

Movement Repression Resilience

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Solidarity and Support

- Be proactive about voicing support for those targeted.
- Fight against good protester/bad protester distinction.
- Feds/cops love low-hanging fruit like folks who are younger, less experienced, more marginal, very urgent/enthusiastic.
- Ask those targeted what kinds of support/solidarity they need or want. If you are facing repression, speak up about what you need.
- Legal support, personal and emotional support, public and political support.
- Watch for signs of Post Traumatic Stress and help people process and heal.
- Support for political prisoners and grand jury resisters and their families.
- Proactively build relationships with allies and broaden our base of support.



Silence to law enforcement

- Except, *"I'm going to remain silent; I want to speak to an attorney; I do not consent to a search."*
- It takes practice to stay silent when being interrogated by cops. But if you practice every time, you will get perfect.
- Just because you think you don't have anything to hide doesn't mean someone else doesn't have something to hide. Solidarity means we all have the same response when the cops come knocking: silence.
- EVERYTHING you say WILL be used against you and against everyone you care about. Tiny statements can be taken out of context, misquoted, blown out of proportion, and used in ways that are absurd but no less dangerous.



Security Culture

- There are many misconceptions and over applications of security culture. At its most basic it is the practice of not sharing knowledge about illegal activities except on NEED to know basis (not a 'really want to know' or a 'I trust you' basis).
- Address problematic behavior in constructive ways -- sometimes people don't know, sometimes they mess up.
- Know and trust people you plan actions with. Security culture doesn't protect you if they people you work with become informants or cooperating witnesses for the state.



Skepticism about rumors, conjecture, and provocations (verify everything)

- Snitch jacketing and internal witch-hunts are incredibly damaging to movements.
- Confront disruptive or suspicious behavior, while avoid questions of motive. If someone is being a lying misogynistic jerk, that is sufficient reason to remove them from your space/group/community without throwing around baseless accusations.
- Don't play "who's the snitch".



Solid communication to build bonds of trust

- Building trust takes time, effort, and consistency; not just with people who already agree with you about everything, but people with different politics and backgrounds, et.
- Work out problems face to face (not on Facebook, Instagram, etc). Get a mediator if necessary.
- Can you explain to your roommates, parents, neighbors, coworkers, bosses, or professors why they shouldn't answer questions when law enforcement comes knocking? Do they trust and respect you?
- "To live outside the law one must be honest." - Bob Dylan. Serial liars should not be trusted! Be honest about your aims and intentions; follow through with what you say you'll do; be up front when you mess up (we all will).



ORGANIZE for liberation and against oppression

- The antidote to repression is more resistance. That's not always and escalation of tactics or militancy but a broadening of the base of support, expanding our communities and movements.
- Connect overtly political repression to larger repressive policing apparatus to build coalitions; War on Terror, border security, the entire domestic counterinsurgency project
- Foster an internal culture of anti-oppression



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