

Arming & Organizing Marginalized Communities

Firearms are a divisive issue among the American public. Especially when schools and other soft targets are so frequently targeted by those who have become alienated by capitalist society, which seeks to reduce every worker to only what they can produce for their corporation, nothing more. Bought & exchanged, we're a commodity meant to be discarded when we no longer are profitable. Us Americans are frustrated, and we desperately look for answers. Some politicians tell us that the problem is not the very system that makes them rich off of our exploitation, but rather, people who are different from us.

Right-wing extremists, lead to this conclusion by conservative media which seeks to fearmonger and scapegoat the issues of capitalism onto marginalized communities, are continuously being emboldened by, if not reactionary media and manipulative algorithms, the state's regime which holds such irrational perspectives as a matter of policy.

Hate crimes are on the rise as BIPOC communities are terrorized by fascist militias and LGBTQ+ communities are continuously targeted by gunmen. From people like Kyle Rittenhouse using the defense of private property as an excuse to execute minorities and political opposition to the Pulse & Club Q nightclub shootings which targeted gender & sexual minorities. According to the *Human Rights Campaign* in 2024, 1 in 5 hate crimes are LGBTQ+ related, with 16% & 23% rise in violence against gender/sexual minorities, respectively.

Not only are minorities subject to violence at the hands of extremists, but also at the hands of the state. Studies show, no amount of voting will ever make a dent in the elite's complete control over the law. Despite making up just 0.95% of the population, there have been 600 bills targeting transgenders in particular within the first few months of 2025, per translegislation.com. These pieces of legislation attempt to go so far as cropping the T from "LGBT" on their travel, criminalizing the very existence of transgender individuals in public, with states such as Florida keeping databases. As we speak, the very word *transgender* is being purged from gov't websites across the internet, with the Dept. of State information page. Do not fool ourselves, police are historically, and will always be a tool of the ruling class to maintain the purchased laws of the elite against the working class. They will faithfully carry out such inhumane laws, and meet any of us with baton and teargas wherever we may righteously rise up.

Trans people are just one of many groups under intense persecution at the hands of the state. Immigrants are now being targeted, regardless of their legal status, as state-normalized bigotry has rippling effects which lead to things such as the suicide of Jocelynn Rojo Carranza, an 11-year old girl subject to xenophobic abuse at school. These hard-working immigrants, legal or otherwise, are subject to a slew of baseless fear mongering by the state, yet another minority being scapegoated for the inherent flaws in capitalism. ICE Concentration Camps continue to exist under both Democrat & Republican, and the inhumane treatment of these human lives are a bipartisan issue. Our state's architecture is fascist, and so are both of our parties.

We wish to amplify what marginalized communities already know; you cannot rely on the state, especially when it is antagonistic towards your very existence.

Gov't aid is insufficient, inefficient, and conditional, failing to reach the most marginalized in our society such as the homeless, drug addicts, and other criminalized individuals. Through the forming of mutual aid networks, communities may be better-equipped to provide for themselves. See *Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next)* by *Dean Spade* for an introduction to this topic.

Police are not your friend, they have never been, and never will be; they are lawful neutral enforcers of law, regardless of how unethical that law is. Functionally, there is no difference between modern day policing and that which was used in Nazi Germany; police rely totally on the state and whoever controls it. They victimize minority communities by the enforcement of systemically racist laws, and contribute to the poverty of such communities by removing individuals from them and forcing them into the modern institution of slavery through our prison system, only to struggle to get employment once released and with their rights reduced. Some members of these communities are forced into crime in order to provide for their family, yet you will be told by the Capitalists that this is somehow not an egregious failure of the capitalist system but rather a result of their own ingrained nature.

Do not listen to the Democrats when they tell you to disarm, who minority communities know have been conning them for years, stabbing them in the back. Do not listen to the Democrat telling you to disarm, who the communists have

seen co-opt and pacify meaningful workers' movements throughout American history so that their effective disruption can be nullified and their demands ignored. Do not listen to the Democrat telling you to disarm, who would've told Martin Luther King Jr. that he should fight for black rights when it least inconveniences them. Do not listen to the Democrat telling you to disarm, who despised Malcom X's righteous militancy towards a white supremacist system. Do not listen to the Democrat telling you to disarm, who silences the voices of the marginalized masses while only holding up those that agree with their program. It is the duty of our communities, and our communities alone, to protect ourselves.

Talk to your neighbor! Form mutual aid networks! Form book clubs to educate on your situation! Join Communist groups, or forge your own in your community! Forge mutual defense groups, ready to defend against hostile incursions by reactionary militants who seek to terrorize and subjugate you! Form renters unions, present your demands, and go on coordinated rent strikes to stop your landlord's parasitic extraction of your wages! Form workers' unions so that your bosses may not lower your wages, or fire you without due cause! Cast your ballot aside, for that will not help anyone. No, do not let an ineffective vote convince you that you've done your part. There are far more effective ways to make change in YOUR community, and it starts with talking with your neighbors.

Beware! This is *actually* effective, and not just the facade of meaningful action that the liberals have fed to you. The state will someday try to crush you, and you may not be subject to bourgeois laws; their attacks may be unlawful. Be prepared for the risks you may face.