

Self-Managed Medication Abortion: Can't Live With It, Can't Live Without It

July 1, 2025

For as long as people have been getting pregnant, they've also been figuring out how to get unpregnant. A self-managed abortion (SMA) is when a person ends their pregnancy outside of the formal medical system. Most often, self-managed abortions are done as "medication abortions" — abortions induced by medication. In this episode of *The Beautiful Idea*, we talk about self-managed medication abortions done with a combination of the drugs misoprostol and mifepristone.

Guests Jane and Hazel are both abortion doulas (also known as abortion companions) with extensive experience supporting people completing self-managed medication abortions. Jane, based in Appalachia, works with the Mountain Area Abortion Doula Collective (MAADCO). Hazel, based in the Rust Belt, is a former abortion clinic worker, and wrote the zine "how to do it anyway: a guide to self-managing an abortion at home" after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in 2022.

We discuss the history of reproductive justice, how self-managed abortion is often stigmatized and why that can be harmful, and the actual step-by-

step details of what a medication abortion entails (how to measure pregnancy, which pills to take when, how it might feel physically in the body, what to look out for to determine if an abortion has been completed, pain management, and some of the ways that people sometimes emotionally or culturally process an abortion), among other topics.

There are many resources on self-managed medication abortion available. Here are just a few, mentioned in today's show:

- [How to Do It Anyway: A Guide to Self-Managing an Abortion at Home](#)
- [National Network of Abortion Funds](#) — connects people to local abortion funds for financial aid and to resources that provide practical support (childcare, rides to clinics, etc).
- [Abortion Finder](#) — finds verified abortion clinics.
- [Plan C Pills](#) — educational website w resources on how to source abortion pills, how to dose them, what to look out for.
- [Aid Access](#) — provides access to medication abortion via mail.
- [RX List](#) — searchable database that provides information about general drug interactions.
- [Miscarriage & Abortion Hotline](#) — text hotline for medical advice, particularly if you are self-managing an abortion.

- [The Mountain Area Abortion Doula Collective \(MAADCO\)](#)
- [Holler Health Justice](#)
- [The Yellow Hammer Fund](#)
- [The Janes](#) — HBO documentary on the Jane Collective (1960s/70s underground network of abortion providers).
- [Cool People Who Did Cool Stuff](#) podcast episode about the Jane Collective

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The Dugout: What the LA Protests Against ICE Are Really Like — From the Organizers Themselves

June 30, 2025

Hosts of *The Dugout* speak with organizers in Southern California about the ongoing demonstrations against ICE raids.

This week on *The Dugout*, we sit down with two organizers and artists, Peter (@handsomeherbivore) and Anahi, based in Southern California, to discuss the intensified presence of ICE and other law enforcement agencies, and the community-led responses emerging in their wake. From the streets of LA to the grassroots of neighborhood rapid response networks, they take us inside the layered challenges of

resisting fascist state violence.

We talk about how organizers are adapting to militarization, surveillance, and fear-mongering, while holding space for care, communication, and mutual aid. Peter and Anahi also reflect on the powerful role of Lopez Urban Farm as a community site of resistance and nourishment.

This episode maps the terrain of struggle in Southern California, from on-the-ground organizing to lessons in long-term resilience. Whether you’re looking to plug in, learn from seasoned organizers, or understand how regional context shapes community defense, this conversation is urgent, raw, and rooted in solidarity.

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Portland Revolts: Protesters Occupy ICE Field Office as Kidnappings Intensify

June 24, 2025

Report from the *Dissonant Times* on growing protests in Portland, OR against attacks by ICE.

cover photo via [Shane Burley](#)

On June 8th, protesters in Portland, OR set up camp on the driveway of the U.S Immigrants Customs Enforcement (ICE) office, located at 4310 S Macadam Ave. A call went out for others to join the demonstration, maintaining a 24/7 presence in order to stop all movement of vehicles to and from the building and interrupt “Enforcement and Removal” operations.

There have been confrontations

between protesters and law enforcement every night since the start of the protests, with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and federal agents from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) deploying tear gas, flash bangs, pepperballs, and rubber bullets on the crowd. Over the past few weeks, officers violently arrested over twenty people, with protesters reporting multiple concussions, six hospitalizations, and a broken arm that will require surgery. On the ICE Out of Portland Instagram, many posts show photos of wounds protesters incurred from police munitions.

“They haven’t yet been doing mass arrests; it seems like the tactic they are using is making people afraid of bodily harm,” commented Sam, one of the protesters.

At a rally called for June 18th to protest the kidnapping and detention of local Moises Soltelo, over 300 people marched from a local park to the detention center. One demonstrator, D, commented, “The vibes were excellent. We were grounded in what we were doing, calm and assured in knowing its the right thing to do.”

After several hours of demonstrating, the sun went down and the riot gear appeared suddenly. “People could see them masking up and doing stretches, and then the police line and DHS rushed from inside and both sides of the building, using many munitions all at once, tear gas, pepperballs, flash bangs. I felt sharp, sudden pain from the pepper balls; intense bruising comes even from ricochets.”

People retreated slowly, and some were immediately tackled and detained. On previous nights, protesters reported being apprehended and taken into the ICE building and held for hours before being released.

Down at #iceoutofpdx encampment demanding the immediate end of ICE’s contract in the city. A couple hundred here with permanent mutual aid and medical stations at all times, and growing as a 24/7 demo. #occupyice

— [Shane Burley \(Blue Sky Edition\)](#)
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“If DHS arrests someone, they are charged with a federal crime, and are more difficult to track in the system,” said D. This differs from arrests made by local police, after which arrestees can be searched by name in the jail roster. The charges of recent weeks range across a broad spectrum, including criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, trespassing, fleeing, escape, and assault.

The resistance against ICE in Portland is described by those on the ground as amorphous and autonomous. People are encouraged to show up whenever they can, however they can, such as supply donations, feet on the ground during stand-offs with law enforcement, pressuring lawmakers through phone calls and emails to sever Portland’s contract with ICE.

“Everyone has a place. It is really special to be in a place with people who are all doing the same thing and who are firm in their convictions about why. Being together and deciding together what to do feels good, and if things get hard or bad, we’ll be able to figure it out.”

People of conviction are revolting in cities all around the country and the world because thousands of people have been kidnapped without warning by ICE. Many immigrants and asylum seekers are being arrested at required court hearings, such as in the case of O-J-M, an Oregon resident who came to the US to flee transphobic violence and was arrested after her court proceedings. In an [article with OPB](#), she reports being terrified as a group of masked men surrounded and grabbed her. “Immediately, I was reminded of when armed men kidnapped me in Mexico, and I felt incredibly afraid.” She is currently being held in Tacoma. People are being taken suddenly, stripped from their lives and communities, and disappeared without rights or institutional accountability, often with no public record or means of

communicating.

With the abject failure of the judicial system to provide fair treatment to thousands of immigrants, it’s clear that the legal status of detainees was never the point, and the overreach of the executive orders are being felt all over the country. Deputy Chief of Staff to the Trump Administration, Stephen Miller, told Fox News that they intended to deport 3000 people per day. In this administration’s thirst for mass deportation, there have also been cases of wrongful and dangerous deportations, such as [Kilmar Abrego Garcia](#) (just one case of many) being sent to an El Salvadorian prison because of an “administrative error.” Legal status is irrelevant when Due Process is nonexistent.

Families belong together, communities belong safely intact, and people in Portland and all over the world are fighting back.

ICE Melts as Streets Erupt, Revolt at Delaney Hall Migrant Prison, UW Campus Occupation Against War Profiteers

June 24, 2025

Welcome back to *The Beautiful Idea*. So much has happened since we started to put this episode together. We’ve got a lot to cover, so let’s not waste any time and dive right into it!

On today’s episode, first we present a interview with an organizer on the recent “Statelessness” conference that took place in Evansville, IN. For more on the conference, check out [this recording from the presentation](#), the [Belki Sibc](#) documentary which was shown at the event, a [presentation from keynote speaker Jane Gordon](#), and a [PDF booklet about the conference](#).

Next, we speak with someone involved in [Antifa International](#), [which supports international antifascist prisoners](#), and then turn

towards our discussion on the recent deployment of National Guard troops in Los Angeles, CA.

A reminder to follow the *Beautiful Idea* on [BlueSky](#), [Mastodon](#), and [Instagram](#) and [check out our website](#). The *Beautiful Idea* is also a proud member of the [Channel Zero Anarchist Podcast network](#).

Fire Beats ICE

First up, a dam has broken and the first real eruption in the streets has kicked off against the Trump administration in the fight against ICE and mass deportations. This push back has been building in recent months, as grassroots organizers and groups on the ground have been hard at work pushing back against growing attacks from ICE and the DHS. We’re going to start off our show with a short interview from a reporter at *Unicorn Riot*, who talks about how ICE is coordinating with local police to create a vast army of law enforcement mobilized to attack migrant workers. Check out the [full report on Unicorn Riot here](#).

In late May, resistance began to heat up at courthouses around the US, a [people moved to block ICE agents from snatching people at court hearings regarding their immigration status](#), as the Trump administration pushed for accelerated deportation numbers. These [confrontations then escalated into street clashes](#) in San Diego, [Minneapolis](#), and several other cities, before popping off in early June in Los Angeles, CA. On June 6th and 7th, thousands mobilized following militarized ICE raids on several workplaces, surrounding a federal building in downtown LA, and demanding that ICE release hundreds of people captured by DHS. The next day, people bravely faced off with ICE after federal authorities raided a Home Depot and attacked those in the wider community who came out to protest. Fierce clashes broke out between community members and state forces, with people throwing projectiles at ICE vehicles, eventually driving them from the

area after several hours.

The next day, Trump moved to federalize several hundred National Guard troops, already in California to deal with the fires, who were then sent in to guard the detention center, leading to more clashes and rioting, as the Democratic Mayor put a curfew in place, and the LAPD began a campaign of mass terror and brutality against protesters. Solidarity demonstrations and similar revolts began to pop off in more cities, as people began to shut down court houses with mass pickets, mobilize to kick ICE agents out of hotels, and respond to immigration raids with rage and determination. Things popped off in Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York City, Atlanta, Chicago, and beyond. *CrimethInc.* has recently published some amazing report backs that can be viewed here:

- [Los Angeles, CA](#)
- [Austin, TX](#)
- [Chicago, IL](#)

There's also been some amazing zines published recently to check out and distribute in your community, including:

- [Seven Steps to Stop ICE](#) from CrimethInc.
- [It Is Fascism, Start Acting Like It](#) from CrimethInc.
- [Fire and ICE: Lessons from the Battle of Los Angeles](#) from Ill Will
- [Don't Let LA Stand Alone: A Message to the Gathering Resistance](#) from It's Going Down

Meanwhile in Newark, NJ, where demonstrators have been demanding the horrific Delaney Hall ICE prison be closed, prisoners there launched a rebellion which led to several people escaping. According to a report on [Jersey Counter-Info](#):

A few days ago riots broke out at the federal ICE detention center, Delaney Hall, in Newark, NJ. Detainees faced increasing abuse and starvation from their jailers

and fought back, reportedly setting fires and knocking down an internal wall used to contain them. At the same time, Delaney Hall was swarmed by waves of protesters who slowed operations and drew the attention of ICE and other federal pigs away from the events occurring inside.

