

Black-led Slate Running to Instill Democracy, Diversity, Transparency and Anti-Racism at Pacifica Radio

by Michael Novick, Anti-Racist Action Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror

Are you a listener-member of KPFF radio? I have heard from too, too many people who used to be members of KPFF that they have let their membership lapse, or stopped listening, or both. They felt the station was stale and mired in the past.

As a result, I am running with the Black-led Pacifica Mission Coalition slate and campaign in the current flawed elections for seats on the Pacifica National Board and the Local Station Boards at KPFF and the other Pacifica stations, WBAI in NY, WPFW in DC, KPFT in Houston, and KPFA in Berkeley. Although many of our candidates have been kept off or taken off the ballot, we still have a chance to win.

The head of our ticket is Dr. Julianne Malveaux, a Ph.D. economist, president emerita of a historically Black women’s college, syndicated columnist, broadcaster on WPFW, running for chair of the Pacifica National Board (PNB). Our candidate for vice-chair, Perri “Mama PK” McCary, is the creator of the Sankofa Initiative, cofounder of Think Peace International, and was a member of the KPFT LSB and chair of the station’s Community Advisory Board. Kamau Harris, our candidate for treasurer, unfairly removed from the ballot, is an accountant and financial data analyst, with long experience in both for-profit and non-profit enterprises. He is chair of the WPFW LSB and served on the National Finance Committee of Pacifica. Donna Carter of KPFA, our candidate for secretary of the PNB, a nurse and labor organizer, was also unfairly removed from the ballot for participating in a non-Pacifica protest of fascist media consolidation and monopolization outside Oracle over the takeover of CBS and the proposed takeover of HBO/CNN.

Ninel Centeno, a labor organizer, community activist, and Spanish-language programmer at KPFF in Los Angeles, and Sally Gellert, environmentalist and co-producer and co-host of WBAI’s Eco-Logic, our candidates for the two remaining national staff representative seats on the PNB are still on the ballot.

I am running as a committed anti-racist, internationalist, and labor and solidarity activist for the position of listener representative on the PNB from KPFF. (Our other candidates for that position at the other stations, including Cheryl Davila at KPFA, Vinisha Patel Adams at KPFT, Michele Tingling-Clemmons at WPFW, and Sharonne Salaam at WBAI, have all been kept off or removed from the ballot).

Despite those injustices, and an election system designed for “winner-take-all” and to favor slates with deep pockets, if we can win the five seats we are currently able to contest, we would win control of the new national board.

I have devoted many years and countless hours to the effort to increase the audience and rebuild the impact of the station, and the Pacifica Foundation, as a platform for the voices for peace and solidarity, for social, racial and economic justice, and for ecological consciousness, that are more necessary than ever in the face of militarism, threats to freedom of speech and the press, and attacks on movements for a more just and equitable society.

I served as the unpaid interim General Manager of KPFF from Sept. 2022 into November, 2024. Shortly after Trump’s election to a second term, I was let go. Since then we have seen the elimination or reduction of locally-produced programming from communities of color, labor coverage, local news, environmental-oriented shows -- replaced with syndicated national programs, repeats, and news and other programs from KPFA in Berkeley.

Last year, a new set of Bylaws was adopted without the necessary member input, stripping away local oversight of finances, management and programming at each station. Elections are being held for a new centralized national board and a disempowered local station board. The Pacifica Mission Coalition that I am running with is committed to restore members’ democratic rights to participate in the governance of their station, to restore equity, diversity and inclusivity within Pacifica, and to help bring KPFF and Pacifica into the 21st Century as an effective medium of news, analysis, cultural expression and coverage that meets the specific needs of the communities we serve in the various listening areas.

Do you miss hearing from Black Lives Matter, Extinction Rebellion, Stop LAPD Spying, Richard Wolff, Radio Free Palestine, or the disability rights and resources coverage on Access Unlimited? Would you like to hear news from a progressive perspective about local issues, elections, movements, and solutions? Do you support progressive Spanish-language programming for the largest and fastest growing radio audience in the country? Do you agree with experts who believe that the future of independent media depends on providing local news and information to meet community needs that corporate media ignore?

If you share these concerns and views, and made a donation of \$25 or more to KPFF or another Pacifica station between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, please search through your email or text messages for one from Pacifica Foundation Inc via electionbuddy.com. It contains a unique individualized code to the electronic ballot good until September 30 at 11:59 PM Pacific time. If you can’t find it, or you want a paper ballot, email pacifica@electionbuddy.com and NES@pacifica.org (the National Election Supervisor). When you find or get your ballot, please vote for our candidates.



Left: Dr. Julianne Malveaux
Above: Perri Mama PK McCary

The local station board (LSB) candidates I am running with also need your vote -- Jack Neff for LSB chair, Rick Cooper for vice-chair, Doug Barnett for secretary, Bella De Soto for outreach coordinator, and Cliff Olin for Membership/Fundraising coordinator. Even though the LSB has been disempowered under the new Bylaws, electing these candidates will at least assure the LSB is again open to member participation and open discourse.

Because the new Bylaws consider each election a separate one for a single seat in each case, the elections have been designed so that the same majority can sweep all the positions, especially at the national level. The foundation has not aired the live on-air candidate forums with the opportunity for listeners to call in, so the Pacifica Mission Coalition has been hosting zoom candidate forums to which all candidates are invited with equal time to speak and answer questions from attendees. You can learn more at <https://pacificamissioncoalition.com>, and read my candidate statement at <https://elections.pacifica.org/michael-novick-kpff-candidate-for-pnb-station-listener-representative/>

Thanks for helping KPFF and Pacifica uphold their mission and fulfill their potential! You can donate to support the campaign at <https://www.crowdfunder.com/p/pmc-election-fund>

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Family Policing Is Counterinsurgency How the State Targets Black Families to Undermine Liberation

by Aryana Shakur

Family policing, what they call child welfare, CPS, or foster care, is not a system of care. It is a system of control. It operates exactly as designed: to surveil, punish, and destabilize Black families.

Every liberation movement has faced a counterinsurgency strategy. Black people, family policing is one of the most sophisticated forms of that strategy. The removal of Black children is not about safety, it’s about political significance. A confident, conscious, protected Black child threatens the racial order.

When the state intervenes, it isn’t rescuing children.

It’s interrupting the development of future organizers, thinkers, and defenders of our people.

Targeting Black Youth

Black youth are not cases or files. They are warriors in training the next generation of builders, strategists, and protectors. Family policing targets them precisely because of this potential.

Instead of nurturing their brilliance, the system teaches them to distrust their community and depend on the state.

That’s not protection.

That’s indoctrination.

Manufactured Crisis & Mercenary Parenting

The state creates the very crises it claims to intervene against:

Poverty through disinvestment

Instability through policing and incarceration

Crisis through denial of housing, healthcare, and resources

Then it blames Black parents for the conditions the state itself engineered.

Meanwhile, foster placements, often motivated by stipends rather than love, are funded more generously than the families being torn apart. This is not protection.

It is state-manufactured harm.

The Foster Care to Prison Pipeline

The foster system is not separate from the prison system.

It is the front end of it.

Children removed from their families are far more likely to be criminalized, incarcerated,

and placed under lifelong surveillance.

A child taken is a child placed on a conveyor belt toward confinement.

A MODERN CONTINUATION OF CHATTEL SLAVERY

Family policing continues the logic of slavery:

Remove the child

Break the family

Control the future

Maintain the hierarchy

The plantation has new paperwork, but the function remains the same.

The state still claims ownership over Black children.

It still uses family separation as a tool of domination.

Why We Organize

Black people have never survived oppression through silence or isolation.

We survive by organizing collectively, strategically, and with unwavering commitment to one another.

We organize because our children deserve protection rooted in community, not surveillance rooted in punishment.

We organize because the state has never had our best interests at heart but we have always had each other.

We organize because resistance is our inheritance

We are not criminals for defending our families.

We are organizers, and organizing is our birthright

This is our moment. Our mandate. Our responsibility.

Let’s Build systems of care that belong to us.

Defend our families with unity and discipline.

Expose the lies of family policing wherever they appear.

Raise our children to know they come from a people who never bowed down. Our children are not wards of the state.

They are not property of the system.

They are not casualties of colonialism. They are ours and we will protect them with love, community, and collective power.

