

Fighting Where We Stand collects the communiques, reportbacks, reflections and courtroom updates surrounding the mass anti-fascist mobilization against neo-Nazis in Sacramento, California on June 26th, 2016. Several neo-Nazi organizations, including the Traditionalist Workers' Party and the Golden State Skins, had planned to rally on the steps of the capitol building, but hundreds of militant anti-fascists from a broad political spectrum organized to literally chase them away. The aftermath of that memorable day included lengthy hospital stays for several anti-fascists who had been stabbed and come very close to death, as well as an attempt by the state to bring charges against literally hundreds of unnamed anti-fascists. The victory of that day is due to the undaunted solidarity of the militants, medics, and anti-repression support crews in the face of violence from the state and neo-Nazi goons.

The title from this zine comes from the Crimethinc poster that reads "Fight Where You Stand: We are anarcho-syndicalists on the shop floor, green anarchists in the woods, social anarchists in our communities, individualists when you catch us alone, anarcho-communists when there's something to share, insurrectionists when we strike a blow." And we are anti-fascists when there's neo-Nazis to smash.

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FIGHTING WHERE WE STAND



**DOCUMENTS REGARDING A MASS ANTI-FASCIST
MOBILIZATION IN SACRAMENTO ON JUNE 26TH, 2016**

Podcasts and had some help (ironically by mostly strangers and the Alt Right) but this shit is not cool. The lack of organization in this cause or scene whatever you'd call it is a fucking disgrace!

The Sacramento community and the antifascist movement has on the other hand, stuck by their defendants, mobilizing again and again to stand with them in court, helped them fundraise to cover travel expenses, and has never ceased to stop showing support for those that put their bodies on the line against neo-Nazis.

On June 26th, over 500 people converged at the California State capitol in order to confront and shut down a neo-Nazi rally that had been promoted on Alt-Right and neo-Nazi online forums as an “Anti-Antifa” show of force. TWP leader Matthew Heimbach, who helped promote and was set to speak at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, took a direct role in pushing for the event, although he did not make an appearance at the demonstration.

Along with the “Rock Stone Mountain” mobilization in Atlanta, GA, the massive Sacramento counter-demonstration, which was successful in shutting down the neo-Nazi rally, was one of the first major antifascist actions in the Trump period and helped cement “antifa” within the popular imagination.

Following the stabbings, it was revealed that police worked directly with neo-Nazi skinheads in an attempt to identify potential anti-racist and antifascist protesters. Police also attempted to target an African-American journalist, Cedric O’ Bannon, while he was in the hospital recovering for being stabbed, simply because he had a Facebook photo of himself giving a “black power” fist salute. Later, released documents and testimony from authorities in court, revealed that the FBI put protest groups under surveillance and police were solely interested in “antifa” and “Black Lives Matter,” not neo-Nazis, in the aftermath of the protest.

As Sam Levin wrote in *The Guardian*:

Officers also worked with TWP member Derik Punneo to try to identify anti-fascist activists, recordings revealed. Officers interviewed Punneo in jail after he was arrested for an unrelated domestic violence charge. Audio recordings captured investigators saying they brought photos to show him, hoping he could help them identify anti-fascist activists. The officers said, “We’re pretty much going after them,” and assured him: “We’re looking at you as a victim.”

Despite clear evidence that Punneo and other neo-Nazis were involved in the violent stabbings of anti-fascists, only one person from the neo-Nazi side was ever arrested: William Planer, who was picked up by police first in Colorado after he had vandalized a local synagogue. Following the June 2016 demonstration however, several members of the Golden State Skinheads were arrested on gun charges.

After getting out of prison, William Planer attempted to re-enter white nationalism, but was largely unimpressed with the state of the movement. Ranting on Facebook, Planer wrote:

Was it worth it...Sure! If there was momentum and a formidable Movement going forward but THERE’S NOT ! I’ve been able to do a few

Introduction



police attempt to protect Nazi boneheads from anti-fascists

June 26th, 2016, has come to live in the memories of militant anti-fascists in the United States as both a day of victory and solemn recollection. Neo-Nazis from across the country had called for a rally on the steps of the California state capitol building in Sacramento, and in the context of heightening white supremacist violence under the Trump presidency, hundreds of anti-fascists converged on the capitol to stop them from gathering. Yet just over 7 years later, at the time of writing this introduction, the event feels so far away. The immediate aftermath of the successful anti-fascist mobilization, detailed in this zine, involved several anti-fascists clinging for life from stab wounds in hospitals. The state mobilized a repressive dragnet to identify participants in the counter-demonstration, and Matthew Heimbach of the Traditionalist Worker’s Party bragged about the attempts on anti-fascists lives while he was at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio the following August. 2017 saw a general ramping up of white supremacist violence, including the killing of Taliesin Namkai-Meche and Ricky Best in Portland, Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, and too many other incidents to list here.

June 26th in Sacramento marked a distinct turning point in fascist street-level violence, and as well served as a massive learning opportunity for the militant anti-fascists who had converged to fight the neo-Nazis. Participants brought back to their communities stories of community

defense, what it's like to stop someone from bleeding out from a stab wound with cops trying to push you away, and what it was like to face off with Nazi boneheads carrying knives. In the months that followed, a week of solidarity was declared in support of the anti-fascists still recovering in the hospital and facing state repression. In Seattle, WA, graffiti appeared facing the Interstate-5 highway reading "FCK NZS, FCK CPS" declaring that the struggle was not only against the violence of the fascists, but the police as well.

This zine is mostly a collection of statements and reportbacks that were published in the days immediately following the bloody clash at the state capital on June 26th, 2016. The official statement from Antifa Sacramento as well as "Blood In The valley" summarize the event, as well as the political context and attempts by the mainstream left and media to villainize anti-fascists. The article "Medics in the Fray" contains reflections and suggestions for lessons learned by street medics that undoubtedly saved several lives that day with their preparedness and eagerness to jump into action when the moment called. The two statements from Antifa Sacramento regarding the California Highway Patrol's investigation into the anti-Nazi shutdown serve as a reminder of imminent state repression following anti-fascist street victories as well as a toolbox for preserving privacy and security for the days and conflicts to come. The NoCARA article "Looking Back: Anti-Fascism in Northern California 2016-2017" provides a timeline and analysis of fascist activity in California from February 2016 to December 2017. This article illustrates the context of white supremacist activity and anti-fascist organizing in the months before and after June 26th, 2016. As well, this broader history reminds us that the militant street movements against white supremacy that struck the U.S. in 2020, from tearing down statues, burning up cop cars, to murderous violence at the hands of non-state white supremacists, was not a hiccup but rather a boiling point of long-simmering tensions. Accompanying these analyses are responses to a call for solidarity with Sacramento by anti-fascists up and down the West Coast, including a rooftop graffiti excursion as well as reclaiming the streets from neo-Nazi propaganda. The last article details the closing of the court case against three anti-fascists related to CHP's investigation into the counter-protest, evidencing that through solidarity we can beat both the fascists and the state.

