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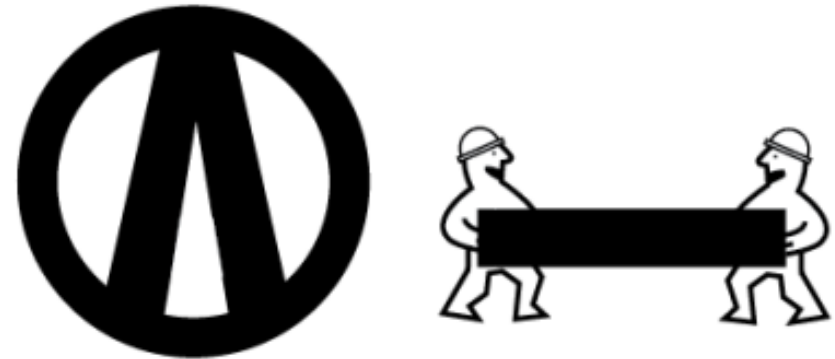
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Why Revolution?

For some when they look at the modern crises of the state and capitalism, they see possible reform of it through electoral means. That if the right party or leader was to win enough seats in the government and rule, we would triumph over climate change and capitalism. For others, they imagine a great violent revolution in the future, where one great vanguard party, led by great men, will beat capitalism and build a strong socialist state that will save us. For both, the actions they can do are limited to "Join our party and wait. We'll save you someday."

It is clear to many that we can't wait any longer, and that Nobody, no election nor vanguard party, is coming to save us. To save the earth and its people from doom, only we can save us. And we need to start now. But how? What can we do to build a revolution ourselves?

The answer is simple. Prefigurative Actions and Praxis in our local communities



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Prefiguration?

Prefiguration is a revolutionary theory that says you should begin building the society you want to see within the one that currently exists; to build the new in the shell of the old as the IWW used to say. In this conception, revolution is not an event, but a process that is carried out continually as we construct the horizontal system to oppose hierarchy. Much like building a house, we must start with solid foundations, and if we are to build a future for ourselves and future generations, we must build the principles of said future today



This also means we cannot rely on grants or other forms of aid by the state or capitalists to fund and supply our efforts. We must build foundations for future projects and praxis with smaller ones. We must build gardens to grow the food necessary for a food bank. We must build the community spaces for a community council. We must build our own systems without any help from the current ones. For if we tie ourselves too closely to the current systems, we find ourselves unable to destroy them and for those systems to start controlling our structures through the selective giving and forfeiting of aid to us.

Alienation

One major issue for organizers both new and old is the mass amount of alienation in our lives due to capitalism. It seems that in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and lives in general are designed to prevent the building of connections and community necessary for organizing.

The fact of the matter is that if you want a revolution, you need to have a community. And to build a community is to attempt to overcome several barriers put up to prevent that, from the way suburbs are designed to how your shifts are scheduled all are designed to stop you and tire you from even attempting to build solidarity and community in your area. But there are a few ways to overcome this.

Talking to People

This might seem like a no-brainer, but its often hard to find the time, energy, or place to talk to your neighbors, coworkers, etc. First things first you must know is that you must listen much more than you talk. Not only will this help you build better connections for them, but it also will help you learn what their issues in their personal life are and issues they have with society in general. This allows you to help suggest and build prefigurative solutions that both help them and the community at large. If you find it hard meeting with your neighbors to talk, try community events like BBQ's or parties.



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Why Revolution?

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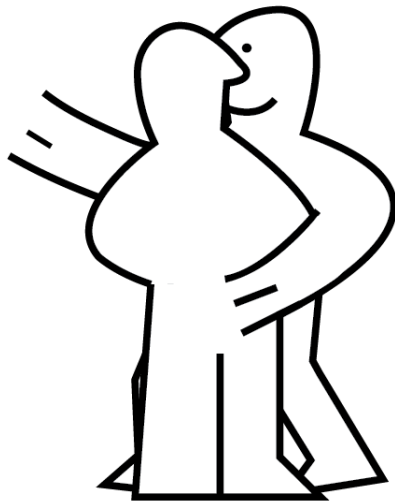
Final Thoughts

There are many more praxis than what's laid out in this zine, nor are the methods to achieve the praxis in it the only ways they can be achieved. This rather should be considered a primer, a start to the multitude of praxis you can do.