THE ABC'S OF ACAB

Abolishing the Police edited by Koshka Duff (Dog Section Press, 2021)

Reviewed by Heath Row

This 256-page paperback anthology edited by Koshka Duff, an assistant professor in the University of Nottingham’s department of philosophy (<https://tinyurl.com/y29wu76v>), collects a baker’s dozen essays and articles about reasons to abolish the police, methods and practices activists can consider, and possible outcomes.

The book, neither an activists handbook nor an academic text (though Michel Foucault is first mentioned on p. 11 and the book contains more than 50 pages of footnotes and bibliography), offers a welcome, accessible introduction to anti-police theory and practice, including police abolition and de-colonial criminology. The contributors to the anthology are very much scholars of activism and activist scholars.

Duff’s introduction to the anthology touches on university student protests, the unwarranted murders of Mark Duggan and Eric Garner, what kinds of communities are policed rather than protected, police complicity in structural racism, and the risks of maintaining the status quo. A June 21, 2026, article in The Economist reported that police killings in the United States are increasing even as murder rates fall. The police, like the prisons they feed, are murderers.

Readers of *Turning the Tide* and anti-racist activists are likely already somewhat sympathetic to many of the ideas and ideals featured in *Abolishing the Police*. As a reader and reviewer for this forum, I was most interested in the book’s consideration of structural racism and anti-racist activism within the context of police abolition.

Contributor Arianne Shahvisi suggests that the increasing activity and impact of law enforcement agencies such as Immigration Compliance and Enforcement (ICE) in the US indicate that our experiences with borders no longer primarily occur at airports and seaports—or, well, borders—but can become an everyday occurrence. Migrants are increasingly subject to surveillance, detection, and arrest in their homes, workplaces, schools, and the streets.

As ordinary citizens become involved in offering police or federal law enforcement “tips” about the potential immigration status of neighbors and community members, racial profiling and other “new opportunities for racism” increase. “While the legislation is officially intended to target irregular migrants, the discourse that does so is necessarily racist and therefore lacks specificity,” Shahvisi writes. “Citizenship is therefore no protection against the racism caused by everyday

bordering... .” The essay also considers migrant-related criminality discourse, military imperialism, and the aftermath of settler colonialism.

Tom Kemp and Phe Amis explore the racial capitalism (as posited by Cedric Robinson, author of *Black Marxism* and *Downtown Blues*) that developed out of European colonialism. “Immigration controls are a historical product of post-colonial European statehood, developed to mobilise ‘race’ to restructure entitlements to ‘British’ wealth accrued during five centuries of enslavement and colonisation,” the authors write. “They are used to disavow claims of belonging by Black people and people of colour... .” Imperialist rhetoric, then, is grounded in white supremacy.

Tanzil Chowdhury’s all-too-brief piece builds on that slightly, considering the development of professional policing in parallel with early capitalism, the state’s desire to pacify the emergent working class, and the normalization of policing racialized communities. By framing subsets of society as inferior, imperial states legitimize domination.

Becka Hudson’s article, “Statues and Gangs,” resonates strongly with the recent egregious outcome of the Prairieland case in which participation in a book club and possession of leftist literature were presented as evidence of criminality. Hudson indicates that, increasingly, the police are agents of a “fascist panic” targeting racialized crime—and perhaps anti-fascist activism. The far right is galvanized by racialized crime, and in some countries, including the US, the police have been infiltrated by the far right—and racists. Law enforcement gangs within the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Los Angeles Police Department provide strong examples. ICE provides another.

Focusing on the structural violence faced by Black Lives Matter activists, Eddie Bruce-Jones suggests that it’s a mistake to focus on murderous police as racist individuals, rather than as representative agents of an oppressive system. Doing so can distract activists from concentrating on more challenging but more effective structural and systemic change. (Bruce-Jones’s piece was originally published in the Los Angeles Review of Books in 2015.) And invoking the Black Panthers, Daniel Loick identifies two existing strategies for creating alternatives to state-inflicted violence: moving from criminal to social justice, and pursuing non-carceral responses to interpersonal harm.

The rest of the book is also worth reading and highly inspiring, even if the essays don’t focus primarily on racism. Decidedly hopeful, the last few contributions included in the volume concentrate on solutions, including practices individuals can undertake and engage in on an everyday basis to make impact in one’s immediate zone of influence and peer groups.

The topic of structural violence and police abolition is heavy and the crisis before us is real, but the situation isn’t hopeless. That’s important to remember even as the rights of citizens continue to erode and political activism is criminalized as terrorist activity.

My primary criticism of the book is that because the collection is neither an activists handbook nor an academic text, it’s kind of neither fish nor fowl. Neither purpose is fully served. Many of the pieces feel too short—and I would welcome longer form, more rigorous work from practically every single one of the contributors. Similarly, I’d welcome more activist case studies, tips, tricks, and advice.

It’s also worth noting that even with the book’s discussion of the Global North and South and migrant diaspora, the participating authors live in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the USA, and Germany. Regardless of where they might have come from—or where they might be going—that lends the text a largely western European or western point of view. Regardless, this is a global issue, and I applaud the book’s attention beyond the United Kingdom.

Dog Section Press (<https://www.dogsection.org>) is a London-based not-for-profit publisher and self-described “distributor of seditious literature.” Formerly publisher of the lively quarterly newspaper Dope Magazine—now published by the Solidarity Economy Association—the press concentrates on anarchist, feminist, and adjacent works.

This anthology, available in print for £8 or as a free PDF (<https://tinyurl.com/yv87pd8u>) was shortlisted for the Bread & Roses Award for Radical Publishing (<https://breadandrosesprize.wordpress.com>) in 2022. I obtained my copy from Freedom Press in the UK. (<https://freedompress.org.uk>)

Additional recommended reading: Police Abolition 101 zine, Manifesto for the Abolition of the Police pamphlet, Abolition Now! by the CR10 Publications Collective (AK Press, 2008), and Becoming Abolitionists by Derecka Purnell (Astra House, 2021).

DR. JOHANNA FERNANDEZ, PRESENTE!

by Mumia Abu-Jamal

Doctor Johanna Fernandez, Ph.D. - Presente!

As I remember, first meeting her, when I was on Death Row, it becomes difficult to proceed. For this piece is one of the hardest things I’ve ever done.

She was teaching at Carnegie-Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, when a labor historian friend named Dave Demerest invited her to Death Row in nearby Greene County.

When she accepted that invitation, and walked into the Death Row visiting room, it was like a dark, dismal site struck by a sunburst. Dr. Johanna Fernandez had arrived, shining, with brilliance, beauty, intelligence, wit, and power.

She grew up with three brothers, and like all brothers, they fought each other, frequently, just like I did, with my brothers. Guess who could cool them out? Johanna could.

That youthful toughness made her stronger, and allowed her to fight and struggle so well as an adult. That, and advice from her mentor, Dr. Manning Marable from

Columbia, who gave her the words of Dr. Frantz Fanon, from his masterpiece, The Wretched of the Earth, quote: “Each generation must discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it, in relative opacity.” unquote.

Dr. Johanna Fernandez met many missions, and she fought her battles with brilliance and grace. As she had been mentored, she mentored other, younger scholars in how to walk and work in those two worlds of academia and activism.

So every day, she put on her uniform, a black blazer and black slacks, her armor, and marched on to the struggles of this world. She touched movements all around this world. In France, in England, in Puerto Rico, and beyond.

She, sadly, so very young, has left us, but her brilliance, and her presence, will never, ever be forgotten, by any of us.

Our beloved sister Dr. Johanna Fernandez, at the young age of 55, joins the embrace of the ancestors.



With love, not fear -- Mumia Abu-Jamal.
These commentaries are recorded by Prison Radio

<https://www.prisonradio.org/commentary/dr-johanna-fernandez-presente/>

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Over its 37+ 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 a year. For the last few years, economic necessity has dictated that we guarantee four 8-page issues a year. To restore bi-monthly publication, we launched a fund-raising campaign we’ve dubbed “100X100.”

We are still looking for one hundred people who will donate \$100 a year, or \$10/mo, to make it possible for *TTT* to resume publishing six issues a year, and continue mailing about 1700 copies of each issue into the prisons. You can donate at http://ko-fi.com/anti_racist_action_la. Help it go viral! We did it last year, but new increases mean we’re quarterly again.