Protestors stood their ground and prevented ICE vans from entering the facility and thinned out the number pigs helping to prevent the riot from being quelled. During this juncture 4 men, who were kidnapped and imprisoned at Delaney Hall by ICE, were able to make their escape from the heavily fortified facility. As of now, they are still free, liberated from detention.

Because of the brave actions of the individuals detained inside Delaney Hall and the protestors outside, 4 people were able to escape and gain freedom. It doesn't matter how fortified the state's prisons or detention centers may be, how many federal pigs there are, what weapons they have to brutalize people, solidarity can and will WIN.

Keep fighting, by any means necessary.

There's also so much happening on the ground that it's impossible to give a full roundup of everything, so be sure to check [It's Going Down](#) on BlueSky for daily updates. We hope to get a new episode out soon with a better picture of the full extent of the growing wave of anti-ICE action, as well as some thoughts on the massive No Kings demonstrations which took place on June 14th, bringing out millions of people into the streets.

May Day 2025

This May Day, tens of thousands took to the streets across the US, celebrating the radical holiday which honors the Chicago anarchist martyrs and the fight for the 8-hour work day. Labor unions, immigrant rights groups, and community organizations held demonstrations across the US, decrying the Trump

administration's growing attacks on labor unions, immigrant workers, and beyond. Anarchist and autonomous groups also held demonstrations and gatherings across the US to honor the holiday, with various events, actions, and interventions happening in numerous cities. For a full roundup, check [It's Going Down](#).

This May Day was big, with tens of thousands taking part in strikes, rallies + mass protests across the US. In our latest roundup, we spoke with anarchists and autonomous anti-capitalists in various cities about different community mobilizations this past weekend. itsgoingdown.org/may-day-2025...

— [It's Going Down \(@igd.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-05-10T08:29:14.715Z

Notable mentions include anarchist organized May Day gatherings and festivals in Eugene, OR, Boise, ID, Seattle, WA, Nevada, City, CA, Bloomington, IN, New Orleans, LA, and in several cities in North Carolina, an anarchist festival took place over several days. In Reno, NV, a mutual aid fair was organized, in Denton, TX and Binghamton, NY, anarchist bookfairs were organized, while in Richmond, VA anarchists also organized a march which met with up other May Day demonstrations. Meanwhile in New York City, people occupied the former Yippie HQ building before being evicted by police. Finally, autonomous groups held an anti-ICE marches in Tacoma, WA, Eugene and Olympia, OR and San Francisco, CA.

[Puget Sound Anarchists](#) posted a report back on the anti-ICE march on May Day, [here](#) and the [Dissonant Times](#), a new autonomous publication out of Eugene, OR, also has a [report up on an anti-ICE action on May Day](#), writing:

On May 2nd there was a call for a black bloc under the slogan MAY DAY MELT ICE, in response to the federal government's unrestrained escalations against migrants, people connected to

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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Jun 28

When it comes to the voters in this nation: this is on point. More young ppl, although not revolutionary, do hold mentalities that align with mainstream progressive politics

Terrell The Socialist @TerrellSocialist · Jun 27

The older black generation is the problem for the younger black generation when it comes to politics. Look at this difference. The older black population would rather protect experienced corrupt politicians rather than new forward thinking younger politicians. Young black voters supported Zohran.

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Hundreds of gigabytes of data, allegedly stolen from the Federal (BOP), include extremely sensitive details about inmates and employees alike. Attackers claim they have data on release plans, security points, and personal info.

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Prison Slavery: #WeAreNotBeasts @SlaveryPrison · Jun 28

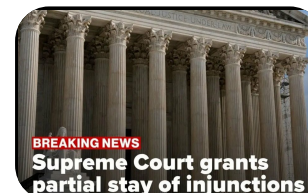
FYI: Citizenship under the 14th Amendment was not freely chosen by all formerly enslaved Africans. Many sought self determination, not incorporation. The pursuit of sovereignty over imposed national identity remains a persistent thread in the Black freedom struggle.

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Gabrielle A. Perry, MPH @GeauxGabrielle · Jun 27

Holy Jesus.

This means if a child is born in one of the states in this lawsuit and their parents are not citizens, then they are neither. This means you can be born here but NOT A CITIZEN. This means Black Americans YOU are at risk too. Our citizenship is only valid through an amendment.



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Prison Slavery: #WeAreNotBeasts @SlaveryPrison · Jun 28

CIA agenda >The Foundational Black Americans framework appears to function as a strategic cultural intervention, weaponized identity politics that obscure transnational solidarity. When anti Blackness is rebranded as nativism, we must interrogate whose interests are being served.

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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Jun 28

R. Kelly was hospitalized for an overdose after prison staff gave him "an amount of medicine that could have killed him" and was later forcibly removed from a hospital against medical advice, his lawyer alleged



R. Kelly hospitalized for overdose, claims he is target of murder plot in prison, lawyer says

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got to determine who ruled the Roman Empire.

> Likewise, in a social order maintained by violent force, the police want to call the shots in courts and government.

Indeed, the security guard who killed two politicians in Minnesota today works for a company named Praetorian Guard.

It should also be lost on no one that the violence inflicted on Gaza, the West Bank, and Southern Lebanon is coming back to the United States in the form of political assassination.



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers
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The military occupations around the country and the parade in DC represent the culmination of a long-term shift from persuasion to coercion as disparities in wealth and power intensify. Autocracy requires mercenaries—despicable scum who sell their capacity to inflict violence to the highest bidder.

For autocracy to triumph, people must suppress their empathy, confining themselves to selfish materialism. Their aspirations to community must be replaced with jingoistic conformity. And many of them must be desperate enough for employment that they will accept a wage to do harm to those like them.

Yet as economic and ecological crises intensify, millions of people are waking up to the reality that solidarity and mutual aid offer our best chance of survival, whereas the mercenaries who serve autocracy—and the inclination to do violence for a wage—pose the greatest threat to us.

Thank you to everyone who resists. It requires considerably more courage and integrity to be a rebel than to be a mercenary.



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No kings.

And—for the very same reasons—no presidents.

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In headlines like this, it is clear for all to see that "outside agitators" is simply the term politicians use for "people the police intend to attack."

They always harp on their tired rhetoric about "outside agitators" because the thing they fear most is—solidarity.

<https://crimethinc.com/texts/agitators>



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Stop the Israeli assault on Iran!

"The difference between you and your government is much bigger than the difference between you and me. The difference between me and my government is much bigger than the difference between me and you. And our governments are very much the same."

-Marjane Satrapi

<https://cdn.crimethinc.com/assets/pos>



Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -
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Supreme Court Rules Rastafarian Can Sue After Locs Were Cut While Incarcerated



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Pamphlets
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Bernie Sanders went to Ireland to deny the Israeli Genocide in Gaza...

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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -
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The phrase "No one is above the Law" has ALWAYS been a lie

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Thousands of inmates in NC prisons withstand heat waves with no air conditioning

#burntheprisons

last year's Palestine Solidarity movement, and non-white people in general. A short, small march yielded some light property damage and a fairly heavy response from EPD, resulting in four arrests. Despite the modest attendance and intensity of attack, this was an important testing of the waters here in Eugene, where the climate of repression is shifting, with police beginning to take a more hands-on approach. Police tactics are evolving, and so should ours. And at the same time, this action proved that confrontational street action is very much still possible here. Things are bad, but you can definitely still wile out and get away with it.

The inspiration we derive from others is unbound by time and space and, as an offering of gratitude, we tend to this cosmic fire, stoking its eternal flames. Our shouts and laughs and screams fan the embers of resistance. Together, each exhale creates ignition. Clearly, there is a taste for more heat in Eugene. The limits of endless "peaceful" marches and rallies were reached a long time ago, and we invite others to take initiative themselves; in person, in the streets, in spirit and/or in the numerous other avenues which sustain our counterattack. Despite setbacks, we will keep growing, offering each other grace as we pivot and learn from mistakes. Momentum excitedly continues to build within us — we know when to resist, and when to release.

Read the [full report here](#).

Solidarity with the workers at Urban Ore in #Berkeley, who have been on strike. They've been joined on the picket lines by other IWW union members and community groups.

— [It's Going Down \(@igd.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-04-18T07:48:35.145Z

In the bay area of California, members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) are celebrating a recent victory, following over a month of pickets and strike action

at Urban Ore, a large retail hub that sells used home-hold items and construction materials. Writing on social media, [union members wrote](#):

After 40 days on the picket line pressuring the owners of Urban Ore to meet with us, engage with us at the bargaining table and bargain seriously to address workers' needs, we have reached agreement on terms to end our strike! We are feeling incredibly proud of the effectiveness of our strike, grateful for all of the support we've received from the community to make that happen, and we are looking forward to reaching a full collective bargaining agreement. We have made some big wins which wouldn't have been possible without the pressure we were able to exert through our direct action! Solidarity forever!

Cop City Trials Start

Minneapolis & St. Paul - Banners were dropped from overpasses this morning in solidarity with the #StopCopCity movement, including the 'SCC 61' facing politicized RICO charges and Jack Mazurek, accused of burning Atlanta Police motorcycles in connection to the movement.

— [Unicorn Riot \(@unicornriot.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-05-14T23:36:20.747Z

Trials for those targeted by the state for resisting the Cop City counter-insurgency training facility have started, with supporters rallying outside of several recent hearings and dropping banners in solidarity across the US. Be sure to check out monthly installments of *In Contempt* on [It's Going Down](#) and updates at [WeLaunce the Free and Fire Ant Movement Defense](#).

Antifascist Action and Pride Defense

Community Defense Breakdown: Here we see a small bloc w/ banners march on a Turning Point USA booth at UC

Davis. 2 Fash confront them resulting in a brief altercation, but are unable to stop the materials and canopy from being liberated. What went right? What went wrong? How can we do better?

— [Sweet Science, Savage Art \(@sweetscisavart.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-04-05T02:43:36.290Z

As [Pride month kicks off in the face of ongoing threats from the far-Right](#), gender fascist and Christian nationalist groups are attempting to move in the terrain opened up by Trump, as communities are mobilizing in response. Recently in Davis, CA, a [black bloc absolutely wrecked a Turning Point USA tabling event with no arrests](#).

