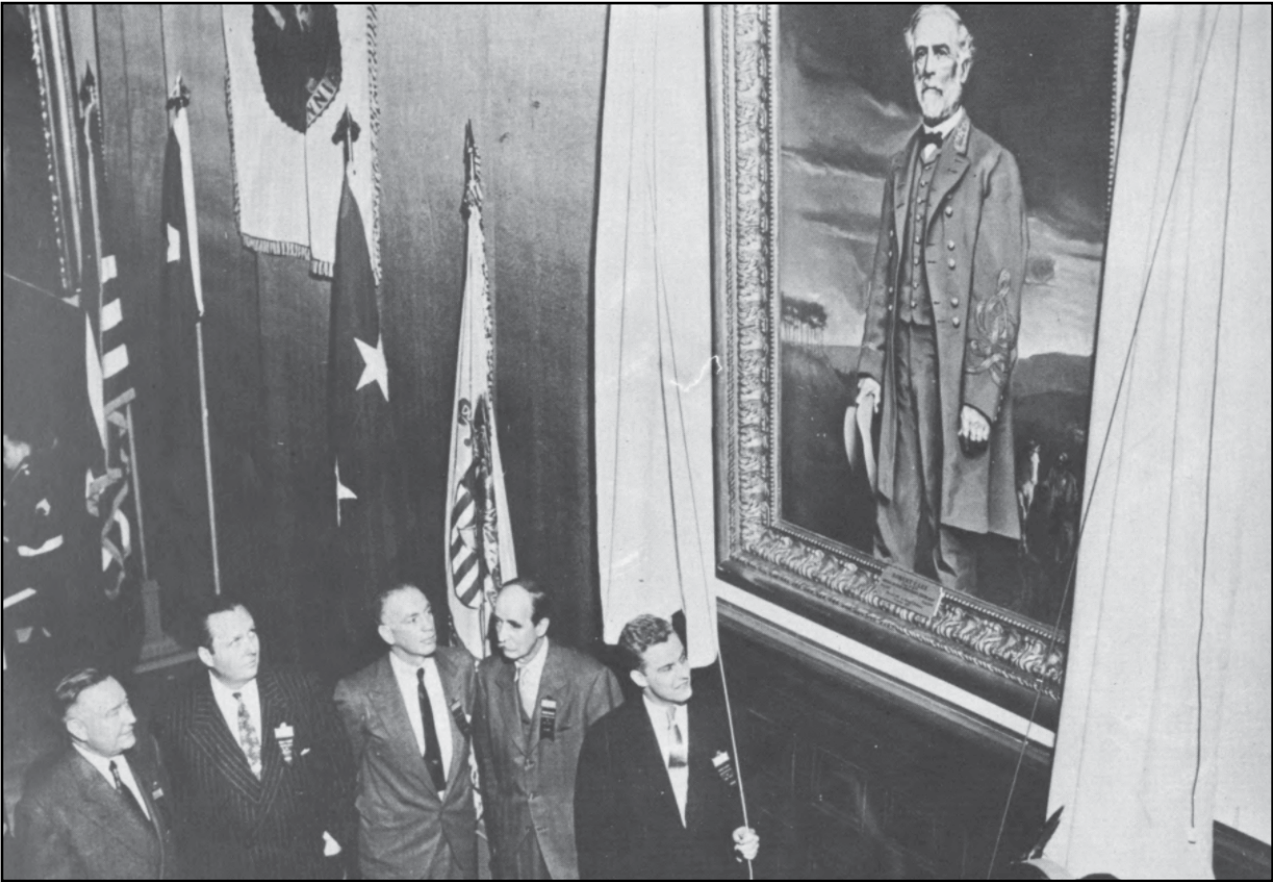


Proud Boy Allen Swinney Sentenced to 10 years for multiple acts of mayhem in Oregon

Proud Boy Swinney pictured above with a weapon and wearing tac gear at a protest in Portland, was convicted some time back of 11 counts of various forms of assault, and other violations, and has been sentenced to a decade in prison after the guilty verdict. ‘Swinney’ probably has little to fear from prison guards. Like many of those mentioned in the study above, he is a former member of the US military who was sent to Kuwait in the first Bush’s first Gulf War, which his lawyer attempted to use an explanation or excuse for his acts of violence.