Turning the Tide doesn’t print itself, or mail itself. Some prisoners who get the paper contribute a few stamps.. Often, they pass the copy of *TTT* that they received from hand to hand, cell to cell, or they send in the names and addresses of half-a-dozen or more other prisoners. **Prisoners, if you can find donors or subscribers outside prison to subsidize your sub, that would help a lot!**

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and donate, or use paypal to antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com if you prefer. Then share it with your contacts. With your help, *Turning the Tide* can step up to the “urgency of now” -- the necessity for radical organizing, educating and analyzing to respond to the growing crisis of the Empire -- endless war, police terror with impunity, mass incarceration, colonialism, ecological devastation that will shortly become irreversible.

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TINDER'S SECRET WAR:

How Israel used the Dating App in the Propaganda Battle for South Lebanon

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/tinders-secret-war-how-israel-used-the-dating-app-in-the-propaganda-battle-for-south-lebanon/291026/>
by Jennifer Kings

As Israel intensifies attacks on Lebanon and seeks to entrench its occupation of southern Lebanese territory despite repeated ceasefire violations, another front of the war is coming into focus: psychological operations conducted through some of the world’s most popular technology platforms .

In August 2024, the United States military ran ads on Tinder in Lebanon to discourage users from joining the resistance against the continued Israeli genocidal assault on the country – demonstrating the full spectrum of the Zionist military strategy.

Backed financially, politically and militarily by the US – Israel has long aimed to engulf Lebanon with desires to reoccupy the South along with regular bombardments on civilian areas.

And despite there being a “ceasefire” between Lebanon and Israel since April 17th, Israel has bombed Lebanon over 3,500 times all the while pushing for normalization.

US CENTCOM ads on Tinder represent another front in the Zionist military strategy: psychological operations with militarized “dating” platforms.

Tinder, the most popular “dating” app in the world, boasts over 75 million active users in more than 190 countries. It is owned by Match Group – a multi billion dollar conglomerate that owns the largest market share of dating platforms – Hinge, Match.com, OkCupid. Plenty of Fish, Salams, and others.

Largest market share also means one of the largest data gold mines – personal and intimate user data, messages, video calls, facial recognition and location data on potentially hundreds of millions of users across Match Group’s dozens of dating applications. Tinder’s user data was found in a breach at Gravy Analytics – a data broker company who sells data to governmental agencies to be used for police and military location tracking.

But Match Group’s strategy and their technologies became fully militarized after Zionist billionaire investor and trump donor Paul Singer and his Elliot Management group built a \$1 billion stake in the company in January 2024.

Paul Singer has long worked to integrate Israeli



The Israeli military and “intelligence/security” agencies use some of the most advanced military tech, A-I, and other means for counter-insurgency and occupation; now being absorbed into US military management through the NDAA.

military tech into global markets – co-founding Start-Up Nation Central (SUNC), a Tel Aviv based nonprofit started to combat the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. SUNC works to promote Israeli tech and get Unit 8200 officers – Israel’s elite military intelligence unit – hired at all major US tech firms like Google, Microsoft, OpenAI and Palantir.

In February 2024, Match Group announced their new partnership with OpenAI – in a press release written by ChatGPT. OpenAI’s technology has been instrumental in powering the AI genocide in Gaza. In February 2026, the company struck a deal with the United States Department of Defense – CEO Sam Altman sharing that the deal was made due to the Department of Defense’s “deep respect for safety.”

In March 2024, Zillow co-founder and Palantir board member Spencer Rascoff joined Match Group’s board. Palantir’s technology is used by the Israeli military to surveil, target and genocide in Gaza. Rascoff was then named CEO, replacing Bernard Kim in February 2025.

“Do not take up arms against the United States of its partners,” the Tinder ad read in Arabic, along with

pictures of warplanes and the CENTCOM logo in August 2024.

Match Group was sued in February 2024 over allegations that the platforms are designed to turn users into compulsive addicts who never find love but are turned into “gamblers locked in a search for psychological rewards.”

Yet despite partnering with Paul Singer and OpenAI, installing a former Palantir board member as CEO and running US military ads in Lebanon – Match Group says that they are just on a mission “to spark meaningful connections for every single person worldwide.”

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Corporate Control is Fascism

By: Marcos F. Santiago

As is strongly suggested by the recent spate of cases handed down by the highest court in the land, the far-right majority of “Justices’ on the U.S. Supreme Court have a vision for what they believe a future American should look like; and it apparently is one in which the civil and political rights that Black Americans have won through much hard work and sacrifice over the years, are stripped and watered down to insignificance. Even Democracy itself is seemingly not on the agenda.

While these so-called “Justices” hypocritically decry the fact that American democracy is on the decline, they themselves are responsible for its decline through their ultra-extremist rulings that cater mainly to wealthy and powerful corporations at the expense of millions of impoverished Americans.

Throughout the history of the U.S. even slave masters like Thomas Jefferson and White supremacists like President Theodore Roosevelt have warned their fellow Americans of the dangers of allowing corporations to use their immense wealth to influence U.S. elections. Thomas Jefferson , for example, who once “fretted that corporations would subvert the republic,” expressed the view that:

“...I hope we shall...crush in [its] birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country...”

And president Theodore Roosevelt, in his 1905 annual address to Congress, expressed an even harsher view of capitalist corporations in terms of their ability to corrupt U.S. democratic elections. He stated:

“...All contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose

should be forbidden by law; directors [aka CEO’s] should not be permitted to use stockholder’s money for such purposes; and, moreover, a prohibition of this kind would be, so far as it went, an effective method of stopping the evils aimed at in Corrupt Practices Act...”

Many are the reasons why, throughout the history of the U.S., a majority of Americans were opposed to corporate spending on American elections, including but not limited to the following:

(1) When corporations spend large sums of money on helping a political candidate win an election, once that candidate is in power he or she feels more obligated to serve the interests of the corporations rather than the interests of the voters who actually elected them. (Which explains why voters hardly ever get what they were promised by politicians, but oftentimes the very opposite of what they were promised.)

(2) Corporations can be managed and owned by foreign investors, which means that, depending on how much stock they have invested in the corporations, a few wealthy foreigners can actually have an even bigger say than millions of Americans in determining which politicians get elected in the U.S. and which do not.

(3) When corporations use the money of their stockholders for electioneering purposes (on TV commercial ads for or against a particular candidate, for example), stockholders who dislike their corporation’s preferred candidate don’t have much of a choice or a voice, other than their ability to divest from the corporation at their own expense (since selling stock too early may lead to higher capital gains taxes).

For these and many other reasons, throughout the history of the U.S., a majority of the country’s “leaders” in every branch of government favored tight restrictions on corporate spending when it came to local, state and federal elections. In 2010, however, that centuries-long history went flying out of the window when a far-right U.S. Supreme Court threw all caution to the wind with its Citizens United case. Here are a few memorable lines from that case, written by one of the Justices who strongly disagreed with the majority’s decision. He wrote in relevant part:

(1) “...A democracy cannot function effectively when its constituent members believe laws are being bought and sold...”

(2) “...In an age in which money and television ads are the coin of the campaign realm, it is hardly surprising that corporations deploy these ads to curry favor with, and to gain influence over, public officials...”

(3) “...Starting today, corporations with large war chests to deploy on electioneering may find democratically elected bodies becoming much more attuned to their interests...”

(4) “...Unlike voters in the U.S. elections, corporations may be foreign controlled...”

(5) “...[I]n a functioning democracy the public must have faith that its representatives owe their positions to the people, not to the corporations with the deepest pockets...”

See Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), Justice Stevens dissenting opinion, pp. 393-479.

Mexico Just Launched The World’s Most Advanced Plan To Save Its Beaches — And No Other Country Has Anything Like It

She could have watched it on television. Instead, President Claudia Sheinbaum climbed into a helicopter with the Secretary of the Navy and flew the coastline herself — from Tulum to Puerto Morelos — looking down at the brown tide swallowing some of the most beautiful beaches on Earth.

What she saw was the worst sargassum season ever recorded.