In Portland, OR, grassroots journalist Alissa Azar covered a recent mobilization against Turning Point USA, featuring an anti-trans speaker. From [We Will Free Us](#):

When news spread that TPUSA would be bringing Gaines to PSU, students quickly mobilized. One flyer called for people to "stand up to transphobia on PSU's campus," and outlined plans to meet in the Park Blocks at 6:15 PM and walk to the 3rd floor of Smith by 6:30, when Gaines' event was set to begin. Another flyer promoted a "trans/queer pride block party" at 6 PM with games like frisbee and badminton, emphasizing: "sports are for everyone."

The crowd continued to grow, eventually reaching a few hundred. Most people stayed in the Park Blocks, but a smaller group gathered at the front of the Smith building, waving flags, holding signs, and confronting people waiting in line to see Gaines.

About 30 minutes later, some protesters in the back managed to hold open the doors to the building. A few people rushed inside before cops could intervene. According to a witness, it turned into a quick game of cat and mouse. Protesters got out without being arrested, but shortly after, PPB repositioned

their officers directly at Smith's front entrance. The first arrest followed minutes later just outside the building.

What happened at PSU on May 5 wasn't just about one speaker or one protest; it was a clear example of how far-right groups like TPUSA are being platformed and given institutional space to grow. It was another example of liberal and institutional complicity. Another example of transphobia being normalized under the guise of "debate." Another example of police escalating against queer and antifascist resistance. It is yet again another example of media outlets sanitizing repression while demonizing resistance. But people showed up anyway. They danced. They took risks. And they made it clear: queer and trans communities in Portland aren't interested in playing nice with fascism.

Meanwhile in Seattle, WA, over 500 people mobilized against a far-Right, Christian Nationalist rally featuring Matt Shea, a former Republican politician who called for using violence to establish a Christian theocracy. For several hours, people bravely faced off with Seattle police, who made several violent arrests.

In Montreal, Clash MTL reported:

Anti-abortion activists' day thoroughly ruined today: their charter bus was blocked before it could leave Montreal and delayed for close to an hour. Then in Quebec City, counter-demonstrators encircled them and drowned them out with boat horns, before continuing to block and surround them repeatedly when they tried to march. Riot cops were outflanked and pushed back, and a message was left on some activists' Cybertruck.

For a longer report-back (in French), check out Montreal Counter-Info.

Patriot Front crashed Springfield, MO Pride festival. Driving a Penske truck. U-Haul banned Patriot Front from renting their vehicles. It's time for people to

tell Penske to do the same.

— [LorennaCleary.bsky.social \(@lorennaclarey.bsky.social\) 2025-06-16T01:16:02.203Z](#)

On June 14th, neo-Nazi groups and crews of Proud Boys attempted to harass and disrupt No Kings demonstrations across the US, but were largely unsuccessful in having any meaningful impact other than getting laughed at and dragged online. In Springfield, MO, a group of Patriot Front white supremacists were also driven from a local Pride celebration, after they attempted to harass locals.

Free Palestine

As the [genocide, forced starvation, and the ongoing ethnic cleansing of Gaza continues](#), a new wave of student led occupations, protests, and hunger strikes have kicked off in the US.

LAST NIGHT AT UCLA - On the one year anniversary of the violent encampment raid, UCLA admin called in riot police to break up students watching The Encampments documentary on campus. These schools are at war with their students. Movies are illegal.

— [People's City Council - Los Angeles \(@pplscitycouncil.bsky.social\) 2025-05-01T17:50:14.437Z](#)

At UCLA, students marked the one year since student occupiers bravely fought off far-Right Zionists attempting to tear apart their protest encampment with a film showing of the documentary, *The Encampments*, and were attacked by riot police. Also in California, students at [Stanford](#) and across the [California State University system launched a hunger strike](#) in solidarity with Palestinians.

In Philadelphia, students at [Swathmore university set up a protest encampment](#) to continue to demand divestment from Israel and for the university to fight attacks on international students targeted by Trump. After several days and officials citing threats to "safety," police attacked and disbanded the

encampment, arresting several students. In Baltimore, a violent [police cracked down on a student encampment in solidarity with Palestine](#), leading to two students at John Hopkins University being injured. At Columbia University in New York, students occupied a library on campus, leading to [clashes with police and arrests of 80 people](#) and at Brooklyn College, the NYPD moved to attack student demonstrators who also set up an encampment, [arresting several students](#).

While many around the country have been stymied, waiting for someone else to show how to resist autocracy, last week young people occupied the engineering building at the University of Washington to protest the genocide in Gaza, demonstrating what resistance can look like. [crimethinc.com/UW2025](#)

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Finally at the University of Washington (UW), students launched an occupation and defended it with barricades, demanding that the university divest from weapons maker Boeing. As a report on [CrimethInc](#) wrote:

The University of Washington has been collaborating with Boeing for over a century....The University of Washington plans to use this building to deepen their relationship with Boeing, establishing a closer partnership to further the development of war technologies. Both the university and Boeing aim to benefit from this by sharing access to research facilities, establishing an AI educational institute for developing military technology, and securing Boeing's influence of the engineering curriculum, which functions as a pipeline channeling UW engineering students into Boeing internships and contracts. These contracts promise financial compensation, yet [often](#) result in labor abuses and unsafe products...As students and community members of the University of Washington, we condemn this relationship and

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No domingo, 15/06, protestos em solidariedade a Gaza ocorreram em São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Brasília e outras cidades brasileiras. Ao mesmo tempo, prefeitos de várias cidades brasileiras se escondiam em bunkers em Israel, enquanto uma comitiva de políticos de vários países estava em Israel para uma feira de tecnologia. Quando dizemos que Gaza é um laboratório de repressão para o mundo inteiro, isso não é uma metáfora. Israel exporta armas, veículos, tecnologias e limpeza étnica para todo o planeta.

O encarceramento da população negra, a segregação e matança promovidas por governos de esquerda e direita nas periferias do Brasil encontram ecos no que Trump faz com imigrantes nos Estados Unidos e no que Israel faz em território palestino.

Tecnologias usadas em guerras contra inimigos externos são adaptadas e usadas para aterrorizar populações internas tornadas inimigas. Uma reforça a outra: as tropas que Lula enviou ao Haiti foram mobilizadas para implementar as Unidades de Polícia Pacificadora nas favelas do Rio de Janeiro.

Hoje, Gaza é a imagem de um futuro possível para todas as favelas, guetos e territórios rebeldes em qualquer lugar do mundo. Se não conectarmos essa luta e resistência, a repressão estatal conectará nossa miséria, transformando o mundo inteiro em uma zona de sacrifício.



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On Sunday, June 15, protests in solidarity with Gaza and Palestine took place in São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Brasília, and other cities in Brazil. At the same time, mayors from various Brazilian cities were

hiding in bunkers in Israel, as an entourage of politicians from cities in Brazil and other parts of the world was in Israel for a technology fair. When we say that Gaza is a repression laboratory for the whole world, that is not a metaphor. Israel exports weapons, vehicles, technologies, and ethnic cleansing to the entire planet.

The incarceration of the Black population and the segregation and killing promoted by both left and right governments in Brazil find echoes in what Trump does to immigrants in the United States and what Israel does in Palestinian, Lebanese, and Syrian territory.

Technologies used in wars against external enemies are adapted and used to terrorize internal targeted populations. Each reinforces the other: the troops Lula sent to Haiti were deployed alongside the Pacifying Police in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

Today, Gaza is the image of a possible future for all slums, ghettos, and rebel territories anywhere in the world. If we do not connect this struggle and resistance, state repression will connect our misery, making the entire world into a sacrifice zone.



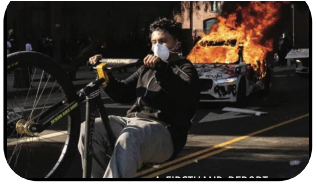
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We've prepared a zine version of "Los Angeles Stands up to ICE," detailing June 6, the first day of the uprising.

In this firsthand report, participants describe how people came together to protect their communities from federal attacks.

[https://crimethinc.com/zines/los-angeles-stands-up-to-ice-a-firsthand-report-on-the-clashes-of-june-6](#)

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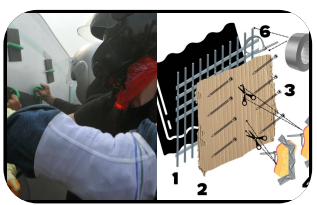


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A Demonstrator's Guide to Reinforced Banners

How to build and employ reinforced banners that can function as a mobile shield wall, protecting demonstrators from police violence.

[https://crimethinc.com/reinforcedbanner](#)



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We've published a zine version of our report from the angry community response to an ICE raid in Minneapolis on June 3 that inspired resistance to ICE all around the country.

[https://crimethinc.com/zines/minneapolis-to-feds-get-the-fuck-out-how-people-in-the-twin-cities-responded-to-a-federal-raid](#)

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Five years ago, on a platform now owned by a fascist, we posted this analysis:

> In the end, the praetorian guard



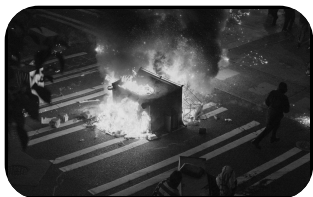
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We Are Not Demonstrating, We Are Fighting
Migrant Defense in Seattle, June 9-14

Starting in Minneapolis on June 3 and rapidly spreading to Los Angeles and elsewhere around the country, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids have provoked angry community responses. Although this wave of action appeared to peak with the “No Kings” demonstrations of June 14, ICE agents continue to abduct people and people continue to resist.

In this account, participants in a series of clashes in and around Seattle describe how they have prevented ICE from kidnapping people at court appearances, demonstrating a way forward for the movement.

<https://crimethinc.com/Seattle2025>



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We've prepared a zine version of "Chicago against ICE," in which participants in a full day of breakaway marches and confrontations in Chicago on June 10, 2025 reflect on the potential of this moment and what it will take to unlock it.

<https://crimethinc.com/zines/chicago-against-ice-la-migra-la-policia-la-misma-porqueria>

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Postscript on Legalism

<https://crimethinc.com/Legalism>

Donald Trump and his administration employ the laws and courts wherever it suits them. Wherever laws and courts pose an obstacle to their program, they disregard those right up to the limit imposed by the current balance of power within the state.

It is clear for all to see that for them, the law is simply one of many weapons—it has no power to bind them. Yet many of Trump's opponents continue hamstringing resistance by focusing on questions of legality and other niceties, failing to grasp the reality of the situation.



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Resistance Reader

This zine brings together nine important texts about resistance to ICE, Trump, and fascism that have appeared in various venues over the past two weeks, offering an overview of our situation and the stakes of the fight.