State's Attempt To Railroad Antifascists Fails As Trial Ends Before It Begins

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Today, Antifa Sacramento announced the end of a lengthy and arduous court battle for three antifascists of color, who were facing potential felony charges for defending themselves against armed neo-Nazis in June of 2016 at a rally on the California capitol grounds, "despite apparent lack of evidence... including... testimony by a California Highway Patrol officer – who admitted he really couldn't see much from where he was stationed." Charges were filed by authorities nearly a year after numerous people were stabbed by members of the neo-Nazi groups, the Golden State Skinheads (GSS) and the Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP). Only one neo-Nazi was ever charged in connection to the stabbings, William Planner, who is now already out of prison. Originally, the CHP had stated that potentially upwards of 100 people could have been charged – all anti-racist protesters.

Writing on Facebook, Antifa Sacramento stated:

"There will be no jury trial after all. Today (11/14) in court here in Sacramento, all 3 defendants took a non cooperation plea deal where the assault charge for each defendant was dropped and the misdemeanor riot charge was amended to misdemeanor unlawful assembly. In the end all 3 defendants plead "no contest" to misdemeanor unlawful assembly alone. Additional terms of the plea deal state that there is a sentence that is currently suspended which is 90 days in jail/3 years informal probation. That suspended sentence and the entire case will be discarded if after 18 months, all 3 defendants have completed 90 hours of community service and have stayed off capitol grounds for that period of time as well. Altogether there were 30 of us that came out to court today to show that support and solidarity! This has been a long road and the support from the community here in Sacramento and from all over has been incredible!"

According to the *David Vanguard*:

"On the day of their trial, [the three defendants] pleaded no-contest Thursday to minor misdemeanor charges of "unlawful assembly" – and that charge will be completely dismissed in 18 months or less if they simply do community work with a local non-profit group. They also can't attend any "protest" at the State Capitol for up to 18 months."

white supremacists and increase repression against anti-fascists. Berkeley PD has been given more authority and weapons to contain protests, and Berkeley mayor Jesse Arreguin expressed that he thinks antifa should be classified as a gang. In Sacramento, police recommended hundreds of charges for anti-fascists after neo-Nazis stabbed protesters at their 2016 rally.

This points to the contradiction between how fascist aggressions are handled by the state compared with the anti-fascist response to these aggressions. On one hand, far-right attacks are reported to police, whose statistics and data are referenced in reports of increased trends of white supremacist violence. On the other hand, it is clear that police are more interested in targeting and surveilling anti-fascists, all while they themselves continue to murder hundreds of people in the United States every year while bringing yet more into the ever-increasing racist mass incarceration system. The state's response to anti-fascist organizing is just one more way in which it upholds white supremacy. If we are to organize against the threat of the alt-right effectively, it will be in spite of state interference, not because of it. This further establishes the need for autonomous community defense and response.

Looking back on the wave of white supremacist terror and violence that characterized 2016 and 2017, it is clear that we as anti-racists and anti-fascists must enter 2018 fighting harder than ever. Fascism may be on the rise, but so are we. The state cannot and will not protect us from this growing white supremacist threat, but if there's one thing we've learned in the past two years, it's that we have the tools we need to continue combating fascism and keep building the support networks necessary to keep each other safe. In the months and years to come, we will turn to each other and face the future with resolve to keep organizing, growing, and disrupting fascism wherever it arises.

Our successes in the streets pushed them into the realms of courtrooms and legal activism. Just weeks before publishing this pamphlet, the white supremacist organization Patriot Front issued a lawsuit against an anti-fascist activist who had infiltrated their ranks and releasing private information about their membership. The Proud Boys, the Traditionalist Workers' Party, and other various fascist organizations have fallen apart through infighting and state repression. Now, new waves and iterations of these same ideologies are organizing themselves to attack Pride events across the country, disrupt Drag shows, and bully school-boards into passing repressive initiatives designed to drastically alter public education. This is a logical step for the U.S. white supremacist movement, as our militant anti-fascist street movement made it too costly, socially and materially, to operate otherwise. As one good friend reminded me, we are simply living through the consequences of the successes and failures of the U.S. anti-fascist movement before and through the 2020 uprisings. We changed the landscape as we acted in it, and the Right's response to the increasing cost of 2016-2020 white supremacist activism is focusing on securing one of its main pillars, hetero-patriarchy. What felt like the political extreme of the far-right has become the center, as many states across the United States have outlawed abortion, eliminated rights to gender-affirming healthcare, and banned books from libraries and public school districts discussing racism. The current move toward mainstream politics by fascists and the far-right is not solely due to our successes in the streets, but also because of their relationship to power, police and the state. Fascism is an inherently hierarchical ideology, so their use of power is not a contradiction but rather a strategic impulse.

This pamphlet aims to illustrate that the struggles we face today as militant anti-fascists have long been in motion. The specific trends we struggle with now are deeply connected to the political momentum that was in full swing in the lead up to Trump's election, and continue even more brutally under a different president, regardless of political persuasion. The police have long been the facilitators of fascist, white supremacist violence, and they will continue to provide a platform for violence against oppressed communities and their accomplices. Further, our communities of agitators, race traitors, fugitives and militants have learned many lessons from years of street-level anti-fascism. These words are devoted to every person who has donned the black mask and fought against the fascists in the streets. Let our words turn to actions, and let our actions honor the lives of those we've lost in the struggle.

Blood In The Valley: Why People Put Their Lives On The Line to Run Nazis Out Of Sacramento

July 8th, 2016, excerpted from Its Going Down

“The Antifa are not happy about this, but there is no way they will be able to put a stop it [sic]. If the TWP can march in Sacramento, then they can hold a rally anywhere...”

- Matthew Heimbach, Traditionalist Worker Party Chairman

“Honeslty [sic] my thoughts on this are that you guys really shouldn't do this...I mean, look, personally, I don't support this move.”

- Paddy Tarleton, Traditionalist Worker Party Mid-Atlantic Chapter Leader talking with Antifa Twitter Sock-puppet

“When shit goes down, I want to be next to you guys,” I told a group of half a dozen youths, no older than 21, decked out head to toe in all black with masks over their faces. We were all tired, it was over 100 degrees, and we had been out in the sun for almost 5 hours. Next to their sides were riot shields, one still had blood spilled across it that had yet to dry. One of the youths picked up one, as if to go back into battle and looked back up at me, smiled and said quickly, “I know, we're ready.”

Less than an hour before, around 15 Neo-Nazis associated with the group Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP) had made an entrance along the East side of the Sacramento Capitol away from the large and angry crowds. Scouts first spotted three of them, as riot police took them aside and allowed them protection as they waited for the larger group. When the dozen others materialized, they walked along the sidewalk towards the West Steps where 100 riot police were stationed. By this time, police had already decided that they had revoked the fascists' permit, in the face of over 400 militant anti-fascists and angry everyday people. As the Neo-Nazi skinheads marched along the sidewalk they screamed, “Zeek-hail!” and gave the fascist right arm salute. Their shields, made out of wood, bore white power symbols, including that of the “SS” or the Schutzstaffel, the Nazi protection squad that was in charge of administrating the concentration camps. Hitler once wrote that the only way that the opposition could have stopped the Nazis was, “[I]f our adversaries had understood its principle and from the first day smashed with the utmost brutality the nucleus of our new movement,” and in a few moments, that's just what happened.