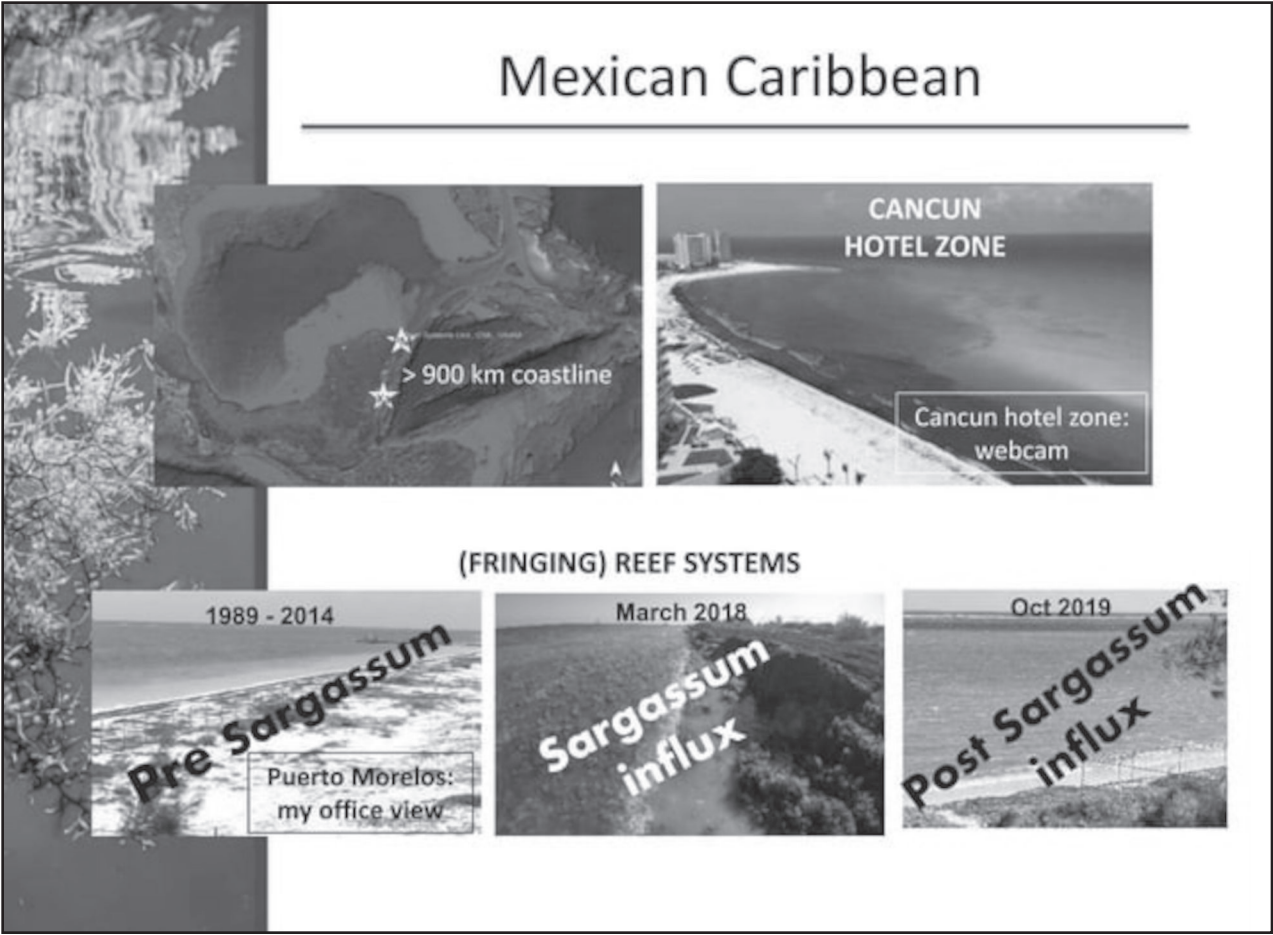
Here are the numbers. Every single day, more than 90,000 tons of sargassum drift through the Mexican Caribbean. About 10% of it lands on Quintana Roo’s shores — four times more than last year, and far beyond anything in the historical record. By late June, 92.5% of the state’s beaches were rated “excessive.”

And this isn’t just about pretty photos. Sargassum management now costs Quintana Roo the equivalent of roughly 11% of its entire state economy — around \$2 billion a year. Hotels along the Riviera Maya spend about \$150 million annually just raking it off the sand. Behind those figures are real families: the boat captains, the servers, the housekeepers, the guides, the taco stand owners whose livelihoods rise and fall with the tide.

So on July 30, at the Mañanera at Palacio Nacional, Mexico answered. More than 2 Billion pesos — about \$115 million USD — were committed to a full national strategy. Navy Minister Raymundo Pedro Morales Ángeles laid out the plan, and President Sheinbaum broke it into three simple steps:

- 1. Stop it at sea. New specialized vessels — tugs and sargassum harvesters — to intercept the algae before it ever reaches the sand.
- 2. Build a wall of water. Roughly 50 kilometers of new containment barriers, using the best barrier technology available anywhere in the world.
- 3. Clean up what gets through. Upgraded machinery for beach collection.

The focus: Cancún, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Morelos, Tulum and Mahahual — five zones, 40 to 50 kilometers of the beaches that carry Mexico’s tourism heart. And the Navy isn’t starting from zero. It already has 11 specialized vessels, an amphibious harvester, 18 support boats, two barges, four drones, and more than 29,500 feet of barriers in the water.



But here’s the part that should make every Mexican sit up straight. Mexico isn’t just throwing the seaweed away. Environment Secretary Alicia Bárcena revealed that there are now nearly 200 initiatives across the country turning sargassum into something useful — biofuel, fertilizer, bioplastics, paint, even plastic lumber.

The government wants to build a circular-economy hub in Puerto Morelos to process everything collected. Turning a problem into a product. Turning a burden into an industry. Turning trash into jobs.

Tourism Secretary Josefina Rodríguez said it plainly: the goal is to make Mexico the international benchmark. And she pointed out something remarkable — no other country on Earth has built a system that combines

offshore collection, beach cleaning, AND full industrial use of the algae. Not one.

The Caribbean is a shared sea. Florida gets it. Barbados gets it. The Dominican Republic gets it. Scientists say warmer oceans, more nutrients and longer sun exposure are driving the surge everywhere.

But Mexico is the one building the blueprint. And when it works, the rest of the world will be studying it. From the deck of a Navy ship to a laboratory in Puerto Morelos, Mexicans are proving something they’ve proven a thousand times before: give them a problem, and they’ll build something out of it.

Cancún’s white sand is worth fighting for. And Mexico is fighting.

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST GENOCIDES HELD JULY 4TH, 2026 - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

by the Peoples’ Senate/Spirit of Mandela Coalition

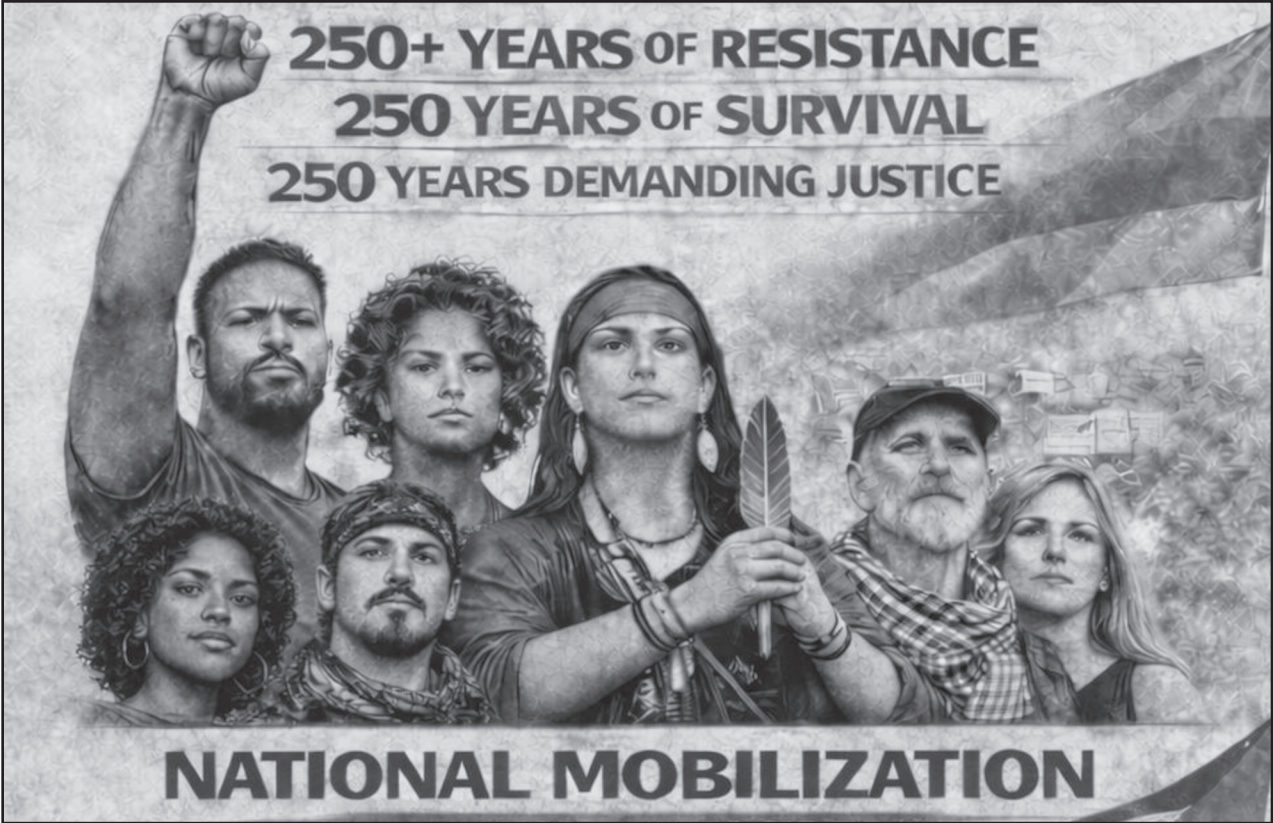
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Today’s reading of the United States Declaration of Independence leaves little to celebrate. The forefathers of the USA called to dissolve the political bonds that connected their new colonies to the British empire. However, the masses of people living here, created equal in the eyes of God/Allah/ the Great Spirit, were in no way treated equally or free by those who proclaimed this land to be the “United States.” The truth is this country had replaced the British empire with another even more genocidal one.

