

TURNING PROTEST INTO POWER

Strategies for Activism in the Times of Trump



OUR POSITION

THE RIGHT

Donald J. Trump illegally usurped the position of President of the United States.

His authority is illegitimate and must be rejected.

The GOP is an accomplice to these illegal actions.

The authority of the GOP Congress is illegitimate and must be rejected.

THE LEFT

The Democratic Party and the Nonprofit networks responsible for defending our rights have refused to live up to their promises.

If these organizations do not stand now and fight for our rights as hard as they fight for our funding, they will be considered coopted accomplices of Trump and the GOP.

Should the left refuse to fight, their authority and allyship will also be rejected.

OUR POLITICAL CONTEXT

We, the people of the United States of America, have been labeled as enemies of the state. We are on our own.

Our strategies must be revolutionized to be effective in this new context.

OUR DEMANDS

REPEAL, REPLACE

AND RESTORE

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REPEAL, REPLACE AND RESTORE

- The immediate impeachment of Donald J Trump
- Immediate charges filed on all members of his campaign transition team, cabinet and any family member, member of the GOP, public or private citizen that funded, participated in or had prior knowledge of Trump's [work with foreign governments](#) to alter the election, to engage in [deprivation of votig rights](#) to alter the election or to [violate the Emolument's Clause](#).

OUR DEMANDS

REPEAL, REPLACE AND RESTORE

- Install the rightful winner of the Election, the Democratic Candidate: Hillary Rodham Clinton.
- Replace removed congressional members of the GOP with rightful winners of the election whether third party or democratic.

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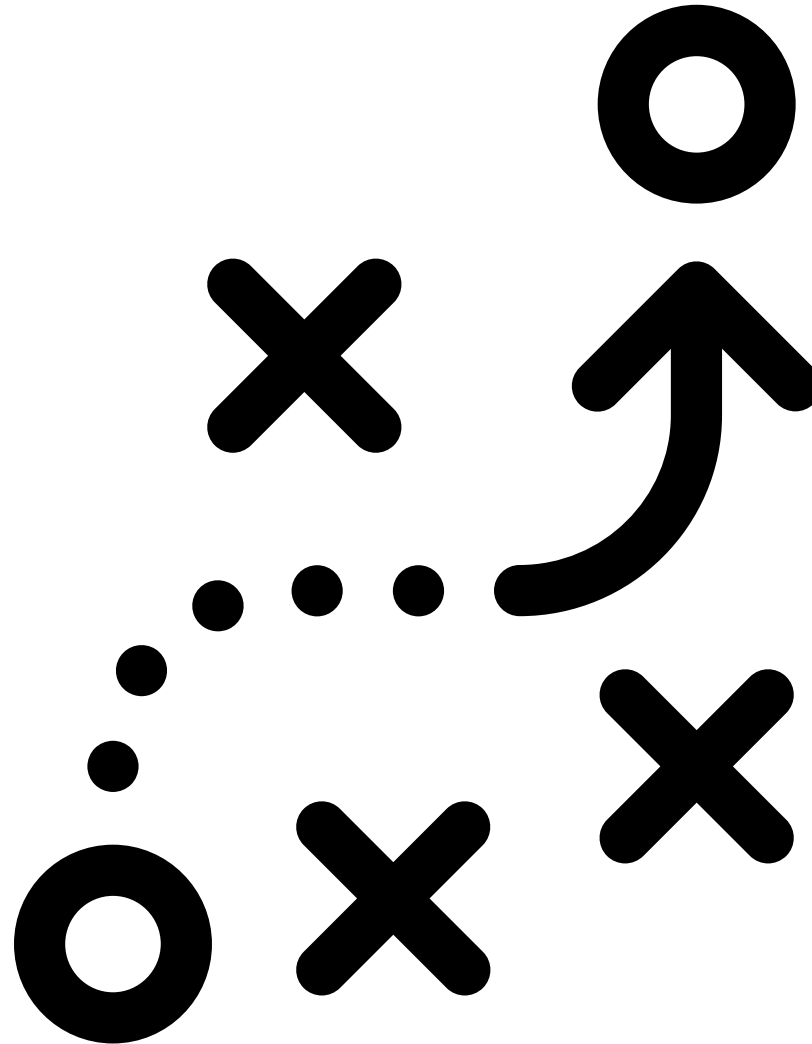
- Restore integrity of elections
- Immediate removal of all voter suppression policies such as voter purging, id requirements, citizenship requirements, early voting restrictions and absentee ballot restrictions
- Enforcing ADA requirements and ensuring that all polling locations are accessible
- Immediate plans to reopen and expand upon of the over 800 polling places shut down and addition of polling places, especially in high density areas.
- Legislate formal requirements for presidential candidates to release financial information including tax returns and financial disclosure statements