So don't wait! Find people, work together, and build the revolution we all need. Only we can save us.

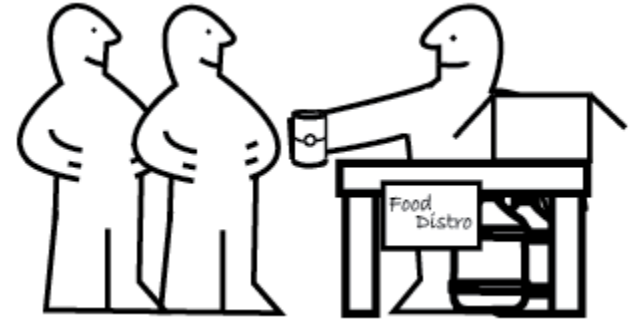
Some Final Reminders

- Love Yourself
- Love Your Comrades
- Talk to Your Neighbors
- Drink Plenty of Water
- Get Plenty of Sleep



Joining An Existing Group

For many areas, there might already be groups that are doing prefigurative work in your area. Some suggested groups to look for in your area are mutual aid groups, prison writing groups, community gardens, art collectives, tenant unions, eviction defense groups and various affinity groups. In the US, there are also some national groups you can join like the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), groups connected to Symbiosis, Socialist Rifle Association (SRA), and Food Not Bombs (FNB).



Start Your Own Group!

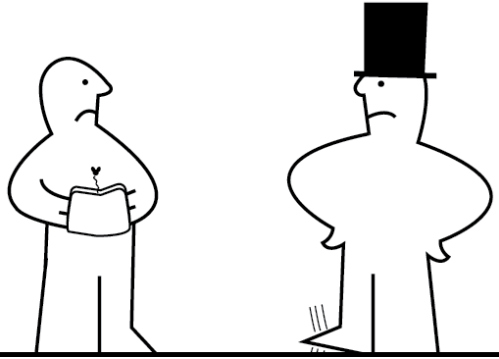
If you're having trouble finding groups in your area, the groups don't organize well (the best example of this being the various "socialist" and "communist" parties), or the groups in your area have problems with abuse of power and/or other major scandals, you can always start your own group! The easiest way to do this is by coming together with like minded friends and forming an affinity group. Together you can do stuff ranging from food distribution to zine and sticker distro! The possibilities are endless. You can also start groups based on local problems, such as if rent and gentrification are major issues, you can organize a tenant union. Remember though, we are building the future today, and therefore, even for the smallest groups, we must organize it as we want society as a whole to be organized. This means horizontal decision making and a rejection of leaders.

Rent

It is more than likely that you and your neighbors deal with rent and landlords on a daily basis. With rent continually rising, it is also likely rent and landlords are also a big problem for you and your neighbors.

Therefore, this will be what many of you will start organizing around.

There are many ways to organize around this, but here are a few options



Tenant Union

Tenant unions are organizations that organize tenants and renters on a building, block, neighborhood, city, or even state level. This organization is designed to give renters leverage over the landlords that control property and force them to concede to renters demands.

One of the most common actions for a tenant union to do is a rent strike, where all renters in a building, block, neighborhood, etc refuse to pay rent until a demand is met. This is a powerful way to force demands ranging from repair, to rent decreases, to eviction defense. But it requires most if not the entirety of a building, block, neighborhood, etc to take part in it. This means you must organize thoroughly and deep into the community before even thinking of attempting it.