Although many “Americans” on July 4th, 2026, waved flags and celebrated “bombs bursting in air” for the 250th anniversary of the USA’s Declaration of Independence, for many others, the relevance of the Declaration was centered on a critique of tyrannical leaders and a government celebrating 250 years of genocidal policies and practices.

The Spirit of Mandela coalition, continuing the work of the 2021 International Tribunal that found the US government GUILTY OF GENOCIDE against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples, (spiritofmandela.org), commemorated 250+ years of consistent resistance. We celebrated the building of new people’s movements, united fronts, international alliances, and local initiatives fiercely combating modern genocide, imperialism, white supremacist oppression, and injustice.

The 19th Century Abolitionist, Frederick Douglass asked, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” (MassHumanities.org). In the legacy of Crazy Horse, Rev. Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Harriet Tubman, Lolita Lebron, and all the freedom fighters throughout history, we responded by taking that moment



to redouble our efforts to build and connect mass and popular movements that are truly of the people, by the people, and for the people.

The Spirit of Mandela’s work to build a Peoples’ Senate is a continuum, an integral part of this historic process of resisting the USA’s genocidal policies against Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples, and oppressive actions worldwide. We invite you to help us build the Peoples’ Senate.

In light of the courageous and continuous history of resistance and freedom struggles, the Spirit of Mandela coalition, in pursuit of building the Peoples’ Senate, called for a 4th of July 2026 National Mobilization Against Genocides.

On July 4, 2026, we convened, along with many allies and friends, a grand national convergence in Atlanta, Georgia. We had culture and conversation, dancing and debate, built unity across ideological lines and beyond

geographic and other boundaries. Centered under the leadership of, but not exclusive to, our Black Panther/ Black liberation legacy, we convened to proclaim: No to Genocide Anywhere! Yes to People’s Movements and Liberation Everywhere!!!

In the Spirit of all of our many Mandelas, let us once again raise the rallying cry: “Amandla! Awethu!” In English, that has always meant “Power to the People!”

You can learn more about the continuing and ongoing Spirit of Mandela coalition beyond the July 4 Mobilization Against genocides and the Peoples’ Senate at: spiritofmandela.org

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HAITI: SOLIDARITY IN A WORLD AT WAR

by Robert Roth, *Haiti Action Committee*
https://haitisolidarity.net/haiti-solidarity-in-a-world-at-war/

As the world reels from the devastating U.S.-Israel war on Iran and Lebanon, and as the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide continues in Gaza and the West Bank, the Trump Administration’s plan to assert its dominance over the Americas is also moving forward at an unprecedented pace. Having kidnapped Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife and colleague, Cilia Flores, and taken control over Venezuela’s oil reserves, the U.S. is now salivating over the prospect of toppling the socialist government of Cuba. On March 16, Trump announced that he “could take Cuba whenever I want” and that Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel “would have to go” if Cuba wanted to negotiate its survival with the U.S. administration.

It could not be clearer. Old-fashioned U.S. imperialism, with no cover, is back in force. And it isn’t just words: the U.S. has ratcheted up its blockade of Cuban ports, strangling the island nation by attempting to eliminate its fuel supply. Over 15,000 U.S. troops are now stationed throughout the Caribbean, with a concentration in Puerto Rico. The infamous Roosevelt Roads Naval Base has been reactivated, threatening any Caribbean or Latin American nation that dares to defy the U.S.

As of March, the long-standing supply of Venezuelan oil to the Cuban government has ceased. Even Cuba’s vaunted medical support for countries in the Americas has come under withering attack. One example: the government of Jamaica has canceled its decades-long medical collaboration with Cuba, despite that collaboration having saved countless Jamaican lives. [Trump has now obtained a criminal indictment against former president Raul Castro, 95.]

None of this is a slam-dunk for the U.S. Despite proclamations of victory in the Iran war, it is clear that the U.S. and Israel are facing unforeseen consequences, and were unprepared for the level of Iranian self-defense, which has rattled the world economy and sent shock waves throughout West Asia. And let’s not forget that the U.S. has been attempting to destroy Cuba ever since the Cuban Revolution in 1959, without success. But as history has shown, an empire in crisis can and will unleash terror around the world.

The Crisis in Haiti

For Haitians, this is an all-too-familiar scenario. The kidnapping of President Maduro and his wife followed the script of the 2004 U.S.-orchestrated coup against the democratically elected progressive government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. On February 29, 2004, U.S. Marines kidnapped President Aristide and his wife and colleague, Mildred Aristide, and deposited them at a French military base in the Central African Republic, leading eventually to a seven-year forced exile in South Africa. In the aftermath of the coup, thousands of Haitians were killed, raped, or terrorized into exile.

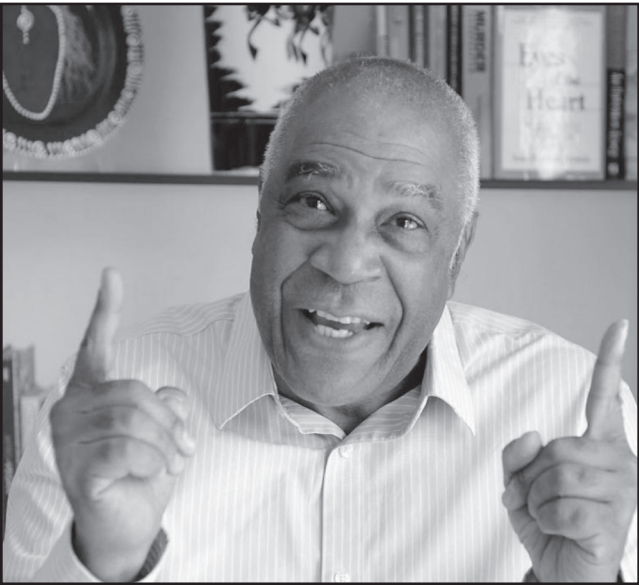
Reinforced by a violent UN military occupation, the coup brought in a series of corrupt, drug trafficking right-wing governments eager to sell the country’s land and resources to multinational corporations. These U.S.-imposed governments, and the tiny Haitian elite they serve, were responsible for empowering paramilitary death squads, called “gangs” in the U.S. media, to wipe out opposition and protect their assets, plunging Haiti into an ever-deepening crisis.

Haitian Civilians: Caught Between A Rock and A Hard Place

In the last year alone, approximately 8100 people have been killed in Haiti— primarily by paramilitary violence. Armed groups operate with near-total impunity, wreaking havoc on civil society. For example, in late March, the “Gran Griff” death squad, part of the Viv Ansamn paramilitary federation, massacred over 80 people in the Artibonite region, which has long been Haiti’s agricultural center. Roads throughout the country remain blocked, people cannot access markets, and close to 1.4 million people (out of a population of 12 million) have become internal refugees.