HOW?

WE WILL REVOLUTIONIZE

OFFENSE

DEFENSE



REVOLUTIONIZE OFFENSE

NO

Protests

Boycotts

Middlemen as Allies

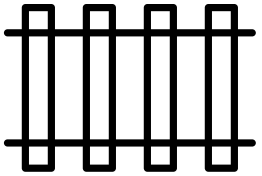
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Strategic Assembly

Embargos

Middlemen on Notice

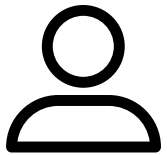
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REVOLUTIONIZING PROTESTS

PROTESTS: PROBLEM

Protests were developed as a form of political action that used human bodies as resources for acts of political resistance, reform and revolution.

Currently, the main goal of protesting is to draw media attention to a particular cause or political stance.

This goal eliminates the power of mass assembly as a tool for direct political action.

PROTESTS: SOLUTION

In order to revolutionize the power of protest, we must remove it from the realm of media strategy and place it at the forefront of our direct actions.

Protest organizers and participants must stop using protests as attempts to grab media attention and start using mass assembly to disrupt the political and social processes that enforce and legitimize Trump's authority.

Organizer and participants must be willing to say: There will be no business as usual until our demands are met.

THE PROTEST REVOLUTION IN THE TIME OF TRUMP

PROTESTS WITH PURPOSE

Use protest to achieve specific goals, not for media attention

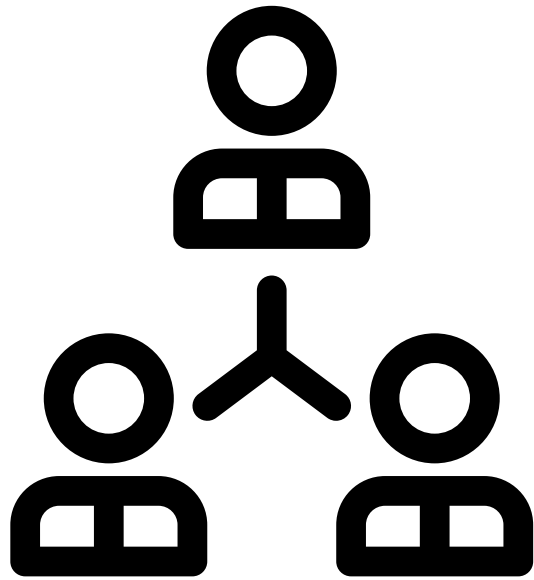
DISRUPT BUSINESS AS USUAL

All Social, Political and Economic activity under Trump and his criminal government must be stopped.