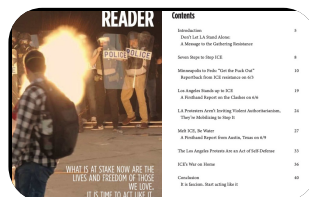
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Please print these out and distribute them far and wide!

Contents:

- Don't Let LA Stand Alone: A Message to the Gathering Resistance
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- Minneapolis to Feds: "Get the Fuck Out"—How People in the Twin Cities Responded to a Federal Raid
- Los Angeles Stands up to ICE: A Firsthand Report on the Clashes of June 6
- LA Protesters Aren't Inviting Violent Authoritarianism, They're Mobilizing to Stop It
- Melt ICE, Be Water: Report-back from a Hot Summer Demonstration in Austin, Texas
- The Los Angeles Protests Are an

Act of Self-Defense
- ICE's War on Home
- It Is Fascism—Start Acting like It



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As seen in the resistance to federal raids around the country over the past week!

We send out these stickers for the costs of production and shipping alone.

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The Ex-Worker podcast #112: "From Minneapolis to Los Angeles—The Origins of the Wave of Resistance to ICE"

<https://crimethinc.com/exworker112>

In this episode, we share reports from Minneapolis and Los Angeles, tracing the origins of the revolt against federal raids that has spread across the United States.



the intended use of the building. This is why we sought to reclaim the building and repurpose it as a much-needed community space.

A report on [Puget Sound Anarchists](#) wrote:

At approximately 5pm students and their accomplices descended on the newly constructed “Interdisciplinary Engineering Building” (IEB). This building was funded by Boeing with the agreement that UW [University of Washington] would create a pipeline of students to assist with Boeing’s warmongering endeavors. Barricades were constructed outside the building as doors were sealed from the inside. Preparations were also made for the event that the occupation of Sha’ban Al-Dalou Hall became a longterm project. More and more supporters began to arrive as the day went on and a public call to join the action was released.

A feeling of unity spread throughout the crowd as a diversity of tactics was upheld and respected. Barricade builders were offered support and supplies and community members cooked meals. A rebellious joy filled our hearts as speeches and chants filled the air. Posters praising the Palestinian resistance were plastered on every wall and window available. Almost immediately the area was swarming with cameras as reporters and fascist grifters heard about the action, these were quickly blocked with umbrellas to protect the identities of the crowd.

As the sun began to set, the energy of the crowd shifted as it became clear that the police would attempt to remove the students in the coming hours. Many tactics for defending the building were considered with the bulk of the students electing to move into the street to block the police advance. Large barricades were built in every adjacent street to stop or delay the police regardless of their approach. As the multi-agency police force began to materialize, an officer from each agency

approached the crowd in a failed attempt to facilitate our surrender. This exchange was captured in a now-viral video of black-clad and shield-wielding militants forcing them down the hill and back to their lines while chanting “Move Back”, mocking a common police dispersal tactic. From this point on, every hostile actor was forced out of the area including private security and individual agitators, including one man who repeatedly threatened to murder the students. However, the occupation received much support from passersby and motorists. At around 10pm, a completely unintelligible dispersal order was given over a malfunctioning LRAD. In response, a massive fire was started at one of the barricades. This fire forced the police to entirely reroute their advance, delaying them severely. This delay gave more than enough time for many within the group to disperse as staying at the barricades would only result in arrest and injury. The fire was slow to extinguish and effectively crippled the police advance.

Over the next 1-2 hours a highly militarized group of SPD, WSP and UYPD broke into the building and cut students from their lockdowns, causing even further damage as doors were broken down and windows had to be broken to access the students. At the time of writing, 32 students were violently arrested inside the building causing concussions, damage to limbs and joints, with at least 1 arrest of the group outside. Sha’ban Al-Dalou Hall and the surrounding area was occupied for a total of almost 7 hours, and police response time was incredibly sluggish, allowing for a significant amount of direct action to take place resulting in at least \$1 million in damage according to the university. A frankly embarrassing show of force by SPD, WSP, and UYPD.

Again from the report on [CrimethInc.](#):

Predictably, the corporate media slandered the protesters, decrying

them as violent—though three protesters were hospitalized as a consequence of police violence during the arrests and many more were severely bruised, whereas the protesters did not injure anyone. It appears that out of the [over \\$1 million](#) in damages that the university claims to have assessed, much of it was inflicted by police officers as they removed protesters.

Dispelling any illusions of a progressive university, the University of Washington leadership spread a similar message, condemning the burning of dumpsters as violent. Those who control our institutions clearly care more about the burning of trash than the burning of the bodies of their own Palestinian students.

Yes, we are in a moment of extreme repression. The consequences of action can be significant. Nonetheless, we believe that the consequences of inaction will be greater. Liberal petitions to political leaders will not save us, nor will an apolitical retreat from struggle. That will leave us weaker for next time—and leave most of us increasingly less safe right now.

Revolt and uprising were possible and effective during the first Trump regime. They are tools worth applying today.

Resist however you can and must. Mutual aid is a form of resistance; it can entail defense, protecting our communities from ICE or alleviating the consequences of the financial crisis wrought by the fascist and neoliberal coalition. Direct action is a form of resistance; it can undermine the violent apparatus of the state. “Occupation,” understood as a decolonial practice, is resistance. Palestine demands resistance—and so does your community.

[Read the full report here.](#)

Upcoming Events

- **June 21st:** *Don't Despair, Organize.* Presentation from

elder's words, "You can always tell who the real revolutionaries are because they do the dishes" have no kitchen sink to be written above, but they echo in the air like a powerful whirlwind as the man who overdoes three days ago is taking out the trash and vacuuming the center, and everybody here knows all of us are the real revolutionaries, regardless of whether the words used to describe these activities by friends or enemies are intense ones like revolution, intifada, insurrection, or even civil war, or gentler words like public health, solidarity, care, kindness, and love.

When tears flow freely from any of these co-creators of mutual aid disaster relief in Tampa, big feels are honored, seen not only as nonpathological, but sacred, and fully capable of breaking any and every colonial, capitalist, white-supremacist, patriarchal, shock doctrine curse from every river to every sea.

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"More than a dozen have organized themselves into rotating shifts to keep watch on the ICE agents.

"You picked the wrong block," said Jennifer Connor, one of the residents keeping watch."

<https://www.investigativepost.org/2022/targets-iranian-family-in-buffalo-here-legacy/>

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ICYMI: We spoke with [@1312press](#) about how hundreds of people mobilized against far-Right gender fascists in [#Seattle](#), facing a violent crackdown from police and city government.

<https://itsgoingdown.org/interview-seattle-protest-mayor-police/>



Hundreds Protested Gender Fascists Who Called for "Biblical War" in Seattle, the Police Arrested Them and the Mayor Called them Infiltrators
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On May 24th in Seattle, WA, hundreds of people mobilized against a far-Right, anti-LGBTQ+ rally at ...

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"The protests were part of a nightly "No Sleep for ICE" campaign in + around Los Angeles County, where protesters gather outside hotels where ICE agents are staying and make noise to put pressure on the hotel staff to kick ICE out and prevent agents from sleeping."

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/angeles-ice-immigration-protests-noise/84388049007/>

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"If you want progressive policies to become law, you should organize autonomous, fighting social movements outside of the state.

For decades, electoral socialists have held up progressive candidates as silver bullets for the ravages of American capitalism, gotten them into office, and then cursed their sudden but inevitable betrayal of oppressed communities before starting the whole process anew with another candidate. It's high time we demanded more."

<https://instruggle.substack.com/p/zoh>

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[#Portland](#) upcoming gathering on July 5th.



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"The K'é Infoshop will host the Indigenous Anti-Imperialist Mother Earth Gathering on July 4th from 9AM-2PM. Various indigenous-led organizations and programs will provide important information on resource extraction, water preservation, and food sovereignty in the Southwest. Federal, state, and tribal policy continues to exacerbate the dire climate conditions of Dinétah and beyond. The end of US imperialism and the rightful return of indigenous land offers hope to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Effective climate adaptation requires collective discipline and organization."

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Don't miss the huge action roundup and interviews with [@antifaint](#), [@UnicornRiot](#) and beyond on the latest episode of [@thebeautifulidea](#)!

<https://itsgoingdown.org/roundup-episode-june/>



ICE Melts as Streets Erupt, Revolt at Delaney Hall Migrant Prison, UW Campus Occupation Against War Profiteers
Welcome back to The Beautiful Idea. So much has happened since we started to put this episode together. We've got a lot to cover, so ...

Thoughts, suggestions, encouragement for the future:

1. Purpose, goals, plan of action. The action on Saturday night lacked direction and any practical goals. The occupation of the street was spontaneous at best, and the absence of a coherent plan made anything beyond it impossible. The lack of direction in the wake of the rush of barricading an intersection (as small as it was) was paralyzing. If actions are to go beyond briefly occupying a sleepy downtown block, we must have goals, a plan to attain those goals, and folks who coordinate logistics to do so. When direct action starts, the pressure is high, the risk is high. There will be far greater pressure and risk in the days to come. Logistics, planning, strategy; these will win the day.

It must be stated the the ICE HQ office was within walking distance of this action. It cannot be overlooked that there was an opportunity to march directly on such a target that was not taken. A real shame that this was not realized at the time.

On the lighter side, occupying a street for the purpose of simply having fun is also a plan with a measurable goal. Having a block party in the street would be a fucking blast. Food, music, dancing, games, inviting others to join the festivity in a space now appropriated for fun. Having fun and creating contagious joy is as worthy a goal as any.

2. Don't needlessly pick fights with onlookers. This is not a call against self-defense or violence as a tactic. It is a call to ask ourselves who our enemies are, who our potential allies (accomplices) are, and who our audience is. Our anarchism, our joy, our rebellion is not just for those in the anarchist club, not just for those who wear black and smash shit, not just for those who call themselves anarchists. It is for anyone and everyone who would find common ground with us when they meet us in the field. This common ground will always partially depend on how we relate in real time to those outside of the anarcho-clique. We are not owed allegiance or obedience by anyone who encounters us. In the real

world, doing the right thing does not always make one a hero to others.

When we bloc up and act directly, we are making ourselves targets. We should not be surprised or outraged when people are hostile to us. We should also not underestimate our ability to build bridges and inspire people outside of our niche to find common cause with us. A little empathy and compassion can win one friends instead of enemies. Some people will be hostile towards us, some will challenge us and talk shit and try to get under our skin. And why wouldn't they? It's what we do when we encounter our political enemies, it's what descendants of Australopithecus do. To state it simply, unless people are actively attempting to undermine us and our endeavors, it is a waste of time to seek conflict with them. It's interesting that people streaming and filming were allowed to do so, and open conflict was saved for some whose sin was briefly opposing us.