December

- 15th: An eighth grade student at Piedmont Middle School is removed after uploading multiple videos threatening violence on campus while displaying firearms and using racial slurs.
- 16th: Trump supporters join with the alt-right for a rally against sanctuary cities in San Francisco.
- 24th: An Elk Grove high school student's racist Snapchat rant, calling for the death of all black people, goes viral and prompts an investigation.
- 29th: A menorah display at The Streets of Brentwood shopping center is vandalized.

Despite the growing threat of white supremacy and fascism, anti-racists and anti-fascists have kept up the fight and countered with organizing of their own. Groups patrolled their neighborhoods and campuses to remove hateful stickers, posters, and banner drops, replacing them with anti-fascist messages. Book fairs, community forums, and conferences like ROAR facilitated anti-fascist organizing and brought people together to share research, strategies, and history. Fundraising and benefit events strengthened solidarity and provided material support. Self-defense and bystander intervention trainings coupled with rapid response workshops enabled mass community defense against violent attacks. Research was done on local far-right groups and organizers, as well as those who enable them to recruit and push their politics into the mainstream. Call-in campaigns and boycotts targeted workplaces, bars and venues that supported fascists and their organizing efforts. Exposés on active alt-right organizers and aggressors were published, disrupting their activity and aiding local communities with knowledge of threats in their areas. John Ramondetta, Daniel Quillinan, and Cole White were all exposed to Berkeley residents as white supremacists, leading to Ramondetta moving out of his house and having trouble at work, while White lost his job entirely. Far-right street presence was also persistently confronted. Multitudes of people throughout Northern California showed up to counter rallies, marches, and speeches again and again. Many stepped up to do critical support work, providing dedicated hospital support, street medic care, court support and anti-repression work for those who faced charges or were wounded in the fight against fascism.

None of this activity relied on state sanction or protection. Instead, the most effective community self-defense came in the form of autonomous organizing across tendencies with a respect for differing strategies and tactics. Indeed, the state sees this kind of anti-fascist organizing as even more threatening than that of white supremacists. MuckRock analyzed reports showing that Homeland Security in Northern California has been more concerned with surveilling anti-fascists than neo-Nazis. Moreover, their intelligence takes for granted photoshopped alt-right propaganda and conspiracy theories as fact. Police in both Sacramento and Berkeley have actively aided far-right aggression against local communities. More often than not, the state's strategy has been to protect

Against Hate” sign is shot at and shattered in an attack similar to the one against Alchemy Collective in April.

September

- 6th: A noose is found at Alameda High School and investigated as a hate crime.
- 7th: A white couple in Antioch spray paints racist graffiti on and firebombs the home of their African American next door neighbors.
- 18th: A vehicle at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley is vandalized with graffiti including racist, anti-Semitic remarks and swastikas.
- 18th: Messages written in chalk on UC Berkeley’s Sproul Plaza target the LGBTQ+ community and undocumented students ahead of Free Speech Week. A Berkeley College Republicans front group, Berkeley Patriot, claims responsibility.
- 21st: A noose-like item is found at East Bay Arts High School in Hayward.
- 21st: Anti-Semitic graffiti is spray-painted on Temple Sinai in Oakland.
- 21st: The David Horowitz Freedom Center flyers the UC Berkeley campus labeling individual activists as “terrorist supporters.”
- 24-27th: Milo Yiannopoulos and Berkeley Patriot organize a “Free Speech Week.” Fascists converge on Berkeley to harass and attack locals.
- 28th: An anti-Semitic and racist Instagram account created by a student at Berkeley High School is discovered and triggers an investigation.

October

- 9th: Mike Pence makes an appearance in Sacramento, flanked by a far-right entourage.
- 20th: A man burns a rainbow flag at a LGBTQ center in Berkeley and punches a staff member who tries to stop him.

November

- 3rd: Neo-Nazi 4chan posters that are intentionally designed to appear innocuous and which have appeared around the country are found on the UC Berkeley campus.
- 4th: An Orangevale synagogue is vandalized with anti-Semitic posters, which included neo-Nazi imagery and references to the Daily Stormer forum. One of the posters was connected to the violent neo-Nazi group Atomwaffen, suggesting that the attack is either inspired by the group or could be attributed to it.
- 11th: A man harasses a family in Berkeley with homophobic language and assaults a Street Spirit vendor that intervenes.
- 13th: A man on the Warm Springs BART line harasses another passenger with racial slurs before escalating and assaulting him.

In the ensuing clash between the Neo-Nazis and the anti-fascists, bats exploded on shields, pepper spray went wild and the fascists stabbed into the crowd while screaming, “nigger!,” as they attacked. “That was some Game of Thrones shit!,” a friend told me later. Twenty seconds later, Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP) members were running, as the crowd pushed the Neo-Nazis out of the capitol and back to their cars. Police did their best to protect them, but they yelled at the fascists, “Get out of here, we can’t protect you!” As seen in multiple videos, the Nazi skinheads were attacked along the way as were their vehicles, which they piled into and drove off in. In the aftermath of the brawl, one loaded gun was found on the capitol grounds, dropped by the fascists and another was spotted in the hands of the Neo-Nazis as they fled. The TWP never stepped foot onto where their rally was supposed to take place and only stood on the capitol grounds for close to 20 seconds. We had won. Their rally was shut down and the fascists never marched, instead, hundreds of people held the West steps and conducted a rally of their own. But this victory came at a price, as several people suffered stab and other wounds and were rushed to the hospital.

The majority of those stabbed were people of color, queer, and transgender; the TWP was clearly targeting people.¹ “How is he?,” I asked the friends of one of the young African-American men that was stabbed after he had been driven out. “He’s doing okay I think,” one of his comrades told me pausing for a moment of reflection. But within several seconds the solemn air was broken as his head picked up and his eyes came to match mine. With a sharp smile he told me almost laughing, “When they put him in the ambulance, he was smiling.”

In the eyes of the mainstream media, the police top brass, and in the narrative created by the Nazis themselves that outlets with glee broadcast onto millions of screens, the real trouble makers on June 26th were not the Neo-Nazis who attempted to rally support for a fascist all-white America, but instead those that stood up to physically stop them. People just like the union members, retirees, students, and service workers I met in the droves who came both near and far “not to protest” but instead to “shut it down.” Red, brown, black, yellow, white, gay, straight, and transgender; these people made up a growing resistance that was anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and autonomous from all mainstream political organizations and increasing in size and militancy.

But in the face of such a large mobilization, those behind the cameras and controlling the printing presses went to work. “They’re all the same, they’re all equally bad,” some stated. Even worse, “Violence only helps the fascist cause!” The media acted quickly and created a picture of black masked youth hell bent

¹ *Editor’s Note:* Rather than interpret this as a message of victimization, we can also observe this as evidence that those who put themselves militantly on the frontline against white supremacy and fascism are generally people of color, queer, and transgender. Identity does not always need to be a marker of vulnerability, rather it can be weaponized as well.

on destruction and violence, pitted against a weaker opponent who simply wanted to exercise their 1st Amendment rights. “Just ignore them, they’ll go away,” they repeated over and over again. Meanwhile, the police blamed the anti-fascists in the media for starting the violence much to the delight of far-Right as the “journalists” rushed to hand the fascists the microphone and some even questioned if they were really “Nazis.”