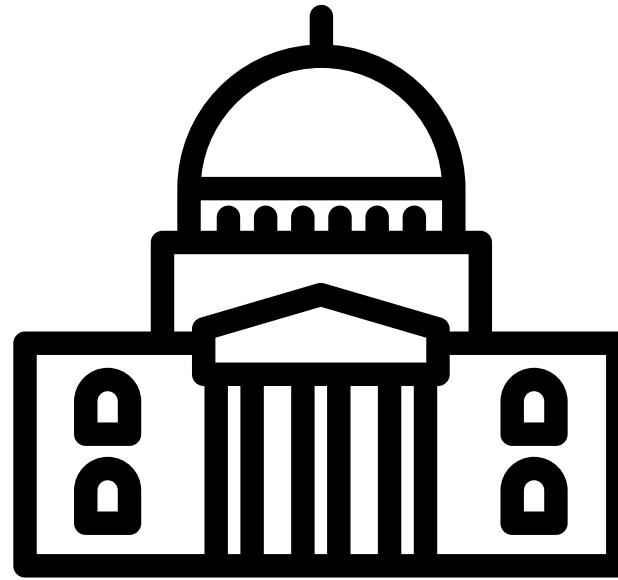
REVOLUTIONARY ASSEMBLY

- Bodies are for blocking
- Targets and assembly locations should be chosen for their abilities to disrupt the functioning of social, economic and political functions of the United States under Donald Trump
- Be creative: there are many ways to block access to a route or location
- Be strong. We are fighting for lives. Not ideas.

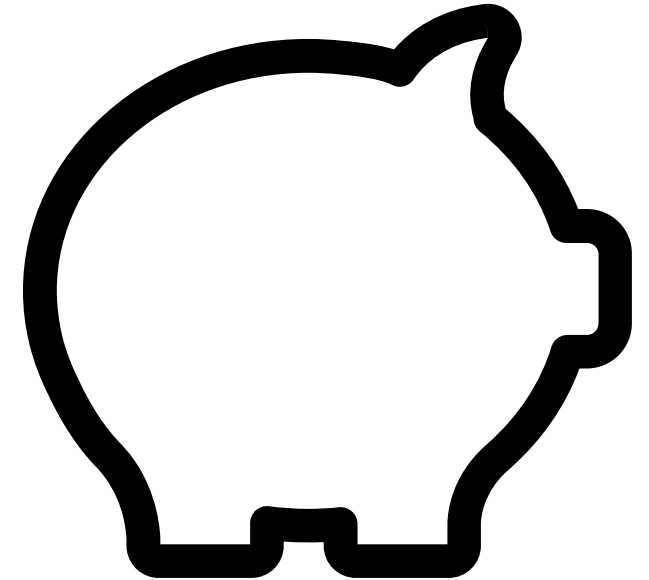
REVOLUTIONIZED **GOALS** AND **TARGETS** FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY



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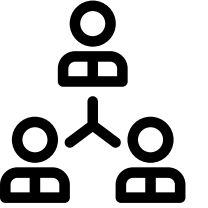


POLITICAL



ECONOMIC

SOCIAL TARGETS



There are people that are being forced to sacrifice their lives because of the actions of the Illegal and Illegitimate Administration.

One of the smallest sacrifices society can make as a whole is that of national social events. They are now nationalized social events that benefit Trump's Society.

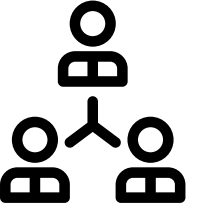
All social events until the removal and replacement of Donald Trump should be viewed as white national events and immediately blocked.

The national social scene should be viewed much like the inauguration:

Participation = Support for Trump.

Sporting events, concerts, parades, etc. can and should be chosen as target for revolutionary assembly.

SOCIAL TARGETS



REVOLUTIONARY ASSEMBLY

There should be no white nationalist Sporting Events, Christmas Parades, white nationalist concerts or alt white speaking events.

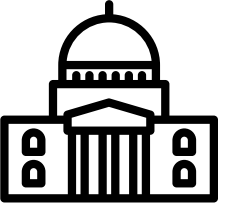
This is a small sacrifice society can make to show our communities and the world that there will be no business as usual in the United States until the lives of our people are protected and Trump and the GOP are thrown out of office and into prison cells.

With the goal of media attention, assembly is usually limited to protests at or near the locations of these events. This needs to change.

With the revolutionary goal of shutting down the event whether the MSM pays attention or not, target locations can be expanded to any and all main routes leading to the event and the disruption of set up, attendance AND execution of the event.

Pressure must be prioritized and applied strategically, but action may also be applied to the location, the participants, the for the events funders, the supporters and the key resource and staff providers.

POLITICAL TARGETS



All political processes and events orchestrated by the illegitimate government must be blocked until the removal and replacement of Donald Trump and his network of public and private participants.

These targets include but are not limited to town halls, committee meetings, legislative assemblies, celebrations, fundraising activities, media events, and transportation to and from these political functions.