3. No streamers. This should go without saying. The possible danger of being filmed at such events cannot be overstated. In the future, perhaps comrades can invite those doing so to cease their recording, and confront them beyond if need be. Sympathetic folks will cooperate. The cameras of unsympathetic folks can be blocked or dealt with in other ways. A very clear precedent must be set: no cameras at anarchist actions, film at your own risk.

Are there exceptions to this? Should we as anarchists condone filming actions that we organize? Perhaps for our own protection it may benefit us to have our own perspective recorded and our own narratives pushed. But if and when what we do is truly relevant, it will stand on its own without the need for footage. One camera in the hands of a trusted comrade is one thing. Too many cameras is too much liability.

4. Lessons learned, calibrate for the future. Make plans, do logistics, strive for tangible goals, have fun. Designate roles for comrades, camera blocker, scout, medic, etc. What would it look like if an event

such as this was planned outside of publicly shared social media? What would go beyond the limits of this event? What would be more fun than this event? What would push the limits of direct organizing in Phoenix? What would push the limits in Phoenix given the current climate of fascism?

We thank and proclaim solidarity with all those who showed up with hearts of fire. From Phoenix with love, for freedom and anarchy <3

Hundreds Protested Gender Fascists Who Called for "Biblical War" in Seattle, the Police Arrested Them and the Mayor Called them "Infiltrators"

June 23, 2025

cover photo: screenshot via [Alex Garland](#)

On May 24th in Seattle, WA, [hundreds of people mobilized against a far-Right, anti-LGBTQ+ rally at Cal Anderson Park](#), located in a historically LGBTQ+ friendly neighborhood and ground-zero for explosive demonstrations in the wake of the police murder of George Floyd, and a center for [ongoing mutual aid organizing](#). The [organization sponsoring the event, May Day USA](#), held their [anti-LGBTQ+ themed rally](#) under the banner of "Don't Mess With Our Kids," and [promoted long-debunked conspiracy theories attacking queer and trans people](#).

The rally included speakers such as former Republican politician Matt Shea, [investigated by his own party](#) for "his involvement in domestic terrorism as a leader of the Patriot Movement" and who has [called for violence to establish a Christian theocracy](#). In 2018, [Shea made headlines for pushing a "manifesto...titled "Biblical Basis for War" that outlines a coming holy war, a battle that would require killing any non-Christian who does not "yield."](#)

Jenny Donnelly, leader of DontMessWithOurKids, lays out her strategy for mobilizing

conservatives to fight against LGBTQ+ rights and against abortion rights. She studies BLM and left-wing protests and wants to imitate their strategy of large street shut-downs and sustained protests. 1/

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Facing down both gender fascists and the police, protesters outnumbered the far-Right, but saw [23 arrests from law enforcement](#) over the course of the demonstration, which as *The Stranger* reported, were all “[physical and violent](#).” From *The Stranger*:

That friction would have been hot enough on its own, but between them were dozens of cops, armed, packing “less than lethal” weapons, carrying batons, and announcing instructions on a massive cruiser-mounted speaker. They set up a barrier between the two groups and stood with batons in hand, always facing the counterprotesters. The protest lasted more than six hours, and in that time the police made 23 arrests. All of them counterprotesters, all of them thrown to the ground and cuffed. An elderly man was shoved violently back over the barrier after sitting in peaceful protest on the other side. Witnesses describe cops dragging protestors over the barrier for shouting in the officers’ faces. Other protesters, seemingly zip tied and incapacitated, were pepper sprayed.

By 7 p.m., SPD asked the far-right group to end the event, three hours ahead of schedule, exactly as Mayday USA wanted it. With the protection of the police, they went to a historically gay park in a historically gay neighborhood in a historically gay city for a “spiritual” battle. They showed their followers queer people weren’t untouchable and that power would side with them over their vulnerable targets. And still, they were able to cry victim—claiming that Seattle is their Goliath, and using it as a rallying cry.

Following the far-Right rally, anger exploded from community, furious that police acted as armed protection for the far-Right, as the Mayor of Seattle denounced anarchists for “infiltrating” the counter-protests, placing blame on violence from the police on those willing to stand up to the anti-LGBTQ+ bigots. Meanwhile, the Seattle police brass in turn attacked the Mayor, [calling Cal Anderson Park the “heart of ANTIFA land.”](#)

Following the demonstrations, the FBI, [which ironically at one point was investigating Matt Shea](#), but now under Trump is being run by former MAGA social media grifters, announced that they would be looking into supposed “violence” carried out [against far-Right “religious” activists](#). The president of the Seattle’s police officers association, Mike Solan, also put out a podcast featuring laughable AI generated “ANTIFA” images, further attacking the Mayor.

Wanting to know what this all means, we caught up with [1312 Press](#), an anarchist and antifascist distro in the Pacific Northwest, to find out just what in the hell this all means.

IGD: *On May 24th, our understanding is that 500-1,000 counter-protesters came out to oppose this gender fascist rally at Cal Anderson Park, leading to violent attacks from the police and multiple arrests. This interview isn’t mean to be a report back, but from your understanding, what happened, and who was the far-Right group that held the rally?*

1312 Press: The rally was called [“Don’t Mess With Our Kids” \(DMWOK\) and was couched as a Christian-faith, ‘family-values’](#) driven rally and speak-out against what the religious far-Right is claiming as an assault on children across the United States. What they claim is pedophilia, grooming, and intellectual brainwashing of children in schools and other public institutions is actually the mere existence and self-expression of LGBTQ+ communities everywhere.

Here’s Portland Police Chaplain

Clyde Lewis on a flyer for the far-right Christian Nationalist and anti-LGBTQ+ rights group “Don’t Mess With Our Kids.” Their goal is to criminalize LGBTQ+ people, do conversion therapy on them, ban same-sex marriage, ban abortion, and install the theocracy.

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Seattle, WA is long known for being a very gay city, especially the neighborhood of Capitol Hill, where this hateful rally was permitted to occur. These Christofascist organizations are seeking to muster their supporters in what they deem as “strongholds” of the marginalized communities they wish to target and harass. They call for the extermination of trans-people, elimination of legal protections and healthcare for all kinds of queer people and sexual reproduction, and conversion therapy (which famously does not work). It’s important to label and identify this group and their followers as part of a multi-faceted network of fascist ideology. They seek to issue intense controls, repression, psychological terror, and forcible removals of all members of the LGBTQ+ communities, not even stopping shy of calling for the execution of trans-people, as mentioned above. Framing these attacks on people’s freedom of self-expression and identity as protecting “family values” represents an attack on the sexual health and well-being of literally every person in this country.

Heads-up Seattle: disgraced former WA legislator, accused domestic terrorist, Christian war manifesto author Matt Shea was in Seattle today at Cal Anderson Park preparing for the “DontMessWithOurKids” rally tomorrow.

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What happened at this rally is a rather straight forward repeat of most times when a fascist group has attempted to hold space in Seattle,

interests offers little more than the illusion of choice. Meanwhile, the economic system that underpins this political structure—one driven by profit, wealth concentration, and the relentless demands of capitalism—renders it nearly impossible for ordinary people to exert meaningful influence.

Most people are too burdened by debt, housing insecurity, precarious employment, and mass media distraction to organize effectively, let alone navigate the labyrinth of bureaucratic systems designed to disempower them. In this landscape, democracy becomes a hollow ritual while real decisions are made in boardrooms, lobbying offices, and closed-door meetings far removed from public accountability.

It may seem overwhelming, even naive, to imagine a popular movement capable of transcending the established political order, especially when we’ve been taught that change can only happen within the narrow confines of elections and party politics. But history reminds us that there was a time when the idea of a world without absolute monarchy seemed just as impossible.

The end of the era of monarchy as the prevailing order did not come about through polite petitions or voting, but from mass mobilization, collective refusal, and the bold reimagining of power itself. Today, as presidential power grows increasingly unchecked, the threat is not a return to monarchy, but the further entrenchment of the kind of authoritarianism cloaked in democratic legitimacy that our current system of presidents and so-called representative democracy has led us to.

Instead of worrying about going back to the age of kings, we should concern ourselves with forging a future where no single person—whether king or president—can claim the right to rule over millions. This means rejecting the increasingly authoritarian form of government we live under today and building something better—a society rooted in true self-determination, decentralized and non-hierarchical decision-making,

and cooperative economics.

Only by dismantling the myths that uphold our political reality—benevolent leadership and freedom through electoral representation—can we begin to imagine something radically different. Like the movements that shut down the WTO in 1999 or occupied Wall Street in 2011, we need mass protest that doesn’t just reject Trump or any one president but confronts the entire system that concentrates power and pacifies the public with pageantry. Real democracy isn’t granted from above; it’s built and lived from below. A different world becomes possible, and inevitable, when people stop waiting for permission to lead themselves.

Photo cover via [BlueSky](#)

Diamonds in the Gutter

June 18, 2025

Report on life found within a mutual hub in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Milton. Originally posted to [Mutual Aid Disaster Relief](#).

A young man enters a resilience hub in search of food, and before the moon wanes, initiates a wetlands restoration program giving mangroves another chance to protect the whole region from the impact of extreme weather once again.

The couple across the way, living out of their vehicle since hurricane Milton flooded their home, the young woman who survived two hurricanes (and the subsequent contractor scams), and the women who work the street next to the freedom center, are the ones fostering and feeding the non-human creatures impacted by the storms and bottomlining the animal survivor program.

A non-binary person enters an autonomous wellness center not having eaten in two months. Nobody violates their bodily autonomy. Their vitals are checked frequently by volunteer trained medical personnel acting within their scope of practice. Expert doctors in the field communicate

directly to the patient about potential risks and the person freely decides what care they receive, and after a few days of healing the wellness center has another sound healing practitioner, this one specializing in sikh chanting and prayer.

An elder experiencing homelessness and drug addiction raids a mutual aid center of narcotics and saves a dozen lives at trap houses and on the street. When he returns to the resilience center dehydrated needing electrolytes, he is cheered as a hero instead of trespassed from the property.

An older seeker with a lifetime of work experience in emergency preparedness and crisis response walks into a beloved community space questioning the values of his institution, and after a couple hours of good food and better conversation, he walks out with zines: some documenting crimes committed by oil companies covered up by government agencies, others exposing war atrocities and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the confluence of I.D.F. and kahane terrorists, and still others offering eloquent treatises on the anarchist case against terrorism (whether with or without a badge to hide accountability behind).

A disaster survivor carrying within the winds and waves of hurricane Katrina and a dozen other named storms, but whose real trauma comes from psychiatric abuse in dozens of carceral psychiatric institutions turns off the laptop, says the nonprofit auditors and government regulators can wait, gives a big welcoming hug to the children of the permaculture gardener watering the new sunflower, squash, and moringa sprouts, and together they make a sign that says, “toy store” knowing in this one everything (and everyone) is free.

