

CONTRIBUTION TO THE REVOLUTION FOR THE DIS/DIFFERENTLY ABLED

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Contemporary leftist tactics such as protest marches and direct action initiatives can be highly physically demanding, and may be out of reach for many people who identify within the ‘disabled’ label or otherwise lack the ability, resources, privilege, or even simply the time to engage with these methods of resistance - with these comrades sometimes feeling that they are of less use to leftist organizations and to the wider fight against capitalism due to their inability to engage in ‘typical’ actions. A common question posed by differently-abled leftists is that of how they can still help - and they most certainly *can* help, as tactics such as literature creation and distribution, OSINT and technological disruption, movement administration, and propagandistic artistic efforts/expression are all relatively accessible to our disabled comrades. There is a spot in the revolution for everyone, regardless of physical ability or access to resources - and we must all work together if we are to triumph over the great evil of capitalism.

LITERATURE and ART

‘Propaganda’ is something of a dirty word, but all political parties rely on it to a heavy degree - and convincing, effective messaging is beyond vital in swaying the heavily indoctrinated public towards anticapitalist ideologies. We’ve had decades and decades of Red Scare propaganda funnelled down our throats by those in power - it’s time that we countered that deluge of falsehoods with our own works of expression and fact. First of all, it is undeniable that any capable leftist movement or organization is in need of literature. Writing is a relatively easily accessible expression that takes no great investment - a pencil and a notebook are all one truly needs - and requires zero physical effort on behalf of the writer besides typical hand function and consistent memory and mental/emotional capacity. Those interested in the creation of literature can easily take up this role independently, writing about what matters to them and the issues they are passionate about, or otherwise reach out to leftist organizations for specific literature that is needed - we always need more writers, as getting our message out there is one of the most vital and daunting tasks any movement faces. (Distribution of literature is also vital - and while physical distribution may be inaccessible for the disabled (although printing/preparation of literature can be accessed with appropriate resources), online distribution is just as important. Connect with your local leftist organization for specific instructions for online distribution!)

Secondly, the creation of art can be a beautiful and expressive way of communicating to the public the messages of leftist groups. Throughout history, artistic works have changed hearts and minds, bringing people into movements and motivating them to keep fighting for justice. Anyone with a pencil, a paintbrush, or a handiness with digital programs like Procreate or Krita can take up art independently, making works with either subtle leftist messaging (fiction, both literary and artistic, can be extremely effective at disseminating messages into the public consciousness) or creating more outright propaganda (think typical Soviet-style wartime posters - history contains no shortage of examples for political cartoons and revolutionary flyers!) More structured leftist organizations also have plenty of spots for those interested in more directed work, if you prefer structure, command, and clear instructions when working. And once again, the printing and preparation of artistic endeavors such as flyers, posters, zines, and more can all be done from the safety and



accessibility of your own home - even if you don't believe yourself to be artistically skilled. All in all, in terms of both literature and art, there's plenty that the differently abled can create to aid the revolution - whether it be as simple as a short leftist poem or as complex as a full essay on Marxist principles.

OSINT and TECHNOLOGY

For those with access to the Internet, the technological demands of leftist movements are both vital and require little to no physical exertion beyond the standard operation of a computer. The JBGC in particular is engaged with the active monitoring of fascist threat groups through our OSINT division - those engaged in open-source intelligence initiatives to predict fascist actions and be prepared to counter them. This is both extremely effective and fully legal, but OSINT requires a certain level of technological literacy to get started with. If you're a disabled comrade with consistent computer access, keeping an eye on threat groups can be a deeply productive way of assisting leftist organizations. For those comfortable with legal grey areas, the hacking of fascist groups/individuals can also be an extremely effective tactic, with numerous examples in contemporary politics of right-wingers and fascists suffering significant losses due to compromised security - the Heritage Foundation, for example, recently having had its members information leaked by an LGBT hacktivist collective, shaking faith in the organization among right-wingers and causing a myriad of well-deserved consequences for its fascist, bigoted members. If hacking is within your skillset and you are comfortable with potential legal grey areas, this could hypothetically be an option open to you.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Staying on the topic of the internet, all leftist movements need those willing to step up and serve in behind-the-scenes administrative roles. These roles are rarely glamorous, and require significant commitment, but their technological focus maintains their accessibility to the physically disabled among our ranks. There's less to say in a general sense about such tasks, but if an administrative role interests you, make sure to connect with leftist organizations in need of those willing to fill such roles. We could always use more logistics people.

ESTABLISHMENT of CONNECTIONS

Finally, we come to the most accessible element of activism there is - the establishment of basic connections within your communities. One of the most essential aspects of communist organizing is bringing people into the fold, introducing them into the notion that the villainized ideologies propped up by the hegemonic American regime as diabolical boogymen may actually be the best paths forwards, and overall just being a reliable, friendly, empathetic face in a community, whether it be online or in-person. Share leftist posts, counter misinformation where you spot it, donate to mutual aid requests and share them with others, talk to your coworkers if you're employed about unionization, print out stickers and put them up on your commute if you can walk, subtly coax those around you into communist discussion (as the vast majority of human beings harbor communist sympathies - they've just been conditioned to hate the specific label); there are so many small, highly accessible things that anyone can do just to build community with their fellow workers. So many people are so deeply, painfully isolated amidst the vicious climate of hyper-individualism fostered by our capitalist society - it can make all the difference to simply reach out to those around you and show them that a different world - a better world - is possible. Help those around you, even in small ways; for together, *we can build something beautiful.*