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How Israel Turned Palestine into a Surveillance Tech Dystopia

Nadim Nashif - December 10, 2021 middleeasteye.net

Whether in the occupied West Bank, Gaza or Israel, Palestinians live under a cloud of constant Israeli surveillance. Recent revelations have included the Israeli army’s deployment of Blue Wolf facial recognition technology, which reportedly saw Israeli soldiers incentivized with prizes for taking the most photos of Palestinian civilians, and the installation of NSO Group’s Pegasus spyware on the phones of Palestinian human rights workers.

While these revelations might have shocked the international community, Palestinians have long known that Israel uses the occupied territories as a laboratory for testing invasive surveillance technologies. This allows Israeli firms to market their technologies as “field tested” when they are exported around the world.

In addition to violating Palestinians’ human rights, Israeli surveillance of Palestinian communities has far-reaching consequences for the international community. The lack of accountability, transparency and regulation on the sale and provision of surveillance tools threatens marginalized communities, human rights defenders, academics, and journalists worldwide. As like-minded governments look to Israel as a blueprint for surveilling their own citizens, the international community can no longer afford to stand by as the right to privacy is eroded.

Indeed, Israeli surveillance systems have become central to controlling the everyday lives of Palestinians. Since its 1967 occupation, Israel has gradually tightened its control over the information and communications technology sector in the West Bank and Gaza, in defiance of the Oslo Accords, which required Israel to gradually transfer control to Palestinians.

This has resulted in severe violations of Palestinian digital rights, including a tiered system of accessibility in which Israelis enjoy access to 5G, while Palestinians in the occupied West Bank only have access to 3G, and 2G in Gaza.

‘Pressure points’

Israel simultaneously stifles technological advancement for Palestinian communities, while controlling the infrastructure that undergirds the surveillance state. An Israeli military whistleblower recently revealed that Israeli authorities have the ability to listen in on any phone conversation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza -- and not only that, any mobile device imported into Gaza via the Kerem Shalom crossing is implanted with an Israeli bug.

Israel’s controversial Unit 8200 uses such surveillance methods to find “pressure points” to turn Palestinians into informants. The Unit often seeks out gay Palestinians, and burdens them with the impossible choice of having their sexuality revealed to their friends and family, which may lead to persecution, or becoming informants and spying on their communities for the Israeli government.

Face to the West
The element is the sea
And the moon that pulls and swells the tides on the sea
The spirit is the feminine principle
The color is Black
Lift up the African people
The mother of all people
Heal the trauma of enslavement and colonialism
Lift up Black love and joy, resistance and resilience.

Face to the North
The element is the land
The spirit is the ancestors and elders
The color is Red
Lift up the First Nations
The ancestral people of this land
Heal the trauma of land theft and genocide
Lift up the Red Road,
indigenous stewardship and sovereignty,
resistance and resilience.

Face to the East
The element is fire
The spirit is the masculine principle
The color is Yellow
Lift up the Asian people
Heal the trauma of war and exploitation,
Nuclear radiation,
Lift up collectivity and constancy, resistance and resilience

Face to the South
The element is wind
The spirit is the children and descendants
The color is White



Israeli Pegasus spyware from NSO Group has been used to hack iphones, track dissidents and journalists. The company is being sued by Apple & Facebook and embargoed by the US govt.

Israeli spyware: What you read could make you a target

Over the past half-decade, there has been a notable increase and diversification in Israeli surveillance methods. Israel encouraged the tech and security sector to produce algorithms and surveillance tools to sift through Palestinian social media content, and its controversial predictive policing programme has seen hundreds of Palestinians arrested on charges of social media incitement since 2015.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated the situation, as Israel has used the guise of public health to roll out new invasive surveillance measures. Palestinians face severe restrictions on freedom of movement and must apply for travel permits, but in light of the pandemic, Israel last year launched a mobile application to replace in-person permitting services.