People create art, poetry, and music about tearing down walls, but it’s actually the hurricanes themselves and avocado trees who knocked down the local police station’s walls.

A black liberation army movement



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The Dugout: Lessons from LA's Fight Against ICE

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The Dugout looks at the recent explosion of anti-ICE resistance in Los Angeles, CA.

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"No Kings?," How About "No Presidents!"

June 20, 2025

A critical look at the liberal framing of the recent mass "No Kings" demonstrations in the US.

By [Ryan Only](#) and [Eric Laursen](#)

On June 14, 2025, millions of people took to the streets in a powerful display of protest against the increasing consolidation of power in the hands of Donald Trump. The "No Kings" protests, held in over 2,100 cities, were a direct response to President Trump's military parade celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army and coinciding with his 79th birthday.

Organized by a coalition of over 200 groups, participants gathered to assert that the United States does not tolerate kings, nor should it accept any leader who seeks to centralize power and undermine democratic institutions. The protests were a call to action, urging citizens to ensure that power remains with the people, not a singular ruler.

But if monarchy is obsolete, why do we still tolerate presidents at all: figureheads of authority cloaked in democracy yet manifesting hierarchy and centralization? The cult of the presidency replicates structures based in obedience to distant power, blind faith in leadership, and the illusion that liberation can be delivered from above.

"No Kings!?" How about "No Presidents!?" Donald Trump is not a king. He is a president, and in many ways, *that's* the problem.

Plenty of societies still have kings—and ironically, some of those societies offer a standard of living that progressives in the U.S. often tout as a model to aspire to. Countries like Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Denmark maintain constitutional monarchies while simultaneously ranking among the highest in healthcare access, income equality, education, and social mobility.

This seeming contradiction reveals a deeper truth: the presence of a monarch does not automatically equate to tyranny, just as the presence of a president does not guarantee freedom. In fact, it exposes the hollowness of the symbolic distinction between monarchy and democracy when real power is concentrated in elite institutions, regardless of the leader's title. It's not the crown or the office that determines justice; it's whether people have actual control over the systems that govern their lives.

As momentum builds under the banner of "No Kings!" liberals and other activists in the U.S. should consider the real question of how we got here and how we can move forward and away from Trump's authoritarianism altogether. The question isn't about monarchy versus presidency, but about the myth of representation itself.

Electoral politics in the U.S. has long promised a voice to the people, yet in practice, it consistently fails to engage the public in the decisions that shape their everyday lives. Voting every few years for candidates pre-approved by party machines and funded by corporate

WA and is emblematic of the same instance in many cities in the United States. Under the protection of a permit, DMWOK had a stage and speaker system set up inside Cal Anderson Park with a fence and police protection. In anticipation of the anti-LGBTQ+ event, several communities groups organized various forms of resistance. While counter-protestors gathered directly across the fence from the rally and yelled at attendees and cops alike, a punk show had been organized in the skate-park across the field with the explicit intention of drowning out the sound system of the Evangelical Christians.

Punk music drowning out band at Don't Mess With Our Kids rally in #CalAndersonPark in #Seattle. DMWOK is an anti LGBTQ organization set up in the heart of #CapitolHill.

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Eventually, attendees from the punk show fell over to the counter-protestors, and tensions began to escalate as neighbors became ever more fed up with the hateful rhetoric from the rally and the police assigned to protect them. Inevitably this resulted in physical altercations between counter-protestors and the police, as well as unprovoked physical attacks by police officers against otherwise peaceful counter-protestors. This is not to place a false hierarchy on styles of protest and anti-fascist mobilization, but rather to highlight that the police were willing to and did physically assault and arrest people who had otherwise been simply standing near the fence and holding a sign. This escalation by the police only aggravated things further.

Tense situation at Cal Anderson as SPD violently arrested several counter protestors for what they say was property destruction. They also violated first amendment rights of press yet again.

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IGD: *There's a lot of contention that this happened at Cal Anderson Park, a center for activism and a historically queer neighborhood, especially as the rally was meant to attack the LGBTQ+ community as "groomers." It seems that it was the city that picked this area, (as opposed to Pike Place), as the place that it would allow for a permit, meaning: police protection. Why do you think the city did this?*

1312 Press: I personally think that the context of Cal Anderson Park having been the former location of the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone during the George Floyd Uprising in 2020 is dwarfed in comparison to the longer history and cultural relevance that the park and the neighborhood serves for Seattle's queer and gay communities.

Capitol Hill is frequently still referred to as Seattle's "gayborhood" despite rampant gentrification that has pushed out its more divergent and rebellious queer nightlife. Capitol Hill is the home for the annual Pride festivals that will dominate the neighborhood at the end of June. Many of the city's best-known and longest-running gay bars are in Capitol Hill. Cal Anderson Park itself was renamed in 2003 after Washington State's first openly gay elected official. The park remains one of the last free and public spaces that people can gather in the city. In assessing the location of this rally, its political and hate-filled messaging, and the decision of Mayor Bruce Harrell to allow it in such a location, this context cannot be overlooked.

Allowing this rally to occur in Cal Anderson Park should be viewed as part of Mayor Harrell's and Seattle Police's broader attempt to criminalize and attack the queer community in Seattle in recent years. In January 2024, [Seattle Police raided two separate gay bars in Capitol Hill and issued citations for indecent exposure](#). Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell has been attempting to quietly shut down one of the most infamous queer nude beaches in Seattle over the last couple of years. Denny Blaine Beach has been locally and nationally known as a safe space for queer people to gather in the sun

and enjoy themselves in their bodies as they are, without fear of contempt or judgement from homophobic viewers.

Last summer, local news media [The Stranger](#) revealed that Mayor Harrell has been texting with a local millionaire philanthropist [Stuart Sloan](#) about their shared "disgust" of the beach and the need to "clean up" the "sub-groups" that populate it. Earlier this May, [Seattle Police Chief](#) had to backpedal and apologize for the police's response to "the situation." With the backdrop of the federal and national level attacks on queer rights and access to sexual health services for trans-people, Mayor Bruce Harrell and the Seattle Police Department appear to be in lockstep with the Trump administration's rampant homophobic policies and disregard for civil rights.

The anti-LGBTQ+ MAGA Christian Dominionist group is facing some opposition in Seattle for tomorrow's rally so they have to keep reassuring their followers that they're on God's side and their opponents are controlled by Satan. [#cognitivedissonance](#)

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But I would be remiss to neglect from mentioning the importance of the recent history of the George Floyd Uprising. In 2020, these protests and riots convened at the Seattle Police Precinct in Capitol Hill and [attempted to march on its front doors for over a week before the police abandoned the precinct](#), and protestors established the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ). This geographic significance will forever play a role in anarchists, anti-fascists, communists, radicals, in their commitment to preserving the space as a site for autonomous and free experiments with living. The failure to prevent the establishment of the CHAZ will always be a stain on the legacy of the Seattle municipal government and its police force, but the cultural and political importance of Cal Anderson Park extends far beyond the memory of the CHAZ. Cal

Anderson Park served as a meeting point for protests and rallies long before 2020, and many political demonstrations in the city start there, regardless of their political persuasion. While this is worth considering in analyzing why the city elected to grant a permit to homophobic Evangelical Christians and thus facilitate and cop-beatdown of counter-protestors, I believe it is overshadowed by the grander context of Capitol Hill as a “gayborhood” and the city’s attack on its queer communities.

IGD: *The response from the city mayor, a Centrist Democrat, was to claim to be in support of the LGBTQ+ community but also denouncing anarchists for infiltrating the protests. What is your response to these attacks from the mayor. Obviously anarchists did not “infiltrate” the protests, they were part of them and have a long history both in Seattle and in local organizing projects. Why is the mayor pushing this nonsense?*

1312 Press: Since I wrote above quite a bit about the mayor’s false claims to being an ally of the LGBTQ+ community, I’ll focus on the demonization of anarchists here. Harrell was on the Seattle City Council from 2008 - 2020, and is well acquainted with the Seattle municipal government’s tradition of criminalizing anarchists for protest chaos. On August 30, 2010, Seattle Police Officer Ian Birk shot and killed Native American woodcarver John T. Williams, and the city exploded in a long campaign of anti-police protest that sometimes included violent clashes with police and property destruction.

Anarchists were heavily involved in these initiatives against the police, committed to pushing movements for reform closer to what we now commonly refer to as “abolition.” On May 1, 2012, the local rendition of “Occupy” climaxed into an incredibly riotous May Day demonstration with hundreds of anarchists in black bloc committing property damage and attacking police in the city’s commercial downtown shopping district. In 2014 and 2015, Seattle was one of many cities across the country taking to the streets in solidarity

with the Ferguson Uprising against the police as part of the beginning of the “Black Lives Matter” movement. During all three of these instances of popular protest, anarchists have been criminalized by the mayor and city council and described as “outside agitators” committed to disrupting peaceful protest and ruining otherwise legitimate attempts at collective action and social change.

SPD pushing counter protestors out of the park with batons.

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Mayor Bruce Harrell is no stranger to this attempt to discredit rowdy and unmanageable protests by identifying them with society’s most historically hated boogeyman, the anarchist criminal. The city largely noticed that this rhetoric was unsuccessful, however, with the first election of Donald Trump and the ensuing anti-fascist street battles, where anarchists and militant anti-fascists were seen by many as the only people protecting anyone from violence at the hands of Proud Boys and their allies.

During the George Floyd Uprising in 2020, which in Seattle stretched into much of 2021, anti-police protests and sentiment had become too generalized to successfully associate street militancy with a minority political position. In attempting to attribute the trouble of the counter-protest in Cal Anderson to anarchists, Bruce Harrell aims to accomplish several things: isolate and criminalize a faction of protestors known for instigating conflict, discredit any rowdy elements of protest that rightfully critique police and city government complicity with homophobic rhetoric, assert that there is a correct way to protest, *just not like that*, and in doing so, simultaneously attempting to appear on the side of the LGBTQ+ community, and lastly, split the Seattle queer community from the anarchist movement (a gutsy move to be sure), by deflecting blame for the violence at the counter-protest from the police, to the outside agitator anarchists.

Of course, as you mention, anarchists are and have been part of Seattle’s LGBTQ+ community for decades. To leverage that they are separate is create an entirely false dichotomy that seeks to depoliticize queerness and decouple anarchism from its long history of critiquing the nuclear family, patriarchy, and heteronormative supremacy. Likewise, anarchists and anti-fascists have a long history of countering the fascist attack on gender rights; we are not simply allies of the queer community, we are of and within the queer community.