Hospitals have been forced to close after being targeted by paramilitaries. A cholera epidemic hit in 2025. Sexual violence against women and children has become the norm. According to United Nations statistics, some 5.7 million Haitians are facing what is euphemistically called “high levels of acute food insecurity”, including more than 1.2 million children under age 5. This is why Fanmi Lavalas, the people’s party founded by former President Aristide, has labeled this a “slow-motion genocide.”

In the name of fighting the paramilitaries, the current Haitian government recently signed a 10-year multi-



Pierre Labossiere of Haiti Action Committee

million dollar contract with Erik Prince’s infamous mercenary group, Vectus Global. Formerly known as Blackwater, it was responsible for the Nisour Square Massacre in 2007 during the Iraq War, in which 17 Iraqi civilians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed and over 20 others were injured. True to form, Vectus Global is now carrying out “anti-gang operations” with Haitian police that have resulted in the killing of over 1100 people, many of them civilians, in densely populated parts of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Haiti’s government has also signed an \$85.4 million contract with foreign private for-profit prison firms to build three new prisons, an ominous sign of even more repression to follow, in a country that needs money for health care and education, not more prisons.

So now, Haitians stand between a rock and a hard place: on the one hand, emboldened and well-connected paramilitary death squads determined to have their share of power, and on the other, a government dominated by the business elite that is ratcheting up its repressive apparatus and using its police powers and foreign mercenaries to wreak havoc on civilians.

As of February 7, 2026, a temporary presidential council has been dissolved, leaving only a U.S.-backed prime minister, Alix Didier Fils-Aime, in charge of the nation. When widespread opposition to Fils-Aime surfaced within Haiti, Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned Haitians that there would be “grave consequences” if Fils-Aime were removed from power. With a U.S. warship off the coast of Haiti and a U.N.-organized multinational force of 5,500 troops gearing up to deepen the occupation of Haiti and oversee new elections, we can expect a fraudulent selection aimed at installing a more permanent regime beholden once again to the United States. This fits snugly into the Trump Administration’s strategy to dominate all of Latin America and the Caribbean, and is a stark reminder of what is at stake throughout the Americas as the U.S. asserts its hegemony.

Envisioning a New Haiti

Haitians have always resisted tyranny, from the time they overthrew slavery, defeated Napoleon’s army, and declared the world’s first Black republic in 1804, 222 years ago. Today, communities have risen to defend themselves from paramilitary attacks, despite the high-powered weapons in the hands of the death squads. Women’s groups have mobilized to provide support for the survivors of gang rapes. The University of the Dr. Aristide Foundation (UNIFA), taken over by the U.S. military after the 2004 coup but reopened when the Aristides returned to Haiti in 2011, continues to graduate doctors, nurses, lawyers, agronomists, dentists, engineers, and physical therapists amid daunting challenges. UNIFA has now opened a teaching hospital at a time when many hospitals in Haiti have been shuttered due to paramilitary violence. Throughout the country, activists are operating at the local level, building capacity and resistance. A new Haiti can be envisioned through the prism of these grassroots efforts.

Defend Haitian Refugees

Haitians living within US borders are also in the crosshairs. Throughout their 2024 election campaign, Trump and Vance demonized Haitians, going so far as to falsely accuse Haitians in Springfield, Ohio, of eating their neighbors’ pets. This outrageous, racist lie fueled anti-Haitian attacks throughout Ohio. Shortly after Trump’s 2025 inauguration, the Department of Homeland Security attempted to end Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for over 350,000 Haitians now in the United States. This, despite the State Department issuing travel warnings telling Americans not to travel to Haiti due to dangerous conditions there.

On March 6, 2026, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld a ruling that the termination of TPS for Haiti was unlawful and based on “racial animus”. This ruling allows beneficiaries to maintain their status and keep their work permits for the moment. But the Trump Administration has already filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court, which has ruled against refugees over and over again. In response, supporters of Haitian refugees in Congress have put forward an initiative aimed at extending TPS for Haitians for another three years.

This is a moment when activism in support of Haitian migrants and the grassroots movement in Haiti is critical. We hope you will join us in this fight.

From Haiti to Venezuela to Cuba and Puerto Rico – One Struggle/One Fight!

To support grassroots projects in Haiti, please donate to the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund:

www.haitiemergencyrelief.org

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Unsealed Trial Evidence Contradicts Government’s Account of July 4 Prairieland Noise Protest

DFW Support Committee Highlights Key Video Footage Kept Under Seal for Weeks

Four months after the federal Prairieland verdicts, and a year after the Fourth of July noise demonstration held in solidarity with ICE Detention Center detainees, around which the Prairieland case revolves, the DFW Support Committee was able to piece together trial evidence to debunk government claims and refute rampant mischaracterizations in the media of that night’s events.

The US District Court for the Northern District of Texas, which recently sentenced nine federal trial defendants to consecutive terms of 30-100 years in prison, kept key evidence sealed for weeks after the March trial had concluded. Until now, this evidence has not been widely viewed by the public.

The DFW Support Committee has highlighted certain video evidence that shows the July 4 demonstration was not an ambush or an attack—contradicting the dominant narrative coming from the government and uncritically repeated by mainstream media. CCTV footage depicts a largely uneventful gathering aside from a few protesters shooting fireworks into the air and minor vandalism. The evidence also shows a police officer arriving on the scene, quickly drawing his firearm, aiming it at departing protesters, and firing, despite the clear absence of any threat.

The government’s charges of using and carrying explosives, as well as conspiracy to do so, stem from the use of consumer grade fireworks. Two different CCTV cameras (GX13 and GX14) recorded footage of fireworks being shot into the air, not at the detention facility, as some news media claim. The same footage shows protesters leaving when asked to do so by detention center staff.

Additional CCTV footage (GX11) shows minor vandalism, including spray painting a police vehicle, carried out by a single individual. Instead of charging that person with vandalism, the government dubbed the protest a riot and charged eight defendants with rioting and material support for terrorism for the same minor vandalism carried out by a single person.

After the noise, fireworks, and minor vandalism took place the night of July 4, 2025, the scene at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center—a razor wire, fully-fenced fortress—was relatively calm. It was only after Alvarado Police Department Lt. Thomas Gross arrived on the scene that things escalated.

Bodycam footage from Lt. Gross (GX3) shows him exiting his vehicle and immediately pointing his gun at the back of a protester, before taking a shooting stance and firing. Additional CCTV footage from the detention facility (GX10 at 1:29:26) shows a protester running away, Lt. Gross aiming at them, and Prairieland defendant Benjamin “Champagne” Song firing suppressive shots at the ground to avert the murder of the fleeing protester. Rather than attempting to murder Lt. Gross, as the government claims, it appears clear that Song was trying to save a life.

The events that this evidence depicts have been corroborated by Song in a post-sentencing statement. But when Song’s lawyers attempted to argue “defense of another” at trial, the government filed an emergency motion to block the argument. In a ruling that contradicted his own timeliness rules for motions and arguably outside of his authority, US District Court Judge Mark Pittman granted the government’s motion.

Moreover, bodycam footage from Lt. Gross (GX3 at 2:23) reveals that the projectile trails emerging from Song’s direction are angled away from the officer in an entirely different direction, making it implausible that a bullet from Song’s gun was what injured Lt. Gross. The same bodycam footage also shows that the projectile trail from Lt. Gross leaves his gun and returns virtually along the same path, indicating that his bullet may have ricocheted, which is not uncommon.

Damage to Song’s rifle, which seems to indicate that a bullet hit it, supports a scenario in which Lt. Gross’s bullet ricocheted off of Song’s rifle to graze Lt. Gross on its return. In addition, the photographic evidence of his impact wound (GX4, page 4) does not fit the profile of a direct hit from the kind of semi-automatic rifle used by Song, but does fit the kind of injury sustained from a ricocheted bullet.

One of the most common government narratives supporting its claims of an “ambush,” and repeated by

media, is that Song was hiding in or near the woods. But this narrative is also contradicted by the evidence. In recently released footage from the trial (GX3 at 2:21), Song is shown in the middle of the street, in plain view, and wearing a neon green neck gaiter. It is highly unlikely that Song was not visible to Lt. Gross even in the dark.

Notably, the only defendant who admitted to vandalism the night of the July 4, 2025 noise demonstration, Nathan Baumann, received a sentence nearly thirty times shorter than most trial defendants. The minor vandalism weakly underpins the government’s allegations of terrorism and the after-the-fact designation of the demonstration as a riot. Moreover, Baumann was unknown to any of the other defendants prior to the demonstration and he had the least political affiliations cited in trial testimony, bolstering many supporters’ claims that the sentences are meant to punish defendants for their political ideas rather than their actions.