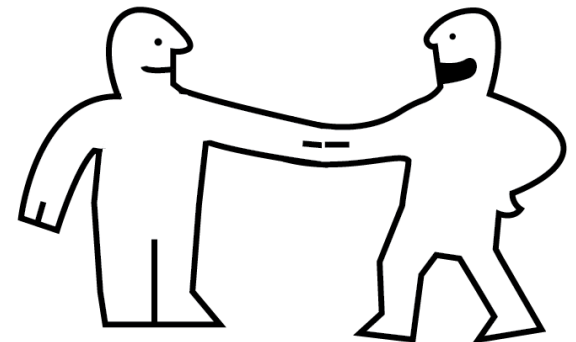
Good and strong interpersonal relationships are a must when organizing a tenant union, so don't be discouraged if it takes time to form one up!

Intersectionality

Intersectionality is the understanding that parts of peoples' experiences of the world can't be separate. How a person relates to racism, ableism, patriarchy, or any oppression is inseparable from how they experience any other. A black trans woman faces a lot more intersecting issues that a cis white man. Therefore, we must construct a revolution where the black trans woman is free, because when she is, everyone else is too. This requires rather than allies, accomplices.

This means having minorities lead and coordinate actions, listening to them about their struggles and what they need help with, understanding that minorities should not hold your hand as an accomplice, political education that includes readings on radical feminism, race, settler colonialism, queerness, etc, not being motivated by guilt or by a savior complex, and confronting bigotry and hatred in all spaces in their lives. This means throwing out abusers immediately, confronting transphobia in your friend groups, and fighting against pipelines with indigenous comrades. Don't wait for someone to

declare you an accomplice, you are one or you aren't. The only way to learn to be one is direct action.



Security Culture

Even our smallest actions will be observed and scrutinized by the state and its surveillance systems. Therefore, we must develop a strong security culture that obscures our actions. The



most basic form of security culture is simply developing an understanding that a person does not have to tell others, including their family and friends, sensitive information like when or where an action takes place, their full name, boasting about actions they or others have done in the past, etc. This understanding between people helps weaken the effectiveness of infiltrators by limiting the information they can get. It also understands that police will often use threats of infiltration and fedjacketing to disrupt groups and orgs.

Another major part of security culture is determining what modes of communication from online to face to face are allowed, where safe places to meet are, and even how many people know of the group and its actions. This culture and analysis helps protect you, your family and friends, your comrades, and the community as a whole.

Eviction Defense

Eviction Defense is a form of praxis where you and others defend yourselves or others from violent eviction from their home at the hands of the landlords and cops. These types have their history in the US to as far back as the Great Depression

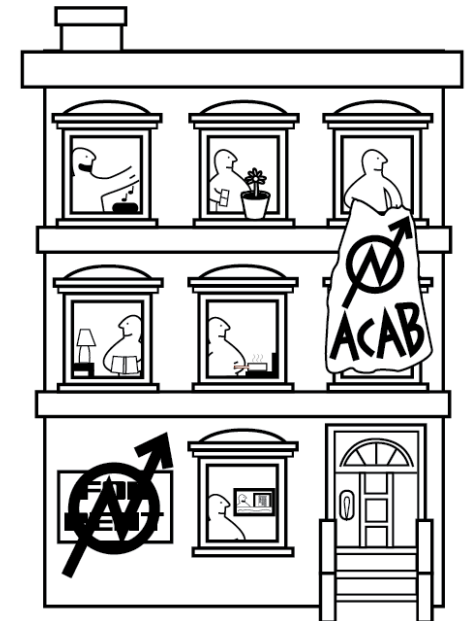
This might take many forms, ranging from helping people fill out forms to physically blocking the cops from evicting a family, depending on the desires of the people you're defending.

To do this, it requires you to build solidarity in your community. This solidarity can take many forms—keeping track of who is unable to pay rent, sharing information and pooling resources if someone has immediate needs, and educating each other about tenants rights and tenant power.

Squatting

If all legal methods of protecting yourself and others from eviction have been exhausted, you can squat. There are many ways you can squat, but you must be vigilant against police attacks against you

If you are vigilant, you may find it possible to turn the squat into a social center or other form of radical space to promote revolutionary forms of organizing and praxis along with art and culture.