But lost in all of this was the most crucial question: why had hundreds of people come to Sacramento in the first place? Why, in the hundreds had so many people, from widely diverse backgrounds, from Sacramento, the greater Central Valley, across the west coast and the US itself, converged in such massive numbers against a small and east-coast based Neo-Nazi outfit? Why had so many people put their bodies on the line to shut down this group? The answer, was all around me.

“After Anaheim, that’s when we started to organize,” one young man had told me the day before. He was speaking in regards to clashes between the KKK and young anti-racists in Southern California that lead to multiple stabbings and injuries. Soon after, Neo-Nazi skinheads ran into a public park and screamed racial epitaphs and threatened park goers. Several days later, black, white, and brown youth rallied in a park and marched for miles against Neo-Nazi and KKK violence. Another group of young people I talked to were pushed to be involved in anti-fascist activity after they discovered Neo-Nazi posters put up on the street they live on. When they put up anti-fascist flyers in response, someone wrote over them, “Heil Hitler.” Others pointed to the rise of Donald Trump’s appeal with many white working-class people and the growing support of his campaign by Neo-Nazi, KKK groups, and white nationalists. For many queer and transgender people, the recent Orlando massacre and growing far-Right reaction was also on their minds, as was for many others the backlash against the Black Lives Matter and immigrant rights movements.

Hundreds converged in Sacramento and waited around for hours in the hot sun, risked arrest and bodily injury, because of what is happening all around us on a daily basis. People showed up on June 26th not because of some some notion of “white guilt,” moral duty, or desire to simply protest something, but instead were driven by their own experiences and a real desire to act in self-defense. People recognized the signs of authoritarianism and fascism within US politics, the rise and growth of far-Right and white supremacist violence and organizing, and also an inability to create social, political, economic, and ecological change through established legal and political channels. Sacramento wasn’t just the latest sign that anger was brewing against the far-Right; it also was a showing of force against the bureaucracy and ineffectiveness of the legalistic and Parliamentary Left in general.

The mobilization in Sacramento was simply the latest chapter in a growing

June

- 2nd: Graffiti using racial slurs is found two days in a row on the campus of Castro Valley High School.
- 10th: Act for America organizes anti-Muslim rallies throughout the country. One is held in San Jose, and another in Roseville is attended by various white supremacists including Identity Evropa founder Nathan Damigo. Counter-protesters show up in large numbers.
- 21st: A white supremacist drives his motorcycle through a protest in the streets of San Francisco, targeting demonstrators.
- 23rd: Pages of the Quran are ripped out and thrown at the Davis Islamic Center from a passing van, the 6th hate crime to happen to a local Islamic center in the past 6 months.
- 24th: A Quran is burnt, stuffed with bacon, and handcuffed to a fence at a South Sacramento mosque.
- 27th: While driving in Sunnyvale, Apple software engineer Evan Klinger harasses a woman on a bicycle with her daughter.

July

- 8th: Zionists block the entrance of Reem’s California Bakery in Oakland, part of a broader campaign against the bakery.
- 8th: Armed members of The Red Elephants along with a group of supporters march through Berkeley with Trump flags to antagonize the community.

August

- 16th: videos surface of an Elk Grove High student carrying a backpack with a Confederate flag patch. The school declines to state if any action was taken.
- 17th: Two classroom windows are smashed at Temple Israel of Alameda.
- 17th: Stickers with anti-communist and anti-black messages are found at Kehilla Community Synagogue in Piedmont.
- 20th: Flyers displaying swastikas and anti-Muslim messages are found blocks from Islamic Center of Alameda.
- 23rd: Berkeley College Republicans and a group of supporters are joined by far-right livestreamers to infiltrate and disrupt a BAMN meeting at UC Berkeley.
- 25th: A noose is found hanging from the back of a truck in San Leandro.
- 26th: Joey Gibson organizes a rally in San Francisco for a weekend of “patriot” events in the Bay Area, bringing together a mix of far-right extremists. The event is shut down by thousands of counter-protesters.
- 27th: Amber Cummings organizes an anti-Marxism rally in Berkeley, continuing Joey Gibson’s “patriot weekend.” Once again, anti-fascists outnumber the alt-right and prevent the rally from happening.
- 31st: Industrial Tattoo’s window displaying a “Berkeley Stands United

March

- 4th: A “March 4 Trump” rally is held at Civic Center park in downtown Berkeley, which draws together mainstream conservatives with libertarians, far-right militia members, fascists, and neo-Nazis.
- 6th: Nicholas Frabasilio assaults a UC Berkeley student while they are washing away Frabasilio’s homophobic chalk graffiti on the border of the campus.
- 25th: A restaurant in Oakland is vandalized with feces smeared on the “sanctuary restaurant” sign on the window.
- 25th: Alicia Clayton organizes a Trump rally in Sacramento with members of the Golden State Skins.
- 29th: Students at Albany High School exchange Nazi salutes. An student’s Instagram account is discovered to include racist remarks and threats targeting several female students at the school, all but one a person of color.

April

- 1st: White supremacist Christopher Alden Locke is exposed for continuing to terrorize a reproductive health clinic in Sacramento.
- 10th: Kyle Chapman comes to Berkeley to promote an upcoming rally and antagonize the community, eventually assaulting a local skateboarder in Civic Center Park.
- 15th: A “free speech rally” is organized in Civic Center park in downtown Berkeley, again bringing together Trump supporters, patriots, and white supremacists in a growing fascist street movement. A pickup truck drives at full speed through the street, narrowly missing counter-protesters.
- 27th: The Berkeley College Republicans invite Ann Coulter to speak on campus. The event is cancelled, but a right-wing rally consisting of alt-lite and alt-right groups gathers in downtown Berkeley at Civic Center park.
- 27th: The windows of Alchemy Collective Café, a largely Black and People of Color owned worker cooperative displaying Black Lives Matter and indigenous solidarity posters, are shot out following the far-right gathering in support of Ann Coulter.
- 28th: Ann Coulter speaks in Modesto, supported by a rally outside that includes Proud Boys and members of the Golden State Skins.

May

- 9th: Reports disclose a slew of racist and homophobic speech as well as Nazi salutes and a dance routine formed in the shape of a swastika at Piedmont High School.
- 25th: A noose is found at the Port of Oakland, the second in two weeks.
- 26th: Northern California fascists stalk Eric Clanton and harass his lawyer at a court appearance.

book of confrontations and mass mobilizations of anti-fascists, anti-racists, and autonomous anti-capitalists against the growing far-Right which is acting as an auxiliary force for state sanctioned white supremacy. Influencing #NoNazisInSac were past confrontations such as the battle against the Confederate flag in the South in the wake of the Charleston Massacre, the organizing that went into shutting down Neo-Nazis openly organizing in Olympia, WA in support of the police, a massive show of force in Seattle against the Hammerskins, and the large scale #AllOutATL mobilization that took place in Atlanta, GA at Stone Mountain against the KKK. All of these previous mobilizations helped to inform and give lessons to the Sacramento convergence and provided examples to draw from.