IGD: *Let’s now talk about the response from the cops. After the protest, the police on their own podcast, put out this strange AI image, featuring masked “ANTIFA” militants with a sign that said, “ANTIFA for Mayor.” They also attacked “ANTIFA” as a group in a statement, claiming that Cal Anderson park was a hotbed of “ANTIFA” extremism. Is this position and the Mayor’s essentially two sides of the same coin?*

1312 Press: It’s worth pointing out here that six Seattle Police Department officers attended Donald Trump’s “Stop the Steal” rally on January 6th, 2021. Two of them have been fired, and the other four remain unidentified due to a battle in the courts over whether to release their names to the public.

The podcast that posted this ridiculous AI-generated image is run by Mike Solan, the president of the Seattle Police Officer’s Guild (SPOG), which is essentially their union. Throughout 2020, the Seattle Police were rightfully made out to be public enemy number one - while they were embattled by literally months of nonstop protests and riots, the King County Labor Council voted to expel SPOG. The black bloc elements of popular anti-police protests during the George Floyd Uprising were nominally referred to as “ANTIFA”, for better or for worse, and SPOG have come to identify any and all anti-police sentiment as “ANTIFA-coded.”

They very clearly saw this return to Cal Anderson Park to protect homophobic Evangelicals and fight protestors as a return to the battles

response networks that have been doing this work for years and that are particularly skilled at dispelling the false rumors that cause so much panic in our communities. But it’s equally important to be aware of their limitations. One is the limitation that no matter how rapid the rapid response network, ICE raids will almost always be over by the time they make it to the scene.

The deeper limitation is that most - but not all - rapid response networks and mainstream immigrant-rights organizations are nonprofits, with many receiving their funding from local governments, and their objective is strictly to observe raids and provide legal resources, rather than to risk their funding by intervening and taking direct action to disrupt raids. That’s why we should do our best to maintain our independence, and be clear about our own goals and strategy, while collaborating where it makes sense.

Step 3: Make a Plan

Now you can make plans! It doesn’t usually make sense to overplan, because it’s impossible to predict all the possible scenarios. Really, the most important thing is talking to your coworkers and connecting each other together in an organizing structure, more so than the most perfect plan ever.

But it is very useful to put your rapid response training to use and develop some protocols around the following:

- How you will verify that an immigration raid is indeed happening at your workplace. The SALUTE/ALERTA method can be useful here. Remember that there are different agencies doing raids, with Homeland Security Investigation [HSI] often coming to workplaces, and they often will be in plainclothes and will straight up lie about who they are and what they’re doing.
- How you will protect the most at-risk workers.
- How you will secure entrances and exits.
- How you will notify

community allies.

- How you will connect with legal support.
- How you will deal with management.
- How you will respond to ICE presence that is in the neighborhood but not at your workplace specifically.

Roleplaying responses to an immigration raid as a group can be a good way to build confidence and cohesion. Doing things like sitting down in front of an ICE van are very scary steps to take, but can become easier when you’ve practiced ahead of time and know that you have coworkers beside you who will be with you arm-in-arm. Remember the muscle memory you developed during monthly fire drills in fifth grade? That’s what you want to replicate.

Thinking Bigger

We always need to keep in mind the difference between *mobilization* and *organization*. Challenging ICE with your coworkers who are pissed off at federal agents kidnapping kids is mobilizing: getting people who already agree on an issue to take action together. Working with those coworkers to go out and get everyone else to join you in marching on your boss to demand that they stop using e-Verify requires organizing: transforming individual isolation, apathy, and hopelessness into the power to win change.

What we’ve seen in past years is cycle after cycle of mass mobilization, where individuals come into the streets to fight for change, and then they go back home still as disconnected individuals, without the relationships and knowledge to create lasting change in their lives. As revolutionaries, we need to be attuned to when the moment is right for mobilization, to be there leading our coworkers into the fight, and then to be creating organizing structures that can hold people together and give them the tools to lead their own fights over the long term.

With that in mind, as you talk to coworkers and build your

communication structures and workplace defense plans, you can also begin thinking of what’s over the horizon - about structure, campaigns, and bigger goals. If you’re in a nonunion workplace, maybe this is the beginning of your union organizing committee. Mobilize the informal leaders in your workplace into raids defense, and then invite them to a workplace organizing training put on by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Labor Notes, or Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee (EWOC).

If you’re already in a union, maybe this is the beginning of an independent rank-and-file caucus ready to take direct action against other workplace issues related to Trump’s America - like a transphobic supervisor who refuses to use your coworker’s correct pronouns. Or maybe this is a way to build out the organizing you’re already doing in your workplace, and you can use this to build momentum to winning contract protections for undocumented workers.

Whatever your situation, we want to remind every freedom-loving, border-hating worker out there that when we stand together, we can defeat ICE, and we can show the whole working class that we have the power to win.

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Announcing In Tension #3

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Announcing the new issue of *In Tension*, a new anarchist publication. See more here.

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Final Straw: Rapid Responses To Immigration Raids & Homeless Sweeps in So-Cal

June 22, 2025

Long-running anarchist radio show and podcast *The Final Straws* speaks with organizers in southern California.

This week on the show we feature an interview with two anarchist activists in southern California about the recent resistance to Federal-led immigration raids in Los Angeles and the wider region.

Both guests speak about their experiences working in rapid response structures to immigration raids, to anti-homeless sweeps and other community needs over the years and how they've changed as conditions and technologies have changed. We talk about inviting and engaging new activists and some strategies that showed success.

An interview with two southern Californian anarchists about the recent protests against ICE raids alongside military and national guard, as well as resistance to recent anti-homeless sweeps thefinalstrawradio.noblogs.org/post/

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Some great writings from the streets can be found at [Ediciones Ineditas](https://edicionesineditas.org/).

Featured Track:

- Bella Ciao by La Plebe from Brazo En Brazo

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Organizing to Keep ICE Out of Your Workplace

June 21, 2025

Member of Black Rose Anarchist Federation looks at organizing your workplace against ICE.

This article was written by a member of Black Rose / Rosa Negra (BRRN) with experience in both workplace organizing and neighborhood based organizing against ICE. Drawing on this background, the author describes a series of steps you can start taking today to defend yourself and your coworkers from ICE.

by Keith Robertson

When ICE comes to your workplace, it can be over before you know it. Because they know that the community is opposed to them, ICE has adapted their tactics to be sneaky and fast. That's why we need to be organized and ready to stand up to them the second they show up. The solidarity of immediate bystanders can mean the difference between deportation and freedom, and, as we've seen, can spark waves of resistance. So when ICE comes to your workplace, be organized to stop them.

Blocking Trump's deportation raids is one of the most critical tactics in this moment. Trump's approach to his first six months in office has been to "flood the zone" with so many outrageous attacks that his opposition doesn't know where to focus and respond. At this point, almost all of us have been affected by one or more of the assaults Trump has made to advance his vision of autocratic, white-male, billionaire rule. And of course we are all witness to the crushing genocide in Gaza and widening Israeli war across the Middle East that Trump is facilitating.

Despite this, opposition was disappointingly frail until neighbors and coworkers began physically standing up to la migra and disrupting their deportation operations. This is because these raids are both massively hated, and are a concrete manifestation of Trump's policy that we can directly impact. When neighbors confront immigration raids, it is a direct confrontation with Trump's core policy of mass deportation. Even though it only involved a few hundred people at first, [the confrontation with ICE and CBP in Los Angeles](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/keithrobertson/ice-cbpf-los-angeles) arguably had a bigger impact than the hundreds of

thousands who marched in the [No Kings protests](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/keithrobertson/no-kings-protests) a week later.

Seeing that it is possible to stand up to Trump and defend our neighbors and coworkers has a massive mobilizing effect on everyone who has been overwhelmed by the past six months and doesn't know where to start.

Step 1: Start Simple, Talk to Your Coworkers

The most basic thing to prepare to challenge immigration raids at or near your workplace is to talk to your coworkers. Without this, you can't do anything! Try starting with simple things, like having lunch with coworkers who you haven't talked to much before; learning about each other's families and sharing snacks.

Once you know each other, you will need to create a way for your coworkers to communicate quickly with each other and mobilize a response. At its simplest, this could be a groupchat among your coworkers who share a concern about immigration raids.

Recently, when a Zionist organization showed up outside an Oakland, CA hospital to harass a worker and union member, hospital workers were able to [utilize the communication networks they had built through workplace Palestine organizing to quickly respond and shut them down](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/keithrobertson/ice-cbpf-los-angeles). This is the kind of value that creating horizontal communication structures in your workplace has. If you are in a union, it is also valuable to use its structures to organize your workplace response - like creating a health and safety committee that responds to the safety issue of federal agents coming to kidnap workers.

Step 2: Know Your Rights

Second, familiarize yourself with your rights, with ICE tactics (which are changing all the time), and with local resources. If possible, attend trainings with local rapid-response networks and become trained first responders. It's important to connect with groups like rapid

for the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone. SPOG and SPD have been at odds with Seattle municipal leadership since 2020, and this can perhaps be attributed to the decision to vacate the police precinct and its evading culpability. While then Mayor Jenny Durkan issued the call for police to clear the surrounding streets, the command to vacate the precinct remains without claimed origin. [Text messages](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/keithrobertson/ice-cbpf-los-angeles) between then Police Chief Carmen Best, then Mayor Jenny Durkan, and Fire Chief Harold Scoggins have [mysteriously vanished](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/keithrobertson/ice-cbpf-los-angeles).

AI generated image for "Hold the Line" podcast

Following this sequence of events, Seattle Police and their labor union SPOG have increasingly become politically isolated while financially over-inflated with increasing annual budgets from the city. Mayor Bruce Harrell's statement, while attempting to criminalize anarchists, was clearly lacking in defense of the police given the city-wide backlash against police violence on that day. In the end, there is no legitimate device for any kind of accountability for the Seattle Police or their union and its president Mike Solan.

They stand to gain political capital through attempting to manipulate Seattle municipal government into giving them increased support and backing, and by painting Seattle as a city ruled by "ANTIFA" they continue Harrell's criminalization of anarchists by seeking to justify past, current and future acts of repression and violence.

IGD: *It's 2025, Trump is in power. The connections between the far-Right, MAGA influencers, and even some fringes of the white nationalist movement are blurring. What do you make of how far-Right groups, like the one that rallied in Cal Anderson Park, are moving in this terrain? And what does this mean for antifascist resistance?*

1312 Press: The interesting thing about DMWOK is that they don't fit this same image and

characterization of fascist street-level groups that we successfully pushed off the streets under Trump's first presidential term. They're mostly families, extremely oriented in their Christian faith, united by spirituality and Christo-fascist ideals of a nuclear white family. Interestingly enough, they are also not organizing in the same way that the street-level fascist groups were during Trump's first term. While the Proud Boys and Identity Evropa, among others, sought to instill terror and physically attack our communities in the streets, groups like DMWOK are attempting to effect policy at the state and federal level through public rallies. I don't think they actually want to incite and instigate violence between opposing sides, but rather through their rallies they aim to highlight what they believe is the "rabid horde of LGBTQ+ Drag Queens attempting to groom children" and through this, convince policy makers and lobbyists to push through the anti-trans and anti-queer policies we are seeing nationwide.