Another argument the government used at trial to bolster its accusations of material support for terrorism is the claim that all of the protesters were wearing black, so-called “tactical” clothing, body armor, and masks in an effort to conceal their identities. While dressing in black does not constitute criminal behavior, let alone material support for terrorism, the government failed to even prove those claims.

The protesters seen in police bodycam footage (GX16 at 1:30 and GX18) are wearing a variety of outfits and colors, including short-sleeve t-shirts, tank tops, and blue work pants, thereby undermining the government’s material support argument. The government never charged anyone with terrorism nor had to prove that terrorism took place that night.

Yet another unfounded government claim used at trial was the alleged conspiracy between Prairieland defendants Maricela Rueda and her husband, Daniel “Des” Rolando Sanchez Estrada. The government claimed that Rueda asked her husband in so-called “coded language”—during a phone call from jail before Sanchez Estrada was

Getting Nothing in Return for Your Taxes

by Saint James (pseudonym)

Some time ago, not long after I arrived here at United States Penitentiary (USP) Big Sandy in Inez, Kentucky, I was happy to discover that a horticulture-related vocational program was available to the inmate population. Knowing that, as a person of color, I would be needing as much education and training as I could possibly get to make it in an increasingly complex society (especially in these times when humans have to compete with artificial intelligence), I immediately signed up for the course. And, needless to say, I did so under the impression that I was going to learn something new. But I learned absolutely nothing at all. Nor did any of the two dozen or so other inmates who showed up. In short, the very first day of the course was our last day. I’ll explain.

When every inmate who signed up showed up, the inmate who helps USP Big Sandy education staff members run the course gave each of us a sheet with about 50 questions on it. And then, when we were all settled in our seats and had pens in our hands, he proceeded to give us the answers to each question. And once we were finished jotting down all of the answers on the pre and post-test sheets he gave us, we handed our completed sheets back to the inmate and that was it--we were done with the course! Thus, a vocational training course that should have taken

about four months for us to complete instead took us about four minutes!

Now, I hate to inject race into this article; but the truth is that, as a White American who lives in a society whose political and economic institutions are predominantly managed and controlled by other White Americans, this particular inmate who helps prison officers run the VT course in question doesn’t need to take his educational needs as seriously as Black and Brown inmates need to take theirs; for the color of his skin will very likely guarantee him a job in any part of the U.S. upon his release. As a matter of fact, the whiteness of his skin is undoubtedly the reason why he was given the VT instructor job in the first place. To be sure, Black and Brown inmates also have jobs in the education department--as janitors, tutors, librarians and law clerks. But, strangely, it just so happens that the only job in the education department that can make a really big difference in the lives of inmates in helping us to successfully reenter society, is in the hands of a White inmate who, like the all-White prison staff members he works for, evidently has zero interest in seeing that inmates of color receive higher education in the form of meaningful hands-on-training. Of course, on paper, we inmates of color are receiving this education. But, in reality, we’re not learning a damn thing! And this is what American tax-payers are



arrested—to move a box of political zines.

This fabricated story is quickly debunked by reviewing the audio file of the call between Rueda and Sanchez Estrada (GX76) offered as trial evidence by the prosecution. During the call, Rueda is heard clearly asking her husband, without code and with earnest, to take care of her animals (rabbits, cats, and a dog), her daughter, her house, and her car.

The government also used the same call to imply that Rueda instructed her husband to move a box of political literature, but Rueda gave no such instructions. Trial evidence instead showed Sanchez Estrada retrieving from his parent’s house a box of his own belongings—unrelated to the July 4 protest and containing First Amendment-protected material—and transporting the box to a friend who collects historic zines and art (GX186). The government at no time provided evidence that the box was being concealed or hidden in order to protect anyone or avert arrest and prosecution.

All nine federal Prairieland trial defendants have filed notices of appeal with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to fight their convictions and extreme sentences.

The Prairieland cases, involving 22 people charged with both state and federal charges, stem from a noise demonstration in solidarity with detainees at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, 2025. After the protest, an officer with the Alvarado Police Department arrived on the scene, quickly drawing his gun and pointing it at departing protesters. Shots were fired and the officer allegedly sustained minor injuries (GX2), but authorities have never provided hospital records to justify these claims. Alvarado police arrested ten people in the area, and a dozen more were arrested over the following several months.

Visit the Prairieland website for revealing information that debunks the dominant narratives which have been perpetuated by the government in its aim to criminalize anti-ICE resistance: <https://prairielanddefendants.com/what-really-happened-at-prairieland>.

paying for--that is, shadow rather than real inmate rehabilitation programs.

The college program available here at USP Big Sandy is not much different. For example, dozens of Big Sandy inmates including myself recently completed a 16-week English 101 course. Our professor hardly ever showed up, but, worse, at no time during our 16-weeks did we receive even a single chapter from a college textbook to read! But who cares as long as prison staff members are still getting their tens of thousands of dollars in Pell Grant money that they receive for each inmate who enrolls in the course. They get the money and we mainly Black and Brown inmates get to retake the English lessons that we already learned in the 5th grade. As for our essay assignments, in my view, these seemed geared more towards helping the FBI determine which inmate might become a future terrorist than towards helping us inmates to elevate our intellectual faculties.

Now, of course, from the perspective of federal employees who make a living off of the U.S. prison industrial complex, anyone who would dare to question the status quo would qualify as a dangerous radical or terrorist. They themselves, on the other hand, who cheat and rob US tax-payers of millions every year, are of course the good guys!

Disarming Ourselves Against Trump's Fascist Playbook

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

Trump and RFK Jr. are coming after people with disabilities, rejecting the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Unfortunately, KPFFK no longer airs the Access Unlimited program focusing on disability rights and resources that I had restored to the air, and thus has lost the capacity to be a platform for that community in organizing to resist and to educate the public.

According to reports in the LA Times, “For decades, disabled people have fought for their rights to go to school and live alongside peers without disabilities — rights that some fear could be losing ground under the Trump administration. Last month, the Department of Education announced it would shift oversight of special education to the Department of Health and Human Services, led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose comments on the limits of disabilities such as autism have drawn sharp rebukes from advocates and lawmakers. Meanwhile, after a White House push to police homelessness, the Department of Justice released guidance that lowered the barrier to institutionalizing any person with a disability.

Taken together, the actions signal a worrying return to a reality where people with disabilities are pushed to the margins of society, advocates said. “It’s a direct, frontal assault on the rights of people with disabilities to live their lives the way that people who are nondisabled live their lives,” said Selene Almazan, legal director for the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates. “I can’t imagine that as a country, that would be something that we would agree we should go back to.”

People may be aware that one of the targets of Hitler’s exterminationist policies, adopted from and modeled after US ‘eugenicists’ and forced sterilization programs, was people with disabilities. You may be less aware that people with disabilities in the US have been targets of right wing hate crimes.

The Sayanim: Mossad Agents of Influence

by David Miller <https://english.almayadeen.net/articles/analysis/mossad-and-its-network-of-little-helpers--the-sayanim>

Zionist intelligence agencies launched a war on the International Criminal Court in January 2015. This was when it was confirmed that Palestine would join the court after it was recognised as a state by the UN general assembly.

Israel’s intelligence agencies routinely surveilled the ICC’s current chief prosecutor Karim Khan, his predecessor Fatou Bensouda, and dozens of other ICC and UN officials. Israeli intelligence also monitored materials that the Palestinian Authority submitted to the prosecutor’s office, and surveilled employees at four Palestinian human rights organizations whose submissions are central to the probe.

Multiple agencies including the Mossad, Shin Bet, and “National Security Council” were involved, in addition to the occupation military. “Israel’s” Ministry of Strategic Affairs, under Gilad Erdan, was involved in the surveilling of Palestinian human rights organizations that were submitting reports to the ICC.

It is reported that “a large whiteboard in an Israeli intelligence department contained the names of about 60 people under surveillance – half of them Palestinians and half from other countries, including UN officials and ICC personnel.”

Mossad, the foreign intelligence agency of the Zionist colony was involved in attempting to recruit senior ICC officials.

The former head of the Mossad, Yossi Cohen, allegedly threatened the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in a series of secret meetings in which he tried to pressure her into abandoning a war crimes investigation.