While the app was framed as a public health measure, its more insidious intentions are clear in its terms of service, which force users to provide access to the data stored on their phones, such as calls and photos. This becomes more problematic when understanding how important these services are for many Palestinians.

Without proper permits, it can be difficult to find work within the small geographical areas to which many Palestinians are confined. Israel’s pandemic response has thus forced Palestinians to choose between access to a professional livelihood or maintaining their right to privacy.

Closed-circuit cameras

At the same time, video surveillance and facial recognition software are a daily reality for Palestinians. In 2000, several hundred closed-circuit television cameras (CCTVs) were installed in the Old City of Jerusalem. In

2015, that system was significantly expanded, and today, facial-recognition technology has become so widespread that many Palestinians no longer feel safe in their own homes.

Some CCTVs are positioned in such a way that they can see into private homes, leading some women to resort to sleeping in their hijabs, while other families are reluctant to let their children play outside, as the cameras have stripped away any sense of privacy.

While Israel’s system of surveillance is clearly built on a lack of regard for Palestinians’ basic rights, including their right to privacy, the response from global governments has been slow and ineffective in addressing the issue. The work of civil society organizations and digital rights defenders is thus a vital tool for increasing public pressure on surveillance companies.

In response to mounting pressure, the US recently blacklisted NSO Group and Candiru, saying they “developed and supplied spyware to foreign governments that used these tools to maliciously target government officials, journalists, businesspeople, activists, academics, and embassy workers”. And last year, amid intense public scrutiny, Microsoft announced that it would sell its stake in the Israeli facial recognition company AnyVision.

Yet, this does not go far enough to tackle the systemic issue of entrenched Israeli surveillance systems and the testing of such technology on Palestinians. Governments around the world must push for increased regulation and transparency in how surveillance technologies are developed and deployed, and sanction companies that depend on the exploitation of marginalized communities to test their products.

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My Four Winds, Four Directions Meditation

Lift up the European people
The adolescent people of the Earth
Pray for maturity and the capacity to be of use.
Heal the trauma of individualism and competition
Lift up awareness and solidarity, resistance and perseverance

Face up to Father Sky,
*Shamayim**
The element is water vapor
The colors are blue and grey
Heal the trauma of flooding and drought
Cleanse the troubled skies,
Cool the heated earth
Lift up the natural cycle of water, evaporation and precipitation
From the sky to the earth and back.

Face down to Mother Earth,
Pacha mama,
The elements are magma, lava, stone, and soil
The colors are brown and green
Heal the trauma of borders and flags
Lift up all our relations,
The microbiome, the mycorrhizome, the forests,
The creepy-crawlies, the six-legged and eight-legged,
The two-legged and four-legged, the winged,
Those with fins and those with shells,
The vegetation on the land and in the sea.

Face out to the Cosmos
The colors are gold and silver
Pray for the universe, the multiverse, and
All the dimensions

The spirit is time and space
Lift up the infinite.

Face in to the Self
Heal the psyche, the soma, and the spirit
mind, heart, and gut
Pray for the brain, the spine, the nervous system,
and the sense organs.
Pray for the Musculo-skeletal system, the bones, joints,
ligaments, tendons, marrow and cartilage.
Pray for the cardio-pulmonary system,
the blood and the breath,
the heart, lungs, arteries, veins, and capillaries.
Pray for the alimentary, digestive, excretory and urinary
systems, the mitochondria and bacteria.
Pray for the glands, the lymph, the reproductive system,
And the fire that burns in every living cell.
Pray for veracity and tenacity.
Lift up the harmony of multicellular life.

Face the future
Lift up all the healing energy in the universe
And rain it down,
Once, twice, three times,
Through all the organs, the solar plexus,
And into the Earth.
Asé, aho, amen.

**Shamayim* is a transliteration of the Hebrew word for the sky or the heavens, שָׁמַיִם, which includes the word “mayim” מַיִם (water). It could be understood to mean “water there” or “like water”.

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