But over all, the mobilization in Sacramento was exciting and extremely successful because it has reinvigorated our crews and organizations like never before and brought together people in a solid network of resistance. These formations can be called on again not just for future anti-fascist actions but to ultimately build a broad based autonomous anti-capitalist movement that is rooted in everyday working-class communities. June 26th also showed that across crews, organizations, racial and gender lines, and across geographies people are choosing sides. They are getting organized. These aren’t just slogans or things we read about on the internet. They are positions that people are organizing toward, building infrastructure around, and planning for. Many people came out to the Sacramento mobilization because of reading about it on IGD. In the future, the question for us is how can we both increase our capacity to do this with more and more people, but also how can we reach out beyond established anarchist and activist scenes.

The June 26th mobilization also showed that organizing large scale events such as this is hard work; but that ultimately if we are willing to step up to the plate and get our hands dirty, that work pays off. In the build up for the 26th, people came together to think, plan, raise money, reach out to various communities, movements, and groups in struggle and began to work together. The connections formed out of this mobilization will play a role in the struggles that lie ahead of us as will the lessons that were learned that day.

Despite this positive picture that is painted, we also have to be aware that the autonomous far-Right is growing and in various, sometimes opposed, directions. From intellectuals that are pushing more into the mainstream like those that attend the American Renaissance and National Policy Institute conferences, to more sub-cultural groups such as the Wolves of Vinland, to publishers such as Counter-Currents in San Francisco, aspiring activist organizations like Identity Evropa, to finally the Traditionalist Workers Party which is trying to build a fascist ‘working-class’ fighting force. While many of these groups have different audiences and ways that they are pushing their politics and projects, they also all reinforce each other; creating paths into a multi-faceted movement and

working to develop a strategy for themselves while also supporting each other. Furthermore, the TWP is pushing to occupy much of the space that anarchist or left-wing activist groups would. They talk about organizing and reaching out to communities and use slogans, rhetoric, and images commonly associated with the Left or anarchism. Screaming “Nazi” at these groups isn’t going to make them go away, and more and more, such words are also losing their meaning as millennials continue to make up their base. Thus, not only do we have to physically confront them, we also have to out-organize them as well. This means working within poor and working-class white communities and also showing solidarity and support with groups already engaging in that work which share our politics.

Lastly, June 26th taught us that the fascists are capable of attacking and getting away with it. Just as in Anaheim and Minneapolis, we must now assume that all white nationalist and far-Right gatherings will now include attempted acts of violence against counter-demonstrators. Case in point, on some white nationalist websites now, many Neo-Nazis are stating that guns should have been used to produce a body count. In short, we can’t just rely on big numbers anymore, we have to be tactically prepared for the use of deadly, or potentially deadly force. Also, we need to develop tactics which keep large groups safe and together; to be a real and tangible bloc at demonstrations. This means developing fluid organization and methods of communication that are needed to both carry out a strategy and also work within a context that is naturally chaotic and spontaneous. This is a lesson all of us hitting the streets should keep in mind.

We must organize. We must train. We must get ready.

The Event Itself

Bright and early at 9 AM on the 26th at the Sacramento state capitol, already 50 people had assembled. This first wave was very young and determined and largely decked out in all black bloc, with lots of punk-rockers and traditional skinheads beginning to arrive, as did Sacramento locals who heard about the event through flyers or the Sacramento News and Review. By close to 10:30 AM, upwards of 250 people were lined up and down L Street in Sacramento, awaiting and anticipating the Neo-Nazis coming out of a car garage across the street, which they had done in past years with a heavy police escort. Around this time, police also blocked off both 10th Street (which runs in front of the West side) as well as L Street, both major streets that divert people onto the freeway and are generally always kept open during large protests at the Capitol. To many, it seemed that the police were getting ready to march in the Neo-Nazis. However, as time passed, the Nazis never appeared and after a while it became apparent that they weren’t coming into the garage.

Sensing this, people then made a move towards the West steps of the Capitol a

November

- 8th: A white man spits on two students while shouting racist and homophobic phrases at UC Berkeley.
- 9th: A San Jose State University student is attacked and choked when her hijab is grabbed from behind.
- 10th: A Bay Area Rapid Transit passenger is harassed, called a terrorist and threatened with deportation in an unprovoked attack from another passenger.
- 12th: African American William Sims is robbed and murdered in El Sobrante by three white men in what prosecutors call a hate crime.
- 14th: UC Berkeley student is threatened and harassed for wearing a hijab by two men referencing Donald Trump.
- 16th: After a Fremont woman’s bandana is perceived as a hijab, her car is broken into and her checkbook is stolen. An anti-Muslim note is left behind in the car.
- 16th: A student at Monte Vista High School in Danville writes “whites” and “colored” over urinals in a school bathroom.
- 24th: A mosque in San Jose receives a letter threatening genocide. The same letter is sent to other mosques around the country.
- 26th: A Stockton Islamic Center also receives the same genocide threat.

2017

January

- 13th: The Davis College Republicans invite Milo Yiannopoulos to speak on campus. Anti-fascists mobilize a shutdown, and the event is canceled.
- 18th: Pro-Donald Trump Nazi flyers are distributed via a network of printers at UC Berkeley.
- 20th: Nathan Damigo joins the Berkeley College Republicans and features the group’s members on an alt-right livestream celebrating Trump’s inauguration.
- 22nd: A woman who praised Dylan Roof vandalizes Davis Islamic Center, leaving strips of bacon and smashing several windows.
- 30th: Milo Yiannopoulos and the David Horowitz Freedom Center start a campaign against sanctuary campuses, with posters appearing at UC Berkeley and UCLA.

February

- 1st: The Berkeley College Republicans invite Milo Yiannopoulos to speak on campus. Anti-fascists mobilize a shutdown, and the event is cancelled.
- 17th: Swastikas and “Joe Mangele” are spray-painted on a garage door in San Francisco.

May

- 3rd: Flyers promoting racial genocide are posted throughout Sacramento's midtown district. The flyers advocate for the extermination, kidnapping, and torture of Muslim and Mexican residents, and for fellow white supremacists to secure "body dump-sites". Greg Withrow, a neo-Nazi and KKK member widely credited with founding the white power skinhead movement in the late 70s, is found responsible.
- 6th: Richard Spencer accompanies Nathan Damigo and a handful of members from his new organization Identity Evropa to UC Berkeley for a "safe space to talk about race." Afterwards, IE flyers and stickers litter the campus and surrounding downtown Berkeley area.

June

- 12th: A Sacramento area pastor praises the Pulse nightclub shooting, saying that "the tragedy is that more of them didn't die."
- 26th: Matthew Heimbach's neo-Nazi group the Traditionalist Worker Party organizes an anti-antifa rally with the Golden Stake Skins at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento, which is met by hundreds of anti-racists and anti-fascists. The rally is shut down, and clashes against neo-Nazis end with 6 anti-racists stabbed and 9 hospitalized.
- 28th: A neo-Nazi threatens to kill children at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley.

July

- 12th: KKK flyers are distributed throughout the Haight district in San Francisco.

August

- 15th: Six teenagers vandalize a neighborhood in Gold River with swastikas and racial slurs. Shortly after, posters with anti-racist messaging are put up in the area.
- 26th: Homophobic messages written with chalk are found on Sproul Plaza at UC Berkeley.