POLITICAL TARGETS



REVOLUTIONARY ASSEMBLY

Every effort should be made by the public to shut down the functioning of the illegitimate government.

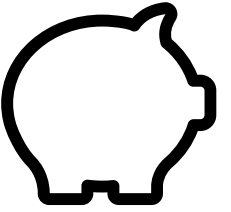
With the goal of media attention, assembly is usually limited to protests outside political offices and buildings. This needs to change.

With the revolutionary goal of completely shutting down the progression of the policies of an illegitimate government, target locations can be expanded to any and all main routes leading to the event and the disruption of set up, attendance and execution of the event.

Targets may also include the personal homes and transportation routes of illegitimate public officials

Pressure must be prioritized and applied strategically, but action may also be applied to the location, the participants, and resources necessary to run the government day to day and during target events.

ECONOMIC TARGETS

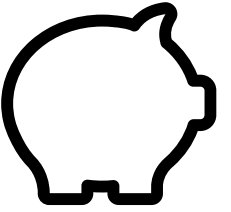


The ability of the illegitimate government to function under resistance rests in the social, political and economic functioning of himself, his administration and his party.

The economic success of the illegitimate government and its economic supporters must be blocked until the removal and replacement of Donald Trump and his network of public and private participants is achieved.

These targets include but are not limited to the functioning of Trump affiliated organizations and individuals, cities, ports and other trade lynchpins, delivery routes and fundraising events.

ECONOMIC TARGETS



REVOLUTIONARY ASSEMBLY

Every effort should be made by the public to shut down the economic success of the illegitimate government and its economic beneficiaries.

With the goal of media attention, assembly is usually limited to protests outside buildings. This needs to change.

With the revolutionary goal of halting the economic success of an illegitimate government, target locations can be expanded to include buildings, transportation routes, trade routes, financial centers and events.

CREATIVE ASSEMBLY TACTICS

There are many ways to assemble:

- Creative roadblocks with flash mobs, slow walking\rolling, block parties, theater, vigils, games
- Creative roadblocks with art, furniture, materials, cars, snowmen
- General mass assembly
- Create a revolutionary assembly challenge!

OFFENSE

REVOLUTIONIZING BOYCOTTS

BOYCOTT: PROBLEMS

- Too many targets
- Difficult to garner sustained participation
- Organizational attacks aren't sufficient to take down a networked opponent

BOYCOTT: SOLUTIONS

In order to revolutionize the power of economic divestment, we must remove it from the realm of the individual and press for a more networked approach.

We must revolutionize our call for boycotts into a collective call for businesses, cities and states to place an economic embargo on all economic relationships with Trump, his organizations the organizations related to his public and private co-conspirators.

Organizer and participants must be willing to say: Our businesses, cities and states will not do business with illegitimate authority and its supporters.

THE **REVOLUTIONARY EMBARGO** IN THE TIMES OF TRUMP

- Embargos over Boycotts
- Can use Revolutionized Assembly as a tactic to achieve
- Pressure individual, local and state contractors to cut all economic ties and contracts with illegitimate government and supporters in public and private sectors.
- Renegotiate new trade alternatives with organizations, localities and states that do not support the illegal administration

CREATIVE EMBARGO TACTICS

- Pressure cities to cut contracts with Trump and GOP affiliated organizations
- Pressure blue states to renegotiate their alliances and place embargos on red states
- Pressure top companies in each state to divest from illegitimate government contracts and private companies associated with Trump and the GOP

OFFENSE

REPURPOSE THE MIDDLE MEN

MIDDLEMEN: PROBLEMS

Middlemen include the Democratic Party and the Nonprofit organizations and networks that gain positions and funding through the rhetoric of fighting on behalf of the rights of marginalized groups, but have failed to take more than a rhetorical stand against Trump and his administration.

Not only have these groups failed to secure our safety and our rights, but they have refused to even put up a fight.

These groups allowed the GOP to illegally take away our voting rights, they allowed the Trump supporting Fraternal Order of Police strip all of our protections from police brutality, they refused to protect Sacred Rock from hoses and mace, they refused to secure livable wages, housing rights and our healthcare.