Cohen’s covert contacts with the ICC’s then prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, took place in the period leading up to her decision to open a formal investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Palestine. Cohen is alleged to have told her: “You should help us and let us take care of you. You don’t want to be getting into things that could compromise your security or that of your family.”

Mossad also took a keen interest in Bensouda’s family members and obtained transcripts of secret recordings of her husband. Regime officials then attempted to use the material to discredit the prosecutor.

Cohen met with Bensouda on a number of occasions, including “ambushing” her during a meeting with Joseph Kabila, the then president of the Democratic Republic of

Congo. It appears he was a Mossad agent of influence. At a program I worked on in the early 1990s with People Against Racist Terror (PART) and the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council Human Relations Committee, we had a disability rights activist as one of the speakers, who talked about both government disregard for people with disabilities and violent right wing attacks against differently-abled people, citing among others cases, an arson attack on the home of a person who used a wheelchair for mobility, in which the ramp to the housing was set ablaze.

On another occasion, we ran an article in “Turning The Tide,” the publication of ARA-LA/PART, from a founder of Not Dead Yet, describing the threats of euthanasia directed against people with paralysis from spinal cord injuries, and a culture that promoted the idea that such a life was not worth living, as exemplified in a Clint Eastwood film, “Million Dollar Baby”.

As Ibram X. Kendi wrote recently in *Chain of Ideas: The Origins of Our Authoritarian Age*, before James Alex Fields, Jr. killed Heather Heyer and injured 32 other anti-racists in Charlottesville Virginia, he had physically abused his mother, who uses a wheelchair.

People have also forgotten the militant movement of people with disabilities, with acts of civil disobedience like blocking the street in front of buses, that resulted in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the adoption of measures like curb cuts or “kneeling buses,” locations on public transit vehicles for secure placement of wheelchairs, and the requirements that employers make reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities, a fundamental right for working people.

When I was an adult education teacher at LAUSD, one of my students was an activist with IDEPSCA, an immigrants rights group, focusing on helping immigrant Latino parents of children with autism or developmental

Congo. It appears he was a Mossad agent of influence.

How official UK statistics on hate crime against Jews were inflated by Zionist, government pressure

Mossad also targeted Bensouda’s successor, the current chief prosecutor Karim Khan. The ICC confirmed there had been “several forms of threats and communications that could be viewed as attempts to unduly influence its activities”.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is said to have taken a keen interest in the operation, even sending intelligence teams “instructions” and “areas of interest” regarding their monitoring of ICC officials. One source stressed that Netanyahu was “obsessed, obsessed, obsessed” with finding out what materials the ICC was receiving.

The Sayanim

Mossad has carried out a wide range of operations all over the world. They have involved deception, theft, extortion and blackmail, torture, assassinations, and even false flag bombings. The role of Mossad is often overlooked when the role of the so-called Israel lobby is discussed, but it is an integral part of the strategy of the Zionist movement.

They created a fake terror group in Lebanon - the FLLF and used it to claim credit for a series of bombings of civilian targets, killing hundreds. Remi Brulin has documented this in detail.

In Egypt in 1954, the Mossad bombed Egyptian- and Western-owned civilian targets in an attempt to blame Muslims or the Left.

Secretive intelligence agency Nativ created a vast international campaign claiming Soviet Jewry faced a “new red antisemitism”. The real objective was the demographic imperative to recruit settler colonists. A book titled The New Red Antisemitism: A Symposium, was part of that campaign, published in 1953 by Commentary, the flagship Neoconservative journal published by a Zionist group, the American Jewish Committee. Many British Zionists worked directly with Nativ. They included the academic Colin Shindler and Mike Whine of the Board of Deputies, who was their first full-time Soviet Jewry officer. Later, he was an aide of the convicted fraudster Gerald Ronson in the Community Security Trust (CST).

Whine also co-operated in a Mossad operation when the agency was in global charge of attempting to institutionalise the idea that anti-Zionism was Judeophobic - a process that ended with the creation of the so-called “working definition” of “antisemitism.

Mossad effectively kidnapped hundreds of Jewish kids in Morocco to recruit further settlers. It owed its success in part to the fact that Mossad had previously set up the Moroccan intelligence services and they were consequently penetrated by the Zionists. Mossad’s David Littmann and wife Gisele ran the op. David even wrote a book about the op code-named Operation Mural. His wife Gisele is better known as the arch-Islamophobe Bat Ye’or. She popularized the racist theory of Eurabia.

Mossad used a honey-trap in 1986 to lure Mordechai Vanunu, the heroic nuclear whistle-blower, from the UK to Italy so that

disabilities to navigate the school district’s system for obtaining IEPs, individualized educational and instructional plans, for their children.

Yet somehow KPFFK decided that these and important related issues, concerns and resources related to people with hearing, vision, mobility and other impairments, or with ailments and conditions affecting how they could work, study or interact with neighbors and governmental, corporate or community institutions, were not worthy of air-time on the station. This despite the fact, as the programmers reminded us, that disabilities of one kind or another will most likely directly impact the lives and families of the vast majority of people over their lifetimes.

This is yet another reason it is crucial to elect candidates in the current Pacifica elections for national and local board positions who support restoring the democratic rights of listeners, programmers and other staff members to participate in the governance of their stations, and who defend community-oriented local programming, news and cultural coverage that informs listeners about the struggles AND SOLUTIONS that activists are addressing. (see <https://www.pacificamissioncoalition.com> for a list)

The same shortsighted thinking now in control led to the elimination of the environmental-oriented programming I had restored or introduced to KPFFK, like *XR Now!* from Extinction Rebellion LA, shortly before the environmentally-disastrous urban wildfires in the Palisades and Altadena. Such programming is mostly still unavailable to KPFFK listeners, along with any local news, as the city faced the toxic soot from the Boyle Heights cold-storage facility fire. KPFFK and Pacifica can and MUST do better, and this election may be the last chance to restore, rebuild and fortify the commitment to the Pacifica mission of radio for all.

they could kidnap him. He is still not free.

Mossad assassinated famous Palestinian cartoonist and activist Naji Al ali - whose most famous creation was the widely known character Handala - on the streets of West London in 1987. Margaret Thatcher expelled a Mossad operative, who was the handler of the assassin – Arie Regev – as a result.

Mossad used British, French, and Irish passports to fly a team of assassins to Dubai in 2010 to torture and kill a Palestinian leader. Foreign Secretary David Miliband expelled a Mossad officer as a result.

Intelligence operative Shai Masot was famously filmed in 2017 bragging about his intent to “take down” UK Conservative minister Alan Duncan

Mossad officers, referred to as “Katsas”, operate with the aid of a worldwide network of helpers called “Sayanim”. Even the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) admits that the Sayanim exist. Rebecca Federman, an “antisemitism” analyst at the ADL says, “There is a system of sayanim. That’s a reality. There are people who help Israeli intelligence assets around the world.”

Former Mossad operative Victor Ostrovsky has claimed that there are several thousand Sayanim in the UK alone. Perhaps the most famous Sayan was the media tycoon Robert Maxwell, who worked for Mossad for years, and was buried with full state honors on the Mount of Olives [Jabal al-Zaytoun].

Observers might be forgiven for thinking that the whole Maxwell family has been Mossad adjacent, given the role of many of his nine children. His sons Ian and Kevin Maxwell set up a very spooky looking, relentlessly Zionist, yet obscure think tank in London, Combating Jihadist Terrorism and Extremism (CoJiT).

Isabel, writes Alan Macleod, “another of the nine Maxwell siblings, [was] described by investigative journalist Whitney Webb as ‘Israel’s back door into Silicon Valley,’ Isabel used Robert’s connections to strike deals with some of the tech world’s biggest players, including Microsoft co-founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen. She told Israeli newspaper Haaretz that she saw her work in tech as an opportunity to ‘continue her father’s commitment to the country’. In 2001, Isabel vowed to ‘work only on things involving Israel.’ In a more overtly political move, she also accepted a position as the governor of the Peres Centre for Peace.”

Another daughter, Ghislaine, of course worked very closely with Jeffery Epstein in his Kompromat gathering and sex trafficking operation, widely regarded as run on behalf of the Mossad.

Make no mistake, the Mossad is active today in the UK and elsewhere, aiming to subvert democracy and ensure that the political culture of the West is wholly [dominated] by Zionists or their little helpers.

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