October

- 17th: Identity Evropa holds a rally at Pier 14 in San Francisco against immigration and sanctuary cities. The rally is cut short when anti-fascists begin to arrive at the scene.
- 25th: Racist graffiti is found in bathrooms at California High School in San Ramon.

little after 11 AM, thinking that if the Nazis weren't going to show up (11 AM was their rally set up time), then people could at least take over their rally point. By this time, the crowd had grown to over 400 people, however, police quickly moved to block the crowd from getting onto the West steps as they formed riot lines and moved the crowd back with horses. Around this time a man wearing a "GOOD NIGHT LEFT SIDE" shirt and flying a white power flag came onto the capitol grounds and began to yell at anti-fascists. This ended up not working out so well for him, and he found himself running for protection behind the riot police. While this interaction ended quickly, it also diverted many people away from the steps and the pepper spray that was deployed caused many to cough. The incident also caused the police to "officially" pull the permit for the event, stating that they could not adequately protect the Neo-Nazis from the crowd.

Around this time, at 11:30 AM, three Neo-Nazis wearing Traditionalist Worker Party shirts and holding shields (which people had seen from twitter the day before) were spotted on the East side of the Capitol. Police quickly took them aside and allowed them to wait with them until a larger group arrived. Once the other 12-15 Neo-Nazis materialized, the TWP then set out as a group, marching toward the West steps, but without police escorting them. With scouts watching all of this movement, the larger group quickly sprang into action. As the crowd then moved from in front of the West steps towards the South side, a violent clash between anti-fascists who ran ahead of the larger crowd to meet the Neo-Nazis head on broke out. As the fascists pulled out knives and people fought back, police largely stayed out of the fray or used their bikes and horses to push back the anti-racist militants and protect the white supremacists. While the physical melee only lasted about 20 seconds, much of the crowd was kept from the fighting by the police and the Neo-Nazis soon made a quick retreat after the initial clash as more anti-fascists began to arrive. However, as seen from numerous videos, this retreat was not without incident to themselves and their vehicles. After that retreat, a loaded .9mm was found on the ground, believed to be from the Neo-Nazis and another gun was reported to be seen in the white supremacists hands as they made a swift exit.

We should be clear, both groups, the anti-fascists and the Neo-Nazis, were at the capitol with clear objectives. The anti-fascists were determined to shut down the rally and the Neo-Nazis were determined to not back down. Also, based on the evidence in front of us, many believe that the Traditionalist Worker Party members prepared ahead of time for a quick strike and retreat, based on the sheer size of the opposition. Getaway cars were ready; they came in fast without the police surrounding them, and they came armed.

After the clash, medics associated directly with the mobilization came in and offered medical attention as police at first tried to keep people from getting to them. The medics that were present deserve everyone's respect for their bravery and commitment. Without them, those that were injured may have suffered

even greater injuries or worse. Shortly after, two older Neo-Nazi boneheads presumably associated with Blood and Honor based on their patches, walked through the crowd towards a line of police. Once behind the police, they began giving “Zeek-hails!,” however they were quickly surrounded and handled, as police then rushed them inside the capitol building for safety.

After the police pulled the last two boneheads into the capitol to protect them from the angry crowd, the hundreds of people assembled then moved back towards the West steps. At this point, people’s attention was largely on those that had been injured and they came together to discuss on what had happened, share water, and also give impromptu speeches on the megaphone. At this time, around 12 Noon, the crowd was at its height and several crews of people were still showing up especially after word of the ensuing clash had gotten out. Over the next two hours, two Trump supporters that came out to counter-protest were quickly ejected and hid behind lines of riot police and someone filming for Red Ice Radio was also found and shut down. At around 2 PM, the permit for the rally was up and people declared victory. We had shut down the Nazi rally. We held the West steps in the hundreds. People began to congregate in the shade and started to collect their things and head back home. Despite the mobilization ending, in many ways the battle was just beginning.

California cities consistently rank high on the FBI’s list, with San Leandro and Berkeley seeing a particularly notable spike during 2016. This has prompted UC Berkeley’s student paper, the Daily Californian, to join ProPublica’s Documenting Hate project in recording local incidents in Berkeley. Acts of racist vandalism were reported in the East Bay throughout 2017, and acts of anti-Semitism occurred in Alameda and public schools throughout the greater Bay Area. Similar evidence of growing far-right hatred and violence has been observed throughout the Central Valley. This mirrors patterns observed by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which recorded a surge of hate crimes across the United States following the election of Donald Trump in November 2016. According to the SPLC, alt-right killings began in California and 2017 has been the deadliest year yet for far-right violence. One violent neo-Nazi organization, the Atomwaffen Division, has been connected to several murders over the last year, including in California. This group has been shown to have a presence in Northern California specifically. Atomwaffen Division is inspired by James Mason’s book “Siege,” which is distributed by Counter-Currents, a white nationalist publisher based in San Francisco.

Below is a partial account of far-right and white supremacist activity that occurred throughout Northern California from 2016 to 2017. The mainstream media has tended to focus their reporting on more “spectacular” occurrences like clashes at rallies and university speaking events, but as we can see from the list below, the breadth of far-right action is much wider, ranging from flyering and recruitment campaigns to attacks and even brutal murder. When reflecting on these incidents, though this list is by no means complete, it becomes clear that university speaking tours and “free speech” rallies are only the tip of the iceberg. They exist within the larger context of a growing white supremacist movement, and are but a few of the many tactics that these groups employ. Researcher Spencer Sunshine similarly analyzed the far-right mobilization throughout the country in 2017 at Political Research Associates.

2016

February

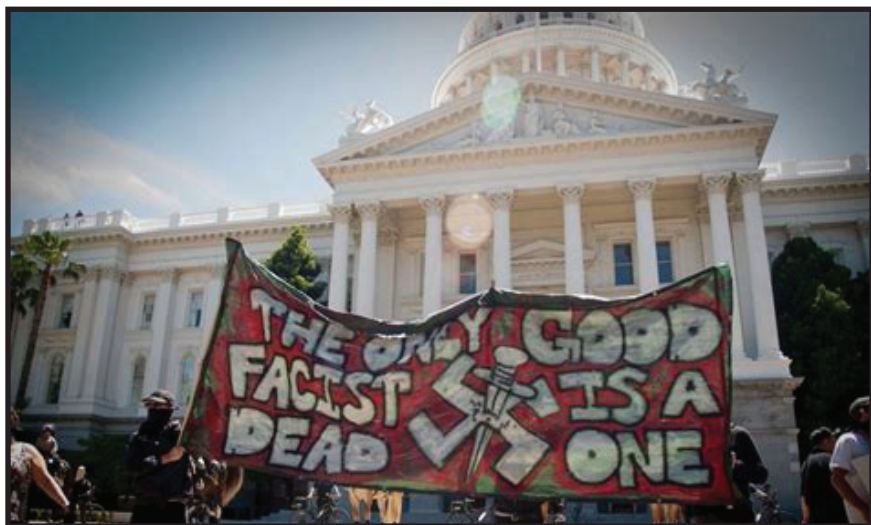
- 7th: Supporters of Roosh V, a misogynist internet personality and rape advocate, organize a worldwide meetup day. 13 meetups are scheduled in California, including locations in Orange County and Sacramento County. The meetup day is later cancelled due to widespread public outcry.
- 15th: Three men assault an African American student on the UC Davis Campus in a racially-motivated attack.