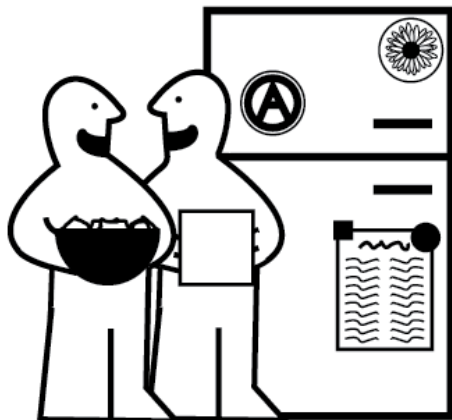
Food

With around 1 in 8 people on food stamps and 1 in 14 people living in food deserts, access to food is a major issue for many in the US. These issues range from lacking access to fresh fruits and veggies most times to not knowing if they'll have food on the table today. With climate change and supply change issues, this will become much worse in the coming years

This means there is much you can do in your communities to help with this both short term and long term. The goal however should be the construction of local and ecologically regenerative farming practices so the community as a whole is able to reduce their need for capitalist systems of food production and logistics. If your community is able to remove themselves from these systems, the government will have very few ways to quietly coerce you back into them.

Community Fridge

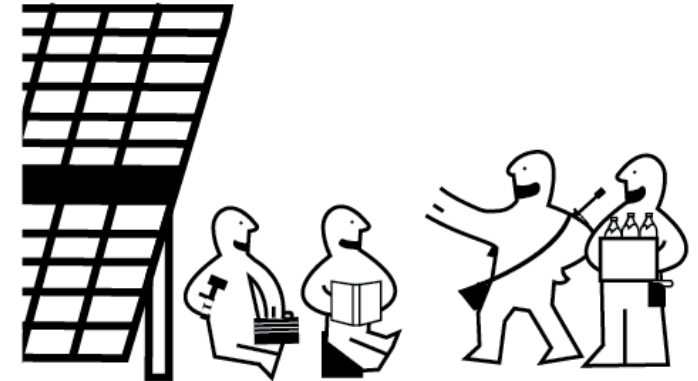
A community fridge is a very good way to start food sovereignty in your community. If You can start it by talking to people in your community and finding people who are willing to help build and continually stock the fridge, then do it! You can also combine it with a free library to distribute radical texts. Community fridges are great ways to introduce previously apolitical or non radical people to radical concepts of organizing.



Community Defense

It is sadly necessary that we must defend our projects from both state and non-state actors who wish to disrupt or destroy them. But the answer to what to do is community defense

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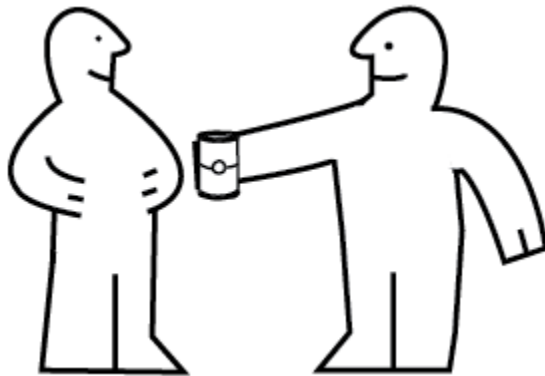
which is a harmful picture. If community defense is a solely armed endeavor, you will eventually have people who view themselves as "Protectors" and accidentally rebuild the cop mentality we wish to abolish. Rather, Community defense should be a cohesive culture of conflict resolution, ranging from de-escalation training, first aid, child care, fitness, food sovereignty, to the councils themselves. Armed defense should always be a last resort and well under the eyes of the community and its councils. Training the community as a whole in how to use firearms safely is a must, along with teaching people not to treat them as toys or special badges of toughness, but rather as specialized tools anyone can use. For the people who take up arms to protect the communities, the idea that rather than above the community, they are guests and that the community decides what they do and for how long is one that must be drilled into each member.

Mutual Aid

You might've seen food distributions call themselves "Mutual Aid" before. This is part of mutual aid, but it's only a small part of a much wider picture.

Mutual Aid is a factor of evolution, a fundamental human and natural characteristic where members of species work together through the voluntary reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit of species at large. Rather than an event or a group, mutual aid is a culture that though fundamental to human society, needs to be built and continually facilitated to properly function.