During 2016 - 2021, militant anti-fascists very successfully pushed fascists and neo-Nazis of several varieties off the streets. Identity Evropa completely disbanded. The Proud Boys lost their leadership and their rank-and-file come and go before anti-fascists determine they're worth identifying. Patriot Front is forced to hold surprise rallies in isolated locations, and even when they happen, they are confronted and outnumbered by neighborhood residents, sending the fascists running scared into a box truck. However, this overwhelming victory in the streets was not accompanied in the halls of state power, as far-Right conservatives have made successful pushes for elected policy-making decisions at many different levels of local government. The emergence of groups like DMWOK signifies a shift in far-Right and fascist organizing away from street fighting to policy and optics, and frankly anti-fascists today are not well equipped to counter this move.

We must fine tune our analyses of how policy and state law effect our bodies and how to resist it. We are well aware and have articulated

many times over that voting is not going to save us - the elected politicians throughout this country have shown that they are not interested in representing the wishes of their electorate, or they are powerless to protect access to reproductive and sexual health care. While the national-scale attacks on LGBTQ+ communities do possess both a street-violence aspect and a policy aspect, militant anti-fascists have only shown to be able to successfully fend off the street-violence aspect in broad, popular settings. You simply cannot have a fist fight with a policy.

Patriot Front crashed Springfield, MO Pride festival. Driving a Penske truck. U-Haul banned Patriot Front from renting their vehicles. It's time for people to tell Penske to do the same.

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While it is incredibly necessary to openly oppose groups like DMWOK whenever they seek to mobilize and rally, we have to look deeper into how these attacks on our communities are being effected in the halls of power and how to resist them. Mobilizing as a black bloc can only fight certain kinds of enemies, it is not going to get you gender-affirming health care. Learning how to fight by yourself or alongside your friends will hopefully protect you from bigots in the streets, but it is not going to guarantee your access to hormone therapy, safe and secure abortion, or the countless other ways that the Trump administration is currently attempting to instill its fascist, patriarchal, hetero-normative regime of reproduction. It is perhaps clearer now more than ever that every element of the fight against gender fascism is required, if they wish to take the battle to our bodies, we have to meet them there at every front, not just the ones we know we've already won.

IGD: *It seems clear that both the establishment politicians and law enforcement are only going to double down on conspiracies of "outside agitators" and "ANTIFA" supersoldiers. What does this mean for us? We've seen these bullshit*

narratives for years, what does it mean to push back against them now in 2025?

1312 Press: This rhetoric and attempt to de-legitimize radical, rowdy, unmanageable political forces is not new, nor contained to the United States. Anarchists, communists, Wobblies, and anti-fascists for over 100 years have struggled with largely successful attempts by the state to discredit our movements and separate us from the popular classes. They do this as a way to justify the impending repression that often looks like years in prison, police violence, or generalized trauma resulting from never-ending court dates and media sensationalism.

The first response to these outlandish conspiracies is two-fold: we must resist imposed isolationism, and we must resist populism. Our projects, regardless of their political slant, must seek to make themselves relevant to people struggling to address the material conditions of their suffering under capitalism, patriarchy, colonialism, imperialism, and white supremacy. This is incredibly vague language so I'll try to be more specific for a moment: when anarchists were criminalized for committing property damage in a commercial shopping district, it was difficult to stir up a broader sense of support and anger at the police and municipal government. When anarchists were criminalized for standing up against the police and homophobic Christians, everybody knew this as an immediate and complete farce. We have to make our struggles relevant to the lived reality of people we are not directly organizing with.

The City Let Anti-LGBTQ Religious Zealots Take Over Cal Anderson

— [The Stranger \(@the-stranger.com\) 2025-05-27T00:01:25.591Z](https://the-stranger.com/2025-05-27T00:01:25.591Z)

However, we have to simultaneously resist the urge and pull of populism. Populism requires the watering down of political convictions in an attempt to attract the largest amount of followers, the defanging of street action so as to

not scare away potential believers, and the insistence on victimizing narratives that are not only factually incorrect but dangerous. While pursuing populism may increase group numbers, it drastically limits the possibility of action and its potentials for effecting societal change. We must be bold in our actions, honest and daring in our discourse, and unwavering in our goals. Additionally, we have to be frank with ourselves and understand that huge swathes of the U.S. population believe in and agree with Trump's stances on gender, sex, and abortion access. We are simply not going to convince these millions of Trump voters to join our ranks on behalf of queer and trans communities. We have to stake out our positions against the rising tide of populist homophobia and protect our communities.

Finally, we cannot forget our prisoners, the victims of state repression resultant from criminalization and state ostracization of our movements. We have to be honest with ourselves that repression and jail time are not only possible, but in most instances they are inevitable. Serving time in jail or prison is simply a continuation of the struggle, and we must center anti-repression in all of our struggles if we are to successfully overcome the fear of police violence and incarceration that so often forecloses on our abilities to resist the state and fascism. When the state successfully imprisons a comrade or a friend, they are attempting to remove them from the struggle and erase their bold decision to break the law from our memories. Just as every struggle must also be a struggle against the police, it necessarily must be a struggle against repression and for our prisoners. Breaking the borders of isolation, speaking through the walls or telephone wires, and extending the struggle from the streets to the prison cells is how we counter the isolating and silencing intentions of repression. We have to make sure there is room in our struggle for our imprisoned comrades when they come out of jail, otherwise we are condemning ourselves to failure.

Eugene, OR: Share Fair Report-Back

June 23, 2025

Report on anarchist mutual aid event in Eugene, OR. Originally posted to the [Dissonant Times](#).

On Saturday, May 31st, the [Neighborhood Anarchist Collective \(NAC\)](#) hosted its second Share Fair of 2025 at the First United Methodist Church in Eugene. Over 500 people are estimated to have attended, which makes it one of the largest Share Fairs to date. Share Fair has provided free services and recreation for communities in Lane County for over seven years.

Attendees enjoyed hot food, haircuts, live music and play time in the kids area. There were two rooms worth of donations ranging from clothing and shoes, outdoor gear, housewares, books, and electronics.

Many other local organizations attended to provide services such as medical aid, housing resources, and pet care. To name a few, HIV Alliance provided STI testing and harm reduction supplies and Occupy Medical offered medics and first aid materials. RAVEN provided free foot washing and assisted in navigation of local services. Restored Connections Peer Center attended to reach out to those seeking support in recovery from addictions. Some incredible volunteers were available for mending and altering clothing, free hair cutting services, healing circles, massages, and workshops on plant identification, first aid, and chair yoga.

Solidarity Share Fair embodies the principle of mutual aid. For anarchists, this means a form of meeting each other's needs free from hierarchies or stipulations. Participants and organizers alike gave what they could and took what they needed. Needing or wanting something alone is reason enough to receive it. If this is your vision for the world, or even for an afternoon, please sign up to volunteer or donate at <https://neighborhoodanarchists.org>

The next Share Fair is scheduled for

August 24th. Please consider donating new or gently used survival supplies such as tents, sleeping bags, and tent repair kits to help us meet attendees needs for future fairs.

War Between States Means Death for the People

June 22, 2025

Statement condemning the US led war on Iran from international anarchist organizations including the Black Rose/Rosa Negra Anarchist Federation in the US.

The following is a statement written and endorsed by members of the Latin American Anarchist Coordination (CALA) and sibling organizations across the Americas, including Black Rose/Rosa Negra.

Violence in the Middle East continues to grow exponentially. The war profiteers, the main partners of neoliberal capitalism, impose death on those below, while they become richer with the investments of their States. This action is actually a strategy of world domination, of appropriation of wealth and territories, of oil and gas... and a great windfall for the interests of the arms industry.

The United States, along with Israel - its partner in this onslaught - spread their ideology of arrogance, intimidation and violence. They don't need a complicated narrative to spread it, it's enough to stoke fears of nuclear war and to put forward a few slogans: "good against evil," "the fight against terrorism." The media and social networks, controlled by these same interests, reproduce this ideology and censor dissent.

After allowing the puppet state of Israel to carry out unlimited attacks on Iranian territory, the United States has now entered the conflict. This marks the realization of an obsession held for decades by many members of the U.S. ruling elite: the desire to overthrow the Iranian regime. This obsession stems from the strategic defeat the United States suffered in 1980, when its chosen puppet was overthrown during the Iranian revolution. But

more significantly, it is driven by the new imperialist strategies the United States is trying to advance. These attacks on Iran—led by Israel, the United States, and NATO—are taking place while China, as a consolidated power, and Russia, a state constantly seeking European power status, wait and play their hand in a scenario of overflowing international tensions and an exponential increase in class struggle.

Before the world's wide open blind eyes, the Palestinian territory is devastated and its population exterminated. A besieged area, an apartheid.

Now, Iran is being attacked, a regime that is troublesome not because it is autocratic but because it does not follow imperial interests, and because it is also a key geopolitical area in the Middle East. Iran defends itself but its civilian population is massacred.

New technologies of war proliferate, always to the detriment of the people. New generation drones and missiles that hover over the defenseless population, over women, boys, girls, the elderly... Technology so 'precise' that it does not find terrorists, but thousands and thousands of innocent victims every day.

The discourse seems to be created by the Orwellian Ministry of Truth and Neo-speaking. Those who dropped the atomic bomb yesterday are the guardians of peace and democracy today. The alleged legitimacy of international institutions, such as the UN, is broken as we observe their absolute inability to intervene in conflicts.

What's more, these institutions not only fail to defend oppressed peoples, but offer their murderers legitimacy, as we have seen in the most recent G7 statement, which maintains that Israel's attacks on Iran are their right to self-defense. That is, by attacking Iran, Israel gets its hands dirty against a state that advances in nuclear capacity, something that pleases the countries of the global north because it keeps the current hierarchical structure of the international system untouched.

What is clear is that this is the most vile and cruel face of capitalism, a new historical stage of articulation that captures the worst of lived experiences, but that tries to mask itself, sometimes, in the name of democracy and freedom-while at other times more plainly raising the banner of white supremacy.

We are facing a system of death, but we know that in the face of oppression there is resistance. That the peoples suffer, but they also rise up. That international solidarity is manifested in mobilizations in various parts of the world and that there is a clamor to stop this genocide. That in the face of so much barbarism, anarchists are indignant, we show our solidarity and we propose to fight for a new world.

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STOP THE ISRAELI GENOCIDE IN GAZA!

STOP THE U.S. AND ISRAELI WAR ON IRAN!

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