These groups have taken our people, our money, our votes and have produced little more than press kits and fundraising packets.

This practice must end immediately.

MIDDLEMEN: SOLUTIONS **REPURPOSE THE MIDDLEMEN**

- Status as an ally is Probational
- They prove they will work to remove and replace the illegitimate government, resecure our lost rights, reinforce these rights to levels that will ensure they cannot be removed again and make sacrifices along with the rest of us to achieve these goals – or they will lose our people, our support and our alliance.

REPURPOSING THE MIDDLEMEN IN THE TIMES OF TRUMP

There are many strategies that require approaching political and social actors as allied. They have not earned that respect.

Revolutionizing this relationship requires the understanding that:

- The illegitimate President and Congress cannot be stopped by phone calls, media blitzes, or front page ads.
- Traditional methods of political pressure will not move this administration.
- The Democrats and nonprofits that have let our rights and safety be stripped to the point of a white nationalist takeover must take legal, political and economic action to amend their failures, or they will be considered accomplices to Trump's criminally illegitimate takeover of the federal government.

DEMANDS FOR MIDDLEMEN

OFFENSE

- Call for the repeal and replacement of Trump, his administration and every member of the GP that conspired with them.
- File charges against Trump and his network for treason, deprivation or rights and violations of the emulents clauses
- File charges against all members of the GOP, the public and private sectors involved in their takeover of the federal government

DEFENSE

- Provide the legal, political, social and economic resources necessary to protect the individuals and communities targeted by the illegal and illegitimate government
- Demand and legally secure our civil rights and protections at the federal level, in policy and in practice
- Provide public and practical support for activists engaging in direct action
- Use your positions to actively block all efforts of the illegal and illegitimate government

CREATIVE ROLES FOR MIDDLEMEN

- File for impeachment
- File criminal charges against Trump, the GOP and their networks
- Shut down the local, state and federal processes related to the advancement of any and all GOP related appointments and agendas.
- Provide social, political and legal defense for activists and targeted communities.
- Make swift legal moves to fully secure our rights and safety nets at the local, state and federal levels and obstruct any and all attempts designed to weaken them.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MIDDLEMEN

Members of the Democratic party that fail to live up to these expectations will be pressured, primaried and/or impeached.

The Democratic Party as a whole has one final opportunity to prove that it works for the people; it doesn't just coopt our rhetoric for party purposes. If it fails to do so, active measure will be taken to ensure divest all community support for the party.

The legal, political, economic and social organizations that have also coopted our rhetoric to gain funding but not produce results also have one last opportunity to do more than make claims. If they fail to directly work to support this agenda, active measure should be take to divest all community support for the organization.

Should the Democratic Party and the Nonprofit networks continue to use our rhetoric and refuse our rights, they should be considered accomplices of the GOP and approached accordingly.

CREATIVE TACTICS FOR APPROACHING PUBLIC OFFICIALS

There are many resources for how to effectively use phone calls, petitions and letter writing to place pressure on government officials. While SIIP is happy to provide resources for people to continue to engage in this type of action, the new strategic context highlights the fact that this type of pressure is limited in effect.

Other creative forms of communication include glitterbombs, sand boxes, mass social media involvement, and creative assembly at the personal and public addresses of target officials. There is no place that we can hide from the government. There should be no place that they can hide from us.

REVOLUTIONARY DEFENSE

LIFE AND DEATH

There are millions of lives that have been put in immediate danger because of the illegal and illegitimate rise to authority of a white nationalist led GOP.

Organizers and participants must be able to comfortably acknowledge that communities are being targeted by race, disability, religious affiliation, sexual identity, class, immigration status and gender. Further, this attack is being led by a white supremacist network.

Race cannot be eliminated from the conversation. Neither can other forms of identity based discrimination.