April

- 26th: Men dressed in KKK robes and hoods intimidate a mother and her child from a vehicle near a shopping center in Auburn.

Looking Back: Anti-Fascism in Northern California 2016-2017

March 16th, 2018, published by Northern California Anti-Racist Action (NoCARA)



As mainstream media coverage of the anti-fascist struggle has skyrocketed over the last year, we've noticed that questions surrounding it have largely been confined to concern over a narrowly defined free speech. This has been accompanied by numerous, sometimes deliberate, misrepresentations. While narratives of violence have tended to be over-represented in accounts of anti-fascist and anti-racist organizing, reporting on the alt-right has been the opposite, downplaying the violence inherent to the recently re-energized white nationalist movement. Because clashes in Northern California between anti-fascists and white supremacists have captured so much media attention over the last year, we feel it necessary to place these incidents within their proper context.

Despite the fact that California is widely seen as a bastion of liberalism and tolerance, the state is in fact home to more active hate groups than any other in the country. FBI numbers indicate that reported hate crimes in California increased 11.2% from 2015 to 2016. The East Bay Express noted that Northern

West Coast Call for Day of Solidarity with Sacramento

July 3rd, 2016, excerpted from Puget Sound Anarchists

What was supposed to happen Sunday June 26th was a mega-march of white supremacists groups against what they deemed to be the antifa threat to their "faith, family and folk." The Traditionalist Workers Party, Golden State Skins and KKK were set to rally on the West Capitol steps in Downtown Sacramento.

When 20 or so white supremacists armed with shields and adorned with TWP imagery attempted to take those steps they were attacked with rocks, bottles, knives, bats, fists, pepper spray and anything that those antifa could get their hands on. They were chased for blocks and when they attempted to escape in a waiting car, all of its windows were smashed out.

Boneheads like the TWP and GSS are only the most obvious and explicit manifestations of white-supremacy. The police, the media and countless other institutions uphold white-supremacy in our everyday lives. On the 26th, anti-fascists fought against the police and the media as well as the more explicit racist in the streets. As more and more events occur disrupting specific groups of white supremacists we think it is important to remember that the fight against white-supremacy is not only about a specific group or political candidate. The fight against organized white supremacist groups cannot be separated from larger struggles against the ways that white supremacy, patriarchy, homophobia and transphobia structure the everyday reality of domination in which we live. We want to celebrate all those who attack these structures and extend these spaces of revolt beyond moments like Sunday's rally.

This is a call for a day of solidarity with all those who put their lives and bodies on the line to confront white supremacists in the streets of Sacramento on the 26th. Solidarity means many things, and can articulate itself in many ways. Demos, attacks, letter writings, benefits for medical fees, banner drops and more are welcome on this day. Just make sure to securely take photos or write reportbacks and post them itsgoingdown.org, anarchistnews.org or your local anarchist news source.

As our comrades recover in the hospital, let's show them that we are thinking about them and keep fighting white supremacy wherever it exists.

Answering the Call: Berkeley in Solidarity with Sacramento

July 11th, 2016, published by It's Going Down

On Sunday night, July 10th, a group of anti-fascists and anti-racists in Berkeley, CA put up a variety of antifa graffiti in solidarity with those affected by the action in Sacramento on June 26th. The Euro-centric white supremacist group "Identity Evropa" has attempted to maintain a street presence by putting up posters in the Bay Area and sending them out to cities across the country. Oh hell no, not on our watch! In Berkeley and San Francisco, vigilant anti-fascists patrol for and remove all traces of this garbage while also increasing our own street presence by covering the same areas and much more.

We cannot allow some rich yuppie brats to continue these efforts in recruiting youth and others to manifest their visions of white supremacy and domination over people of color, indigenous people, queer/trans people, and women. From Berkeley to Sacramento, from Oakland to Oaxaca, from Ferguson to Baton Rouge, from Baltimore to Istanbul... We are one family defending our future and the time for taking action is now! Much love and solidarity to our comrades in Sacramento for their tireless work in combating white supremacy in our streets, from the front lines to deep behind the scenes.

Support One Another

Facing state repression, especially of this magnitude, can be a huge stressor for everyone affected. Now is the time to offer support to your friends and comrades, and reach out for support from them if you are feeling overwhelmed or alone. State repression is an effective tool that can destroy movements through intimidation and isolation. Instead of succumbing to these feelings, we must lean inward towards our communities, strengthening bonds and building effective support and anti-repression strategies. The state is a formidable threat, but we are stronger against it when we are united.

Zero Cooperation

At this point, it is inevitable that arrests will be made and charges will be pressed in the near future. It is essential that anyone anticipating this kind of repression take a stance of zero cooperation with the state. As we know all too well, the criminal justice system has nothing to do with actual justice. Cooperating by way of plea deal, sharing information with law enforcement, or incriminating others can only hurt you and your community. We must refuse to throw others under the bus, no matter what the state promises. To do otherwise would be to strengthen the state's power against us, and the potential damage that it can do to our movements and our livelihoods.

If you anticipate state repression, please take some time this week to memorize the National Lawyers Guild phone number. If you are contacted or detained, call this number so that you can begin to receive support, legal and otherwise.

(916) 500-4654

If you see or hear of someone being detained for their involvement in the June 26th demo, email us at antifasac@riseup.net and get in touch with the National Lawyers Guild at nlgSacramento@gmail.com.

State repression is serious and must be handled accordingly, but that does not mean that we will allow it to strangle our movement. The government cannot prevent us from resisting fascism, patriarchy, and white supremacy in all of its forms. The Antifascist movement is here to stay. We will not be stopped, and no one facing a legal battle will be left behind or forgotten.

Fighting Fascism in the Face of State Repression

March 9th, 2017, published by Antifa Sacramento



Yesterday, news broke that the CHP is urging the DA to charge 106 individuals with 514 misdemeanors and 68 felonies over the shutdown of the white nationalist rally at the state capitol nearly a year ago. This development, while alarming to many, should come as no surprise. If anything, it is just another clear indicator that the state is the enemy of radical movements and of the people, and that the police are not to be trusted or given any information for the sake of our collective safety and freedom. In the coming days, we will be releasing an in-depth and comprehensive guide to protecting yourself from and preparing for state repression. For now, here are some key things to remember:

Don't Panic

In times like these, the importance of staying calm and grounded cannot be understated. We must respond to state repression, not react to it. It is important to be aware of the the negative impact that poorly thought out actions can have on yourself, your friends, and your community. Be aware of the ways you are communicating and using social media. Often, the state publicizes concerning information in the hopes that individuals will panic and succumb to poor judgement. Instead, the best course of action is to prepare ourselves as much as possible and build strong support networks.

Seattle: Graffiti in Solidarity with Sacramento

July 12th, 2016, published by Puget Sound Anarchists

This past Sunday July 10th, as the night was turning to morning, we crept onto the roof of a building overlooking I-5 near downtown Seattle. There, we painted the words "Fuck Nazis Fuck Cops" in five-foot high letters. We did this in response to the call for Solidarity with the anti-fascists who fought white supremacists in Sacramento last month and in solidarity with all of those who have been fighting the police in the streets in Minneapolis, Baton Rouge, Atlanta and many other places across the country this past week.

