Building Anti-Racist Resistance in the Trump Era
The Base
Agenda

• Historical context in the U.S.

• The magnitude of the struggle we’re facing

• Political vision

• Immediate goals

• Concrete steps forward: 4 Immediate organizing projects

• Breakout groups
Formative questions:

1. When people hear about ethnic cleansing, the slave trade, genocide, they ask how could this have happened?

2. How far would you go to stop this?

3. Now that this country is veering towards fascism, how do we create a new form of politics?
Historical Context

Formation of modern Western civilization is predicated on the slave trade and pillaging of the African continent and genocide in the Americas.

The architects of the US political system wanted to enforce class domination. James Madison wanted “to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority.”

The conflict that started with the Civil War was never resolved: the North won but all the operational forms of bondage remained.
The Civil War was supposed to reconcile racial antagonisms within the country, but failed.

During the Reconstruction period black people autonomously created their own institutions, but Lincoln’s vice-president in collusion with Southern planters did everything he could to reinstitute slavery.

From the Reconstruction period to segregation, there were concerted attacks and racists consolidated political power.
Thinkers like W.E.B. Du Bois were pushing a left-wing alternative to the political system and were influenced by the global socialist current.

Anarchists and communists were gaining traction internationally and domestically which inspired the backlash of the first Red Scare that targeted the left in the U.S.
Historical Context

The Civil Rights Movement reinvigorated the quest for freedom, culminating in the Black Panthers and Black Liberation Army.

Slavery was re-instituted in the form of mass incarceration through the pretext of the war on drugs, and COINTELPRO strategies.

After NAFTA and 9/11 Latino and Muslim people become targeted by similar state techniques.
Historical Context
Black Lives Matter poses another threat to this continued institutionalization of white supremacy, and Trump’s ascendancy is the reaction to potential liberation.

This continues today; the political system is functioning as it was intended.
This political system is illegitimate.

- The nature of the state lends itself to totalitarianism and fascism (Germany, Italy, Turkey, India, Philippines…).

- The system is designed to keep oppressed groups oppressed at the expense of the ruling class.

- Designed for other people to make decisions for you.

- Trumps ascendancy is the logical re-adaptation of the system. It’s not a mistake, it’s by design.
Magnitude of the Struggle

Global political terrain

We are at a turning point:

1. U.S. global position is at a crossroads
2. Global rise of the far right
3. Ecological destruction is imminent
Magnitude of the Struggle

The political terrain in Trump’s America

Appointed white nationalists to his Cabinet.

Promotes white supremacist agenda.

KKK endorsed candidacy/ plan on conducting a victory march.

Increased instability and chance of civil war.

Normalization of racism, white nationalism, and xenophobia by the media and the rest of the political class.
Magnitude of the Struggle

The political terrain in Trump’s America

Deport/jail 3 million people without papers immediately and all 12 million eventually.

Triple the number of ICE agents.

Build a wall across the entire border the US and Mexico.
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Registration for Muslims

Ban entry of Muslims to US
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Undo marriage equality

Undo workplace housing and discrimination laws

Legalize discrimination against LGBTQ people
Magnitude of the Struggle

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Investigate Black Lives Matter Movement

Increase law enforcement especially in cities

Endorsed stop and frisk
Magnitude of the Struggle

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While the highest number of people were deported under Obama, he did so quietly, Trump has blatantly taken a white nationalist agenda as his starting point.

We could hope these policies don’t happen, but considering his appointments and the repercussions of not taking action, we should prepare as thoroughly as possible.

Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Obama, and the ‘so-called’ opposition in power have acceded to a Trump presidency and the fascist policies he is proposing.
Magnitude of the Struggle

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Effects in neighborhoods

1. Families will be ripped apart by ICE raids and detentions.
2. Bigots have been empowered to commit hate attacks/ there has been a dramatic increase in attacks since he was elected.
3. Misogynists have been empowered to act out on their beliefs.
4. Expect increased repression of political dissent.
5. Police are empowered by the climate of racial repression/ The Fraternal Order of Police backs Trump.
Political Vision

• 21st Century Abolitionist Movement:
  Underground railroad against state violence

• Against Representational Politics

• For a Politics of Direct Participation

• For Direct Action and Militant Self-Defense
Political Vision

• We organize outside of state institutions and as anarchists we have historical precedent and practical knowledge of how to create new political institutions that give people control over their lives.

• We are building new decentralized political structures for people to self organize, to defend themselves, and to live a dignified life.
Immediate Goals

1. Protect people from state violence, white nationalists, and bigotry
   - Deportations
   - Hate attacks
   - The police

2. Create neighborhoods of resistance

3. Create safe havens for people fleeing state violence
Rapid Response Network
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• A network of revolutionaries who will respond to crises in order to make police obsolete.
  • Mental health crisis, police violence, ICE raids, and hate attacks.
  • We have a centralized phone number for people to call in emergency situations.
Kalief Browder
Bail Fund

• Community bail fund for $500-1000.

• For people who can’t afford their bail.

• Dedicated to Kalief Browder who was imprisoned at Riker’s Island for 3 years without charge.
Community Action Team

Community Action Team NYC (CAT-NYC) is a voluntary network of people interested in providing support to NYC neighborhoods during Trump’s regime. CAT provided volunteers can be requested by neighborhoods that are trying to defend themselves against forces of the government (e.g. ICE) and/or bigoted bullies. CAT is dedicated to preserving NYC’s amazing diversity and standing up to fascists of all types. Additionally CAT is interested in sharing resources with neighborhoods and community groups should they come under attack.

CAT is a network of New Yorkers organized around anarchist principles of voluntary association, horizontalism, solidarity, and mutual aid.
NYC Neighborhood Defense Trainings
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Teams of 2-10 invited to participate

Cover: Antifa strategies, know your rights for ICE, tech security, basics of organizing outside state institutions

Trainings:

Sat, Dec. 10th 5-9pm
Sat, Dec. 17th 5-9pm

Fight Trainings:
Thursday, Sunday 7pm

The Base,
1302 Myrtle Ave
@Stockholm
Upcoming Actions

NYC: Anti-Trump Demonstration, Sat Dec 10
Upcoming Actions

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Friday January 20th, 2017

Washington D.C.

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