It is sad then that in our modern, alienized, capitalist world, this culture has been decimated. But if we are to survive as a species, we must regain this valuable part of humanity. The various praxis in this zine help build and facilitate this culture of mutual aid, but you and others in your life and community must live it in your lives constantly. It might take a while and it might be tough, but by building a sense of solidarity, you not only help your community, you fight against capitalism. Mutual Aid is the most important thing to construct for a revolution.



Community Gardens

Community gardens are a great way to build food sovereignty in your community. You can either build one legally, or find an unused plot of land and start one. First, do some tests for what soil it is and contaminates, then with either your group or people in the community, build a garden! Remember to try and make it as regenerative and sustainable as possible. Put the produce you grow into community fridges and other free stores to help those suffering with food insecurity or use it to have a community potluck! Homegrown food always tastes better after all.

Community gardens are also amazing places to build community spaces and foster a community in our atomized society.



Community Stockpiles

Food stockpiling might seem like something a paranoid prepper waiting for the end of the world does, but as climate change continues, natural disasters, including droughts, floods, and blizzards will make food production and logistics much more difficult. This will lead to shortages and higher food prices for at least the short term after a disaster.

This reality facing us means that one thing every community should strive to do is organize a stockpile of non-perishable foods, medical supplies, and other supplies that would be in short supply during a disaster. It should have at least 3 days worth of supplies for every person. What your community puts in it may depend on what disasters are most likely in your area. Remember to have the community constantly rotating out things close to expiration date and in new stuff.

Economics

Securing economic freedom from the current capitalist system is an important part of our struggle. Without this, capitalist systems will be able to pressure our communities back into line by removing our ability to fund and supply our projects. Therefore, we must build our own economy based on the economy of the future we desire. Building this economy might seem daunting due to the overwhelming hegemony of the capitalist systems of economics over our lives. But there are a few places you can start.



Unions

Unionization is a good first step to building economic power in your community. This doesn't mean however, that you must fall in line with the reformist unions that dominate the union drives of today. If your shop doesn't have a union, organize one! Be careful though, companies will spend large amounts of time and money crushing unionization efforts. If your shop is union but fails to achieve any sort of benefits for you and other workers, try bucking the trend and organize a rank and file presence against the leadership.

Do keep in mind that unions, though being a great way to start organizing people against capitalism, will not be the only organization that will lead to a revolution. That is why it's vital to connect and network with other more radical organizations to form a radical bloc that together can work together and fight together.

Community Councils

Community Councils are a horizontal, freely associated, directly-democratic body, which is composed of the people from some particular region, interest, identity, or profession. In these councils, all proposals are created and brought to a vote by the members, not some narrow leadership, and if the council needs to delegate someone to carry out a task, that delegation is temporary and able to be revoked by a simple majority vote at any time. With these, you can build political autonomy in your community. You can also start experimenting with consensus and other forms of decision making beyond simple direct democracy.

These councils should start on the smallest level, and work on the issues facing the community or group locally. But they can expand into organizing bodies that confederate with other local orgs, popular education centers, or build forms of local, prefigurative forms of justice systems. Worker Coops should also be held accountable by the councils so their decisions and actions on the market benefit the communities. Don't worry if people have trouble adjusting to it. With each day, month, year, and generation, it will become easier and more comfortable.



Long Term Goals

Some of these praxis take longer than others, along with requiring years of organizing, planning, and preparing to execute, there are certain praxis and goals that take much longer to plant and foster in your community. This is because many of these praxis involve the building of culture, something that might take generations to fully develop. Don't lose hope though! Even smaller praxis can help build this culture.



There will be awkward moments, mistakes, and failures, but in such grand experiments like revolutions, we should not fear these. Rather we must learn from them, fix the issues, then spread the lessons from them around so others don't have to waste time, money, material, and mental health suffering from similar failures.