IMMEDIATELY TARGETED COMMUNITIES AND TRUMP'S WHITE NATIONALIST AGENDA

Black and people of color as [criminals](#)

- Increase in [law enforcement](#)
- Decrease in accountability
- Increase in hate crimes and social discrimination
- Refusal to enforce Civil Rights Legislation

Immigrants as [Rapists and Murderers](#)

- Increase in [ICE](#)
- Deportation
- Increase in hate crimes and social discrimination

Indigenous as [unsovereign](#)

- Keystone Pipeline
- Further degradation of territory and legal sovereignty

Muslims as [Terrorists](#)

- Registry
- Increase hate crimes and social discrimination

IMMEDIATELY TARGETED COMMUNITIES AND TRUMP'S WHITE NATIONALIST AGENDA

Poor People as [Undue Burdens](#)

- Elimination of ACA
- Elimination of housing access and economic supplementation programs
- Criminalization of homelessness and poverty
- Increased Hate Crimes

Women as [Assaultable Property](#)

- Increase in assaults
- Decrease in protections (Rape, assault, Roe v Wade)
- Increase in social violence and assault rates

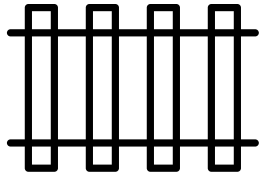
Disability Rights [Erased](#)

- Refusal to enforce and uphold ADA
- Increase in social discrimination
- Increase in hate crimes

LGBTQ rights [left to the States](#)

- Possible degradation of rights through state and local agendas
- Increased Hate Crimes and social discrimination

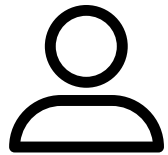
REVOLUTIONIZED DEFENSIVE STRATEGY FOR THE TIMES OF TRUMP



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THE EMERGENCY SAFESPACE NETWORK

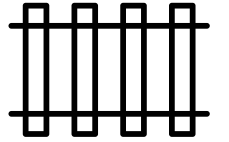


THE INDIVIDUAL INTERFERENCE PLEDGE



THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAMS

REFUGEE/IMMIGRANT RAILROAD (FERROCARRIL)



Trump is threatening to send armed law enforcement agencies through our communities to violently tear families apart by the millions

These families need safe spaces in order to ensure their rights, lives and families remain in tact.

Religious organizations, immigrant advocacy groups and community social spaces should be at the forefront of providing spaces and references for communities targeted by Trump's immigration policies and police.

We are requesting that they begin building and implementing this network immediately

We are also requesting that organizations that individuals volunteer space and services for this network

We are also asking lawyers, community experts and direct service providers to volunteer their time and resources to ensuring the safest and most effective functioning of this network

THE EMERGENCY SAFESPACE NETWORK



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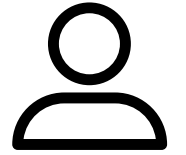
This violence may come from general citizens of the United States, members of hate based organizations or members of law enforcement.

Targets of identity based violence need SafeSpaces to run to in case they are being attacked. These spaces may be businesses, organizations, schools or homes.

We are asking people and professionals to publicly designate their homes and workplaces as SafeSpaces where people that are being targeted for social violence can run to for immediate assistance.

We are also asking for lawyers, medical professionals and defensive arts trainers to volunteer time, training and resources to SafeSpace participants in order to most effectively support those in need of emergency shelter from violence.

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Targets of identity based violence need active interference from individuals that are witness to verbal and physical attacks.

We are asking people and professionals to visibly pledge to interfere in the safest and most effective ways possible to stop the attack.

We are also asking for medical and self defense professionals to volunteer expertise and resources to individuals that take the Individual Interference Pledge so that the safety of all parties remains the top priority.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAMS



With a law enforcement network that openly supports the illegitimate president and his agenda, the community cannot find safety in their local and state police departments.

Without Health Care, the community cannot access necessary basic emergency services.

We are calling for the support and development of local community emergency response teams that can perform community policing and basic medical response support.

We are also calling for community experts, legal teams, medical professionals and self defense professionals to volunteer their expertise and resources to the development of local emergency response teams.

TAKEAWAYS

- Protest with Purpose
- Turn Boycotts into Embargos
- Reorganize relationships with MiddleMen
- Support the Ferrocarril
- Become SafeSpaces
- Take the Interference Pledge
- Form and Support Community Response Teams