The videos of the most recent police killings have left us feeling sick and disgusted and remind us that any fight against white supremacy must be a fight against the state and the police as well the boneheads who showed up in Sacramento wielding knives last month. Our love goes to the comrades still recovering from the events in Sacramento and to all those who refuse to let more police killings of black people pass quietly.

(an image of this graffiti can be found on pages 18-19 of this zine)

Olympia: Graffiti in Solidarity with California

September 5th, 2016, published by It's Going Down

In an expression of solidarity to those who fought against the white supremacists in Sacramento this summer, the fellow antifa vandals in the Bay Area, and those preparing for the fight against the Aryan National Alliance in Georgia later this fall, "ANTIFA ZONE" was painted in five-foot tall filled letters on the free-wall in Olympia, WA.

The Pacific Northwest is no stranger to white supremacist organizing and violence; just last month a nazi with organizational affiliations stabbed a black man in downtown Olympia completely unprovoked. This will probably get buffed or written over in the coming week as is the code of the free-wall, but simple propaganda such as this serves as a message to our friends near and far, as well as a provocation to our enemies in the streets.

fuck the police and their counterparts. xo

Medics In The Fray: Fighting White Nationalism, Staying Alive

July 19th, 2016, published by It's Going Down



*street medics apply life-saving pressure and dressings to a wounded anti-fascist militant.
the image has been resized to block out images of the victim and their wound.*

June 26th, 2016 in Sacramento put the skills of medics at various levels of training to the test. While the white nationalists were not given access to the capital steps for their “anti-antifa” rally, they still claimed that the number of injured antifascists was their victory. We are aware that this is posturing on their side; they would have claimed a victory no matter what happened (they need to protect their fragile white nationalist egos, after all). Still, walking away from this event and its aftermath, it seems unlikely that white nationalists and fascists will not continue to escalate their physical attacks against all anti-fascists and others who put themselves on the front lines against increasingly bold white nationalists. Given this environment, it seems necessary to consider the role of medics in our ongoing struggles. The following was assembled by some of the medics present in Sacramento on June 26th. It constitutes a reflection and hopefully some options on ways to move forward.

In sharing the reflections and thoughts on moving forward from some of the medics present, this group prioritizes the essential role that medics, legal, and others continuing to do support and care work had and continue to have, after

- ***Medic supplies are expensive!*** Find and stock up on quick clot and trauma packs, and consider whether or not you are able to provide financial support for medic supplies.

- ***Please, stop circulating images of the injured!*** The spectacle of injured antifa is not helping our cause and works against what medics were there to do.

- ***Remember that designated medics, those with formal training, and many others helped save lives on June 26th!*** This was a huge undertaking and this group of medics is forever grateful to those who brought formal training skills into the event even in the face of a very intimidating police and rescue presence that was determined to delay care to the black men and trans women who were seriously injured by white nationalists. That said, medical bills are expensive! This article has a number of ways to show support and we are stoked on the amount of support and actions that have already happened!

In closing, we thank you for all of your ongoing support, your commitment to supporting medics and each other in this struggle, and for all that you will do in the future as we continue to fight together against white supremacy in all of its forms! We hope that these tips and reflections will prove useful in our ongoing struggle!

- If you do decide to medic an event, be sure that you are capable of doing this. In instances where there may be intense injuries, assess yourself and your capabilities to provide support. Recognize that there may be instances where your skills come up short, but that your skill level may support medics doing more intense work. In addition to this, take care of yourself if you are a medic! You, too, need food and water and rest beforehand, and care afterward.

- Be cognizant that medics and others are working toward the same goals. Care work, like legal and medical, not only helps in the after event but frees up more space for people to act confidently in the moment. People are less afraid to be hurt or arrested if they know they are supported and like they will receive care and support if this does happen. This is about courage to take necessary actions but also about working together as we continue.

- Medics also have to think tactically – if you do decide to medic, you will have to think about how you move and position yourself in relation to conflict. Keeping medics safe, and (for medics) thinking about how to be close to an event without possibly being injured or too identifiable as a medic when not giving treatment, helps to ensure that medics can play a vital role. Keep a scan for where medics are during times of less immediate conflict.

- For all of us, it is important to recognize that people who treat trauma injuries within institutions also have material support for mental health (insurance benefits, you know?). Medics and others who treat the injured will need your support, care, and follow up to provide these services. Considering that people doing care work are often people of color, women, and queer and trans people, recognize that care work happens on top of their day to day survival. Checking in with medics not only works to ensure they can medic in the future, but also often works against white supremacy, patriarchy, homophobia, and transphobia.

- Be careful of how you criticize the medical aid provided at an event or people's levels of skill. Recognize that being a medic involves a huge amount of risk and can also be a psychic undertaking, especially for those without access to formal medical training.

- Moving ahead, we will need to explore the differences in tactics utilized by white nationalists and police in riot situations. Recognize that even trained medics may not be prepared for circumstances with which they are unfamiliar. This is something to think about collectively and individually, especially considering that white supremacists will feel more comfortable to incite violence as we move ahead (knowing that they can stab people in front of police and walk away without repercussions).

June 26th. We thank you all, known and unknown, for your part in keeping the wounded alive and cared for and your necessary role in this struggle. We offer these reflections given our own experiences on and after June 26th.

- Recognize that medical planning can and should be involved in organized actions. Medics need to be involved in planning. It is possible that medics can be included in tactical groups, while medics do not need to be involved in the actual discussions of tactical maneuvers, they should be prioritized during planning. A possible strategy is to plan to have medics treat at the level of confrontation expected. Consider what tactical groups see as the most extreme actions of self-defense and make sure medic teams are aware of this.

Here are a few possible courses of action for people supporting medics:

- If you don't have basic medic training, watch out for medics, especially when they are treating someone. Ask yourself if you are willing to stand between medics and police and to try to possibly negotiate with police when they try to push medics away. Let a medic know if you are assuming this role. Recognize that medics are likely to be targeted by the police or by white nationalists for their essential role in keeping the struggle alive. Be aware that medics who are black, brown, queer, trans, etc. may be specifically targeted during these events.

- Another role that you can take is to stand between photographers and those injured and receiving treatment. Many images of the injured from June 26th have circulated in social media and been picked up by white nationalist groups seeking to further intimidate those on the side of antifa (with specific focus on intimidation and threats against people already injured). Some of these images have even been utilized by groups espousing non-violence, misconstruing the injured as cautionary tales and ignoring that people made necessary and important decisions in Sacramento and that it was the Neo-Nazis who are responsible for the types of injuries that occurred. Additionally, the proliferation of photos of people being injured or treated can be traumatizing for those who were hurt. Consider security, but also consider our friends. One of the best ways any of us can support people who are already in pain is to preserve their privacy, make sure they can make choices about moving forward, and help to ensure that when they recover they don't have to relive the moment of being injured every time they log in to social media or look at the news.

- Get basic medic training! More people with basic training frees up skilled medics to deal with more severe injuries. This doesn't mean that you have to medic, but it does mean that you will have enough knowledge to utilize supplies carried by medics or to carry basic treatment materials for yourself.



graffiti on a Seattle building in solidarity with Sacramento, referenced on pg. 15