The three major long term goals to focus on are Community Councils, Mutual Aid, and Community defense. All three will have their own sections, but we should note before we expand upon them that all three must be connected to each other and all other praxis you do. Also, these three praxis will serve as the bedrock to the revolution, prefiguration is a must, so no corner cuts, delays, or water down versions.

Free Stores

Free stores are similar to community fridges, only expanded to all things beyond food. Clothes, books, furniture, art supplies, etc can all be included in a free store. The basic gist is that people in the community give items they don't need or want to the people running it, then the people running it just give it out and store what isn't taken. This process especially helps people with low or no income get stuff they might not otherwise be able to get. The main difficulty with free stores is getting stuff to give away, but depending on your local situation, this might be easier or harder to solve

Even though this seems harmless, the police have harassed and sabotaged many free stores and other forms of distro in the past, so look out!

Cooperatives

Cooperatives are worker-owned and self-directed enterprises should have the goal of producing the basic necessities which are needed for society to function. These co-ops should be the bedrock of economic praxis in your community. They not only liberate people from the tyranny of bosses, but build an economic base that can withstand capitalist attempts at economic sabotage. Co-ops can also give surplus goods or set aside some production of goods to mutual aid groups. This allows co-ops to connect with other radical organizations like mutual aid, free stores, and land trusts to develop even deeper roots in a community that can last any sort of repression the state throws at it.



Climate Change

Climate change is the most existential threat to humanity that we face right now. It is clear that our current system is unwilling and unable to achieve any major changes. This lack of change might be what radicalized you in the first place.

Looking at such a widespread and interconnected issue such as climate change, it might seem impossible to fight against it right now. Though climate change will only be fully combated with the abolition of capitalism and settler colonialism, there are ways now we can disrupt further degradation to the environment and start the healing process.

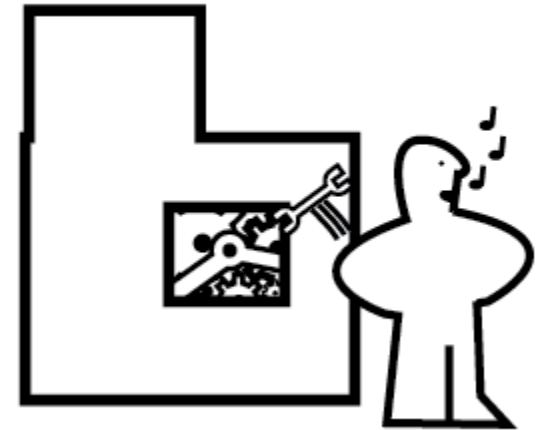
Disaster Relief

Though this doesn't solve the effects of climate change, it does help reduce the harm caused by them. As natural disasters increase in number and intensity, the need for disaster response increases exponentially. Rather than wait and hope for state or federal government disaster relief. It is better to follow the example of Mutual Aid Disaster Relief by building disaster relief systems in your own community. This could range from food and medicine stockpiles, to medical training, to disaster response training, to building networks of communities that can survive together, to even building armed self defense units to defend against far right militias who often use disasters and a need for "order" to engage in extrajudicial killings of minorities. It all depends on what your local situation is and what disasters you expect to see more of in the future



Monkeywrenching

Monkeywrenching is nonviolent disobedience and sabotage by militants against those who continue to exploit and pollute the earth. Monkeywrenching is nonviolent resistance to the destruction of natural diversity and wilderness. It is never directed against human beings or other forms of life. It is aimed at inanimate machines and tools that are destroying life. Care is always taken to minimize any possible threat to people, including the monkeywrenchers themselves. Keep in mind that this is **highly illegal**, and if you're caught, it can lead to you going to prison for long periods of time.



Land Regeneration

Land regeneration is designed to rebuild the soil, natural habitats, and environments that have been destroyed. There are many ways this can happen, from as small as seed bombing natural flowers around your community, to permaculture, to widescale rewilding. The goal should be to redevelop the original ecological systems in your area.

One must keep in mind that for these types of projects, indigenous people to your area will know much more about what these original systems look like and how to rebuild them, so working with indigenous groups and giving the land back to the indigenous communities is a must for this type of praxis.