

TAKE DOWN CAPITALISM TO DEFEND OURSELVES!

For over 3 decades now the rich 1% have enacted policies with the help of both Democrats and Republicans to make themselves obscenely richer while the laboring 99% of society sinks deeper and deeper into poverty and immiseration.

In fact, the wealth gap and general social inequality has reached in the USA monumental proportions. Whereas the earnings of workers have stagnated or declined since the 1970s, the rich, idle bosses have brought in over **200% more**.

Social mobility is at an all-time low. Home foreclosures are still rising, college is becoming out of reach for more and more youth and workers, student debt has become larger than that of personal credit, and the few jobs on offer pay starvation wages, are insecure, and lack the conditions for the expression of democratic rights.

When their system faced the greatest crisis since the end of the Second World War, the richest 1%, the investment bankers, the majority shareholders in multi-national corporations, the financiers, the capitalist class, got protected and rewarded by governments around the world for the consequences resulting from their own collapsing system.

And what did we get from the government? Did we get a bailout? **No!** We got unemployment, cuts in social services, healthcare, education, welfare, attacks on our democratic right to organize within the

workplace, lost our homes, and even in some parts of the country the right to democratic election of officials was stripped to ensure austerity would face no resistance.

Now that we have said enough is enough. Now that we have taken to the streets in protest, struggle, and resistance, governments across the USA have resorted to the most baseless lies and brutal violence to crush our momentum and success.

The incidents in Oakland, Atlanta, Boston, NYC, Nashville, and other cities have revealed clearly both the un-democratic character and class nature of the police and governments as the tools of the 1%. Whereas the latter never ceases to tout for the cameras and public the great and sacrosanct American principles of freedom of assembly and protest, they are both quick to put a stop to their expression when they're used in protest against the political and economic elites.

Neither is on our side. Forming up organized and democratic self-defense at the occupations and in the working-class communities can be instrumental in repelling future attacks and ensuring our movement carries on to victory.

But how can we achieve victory? The best and surest way possible to both defend ourselves from the bosses' attacks and their austerity and also to secure our gains permanently is to take political and economic power out of the hands of the capitalist class, out of the hands of the 1%.

REVOLUTION: the socialist youth organization presents the following series of demands and slogans for the occupation movement to consider democratically adopting and fighting for as the basis for facilitating such an outcome.

We welcome discussion, debate, and potential changes or additions to this program and search out agreement with all groups and individuals that see the need for a revolutionary guide to our actions. Our goal is to build a broad, united struggle guided by a program that challenges the nature of capitalism and the state that protects and serves it.

- **FOR A 99% TAX ON THE 1%!**
- **STOP CUTTING OUR SERVICES: FREE EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE FOR ALL!**
- **CUT THE HOURS, NOT THE JOBS!**
- **PROVIDE WORK THROUGH FUNDING THE BUILDING AND REPAIRING OF SOCIAL HOUSING, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS, AND A MASSIVE PROGRAM OF RENEWABLE ENERGY!**
- **REMOVE ALL ANTI-TRADE UNION LEGISLATION!**
- **STOP THE WARS; BRING THE TROOPS HOME!**
- **SOLIDARITY WITH THE REVOLUTIONS ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND BEYOND!**
- **NATIONALIZE THE BANKS, MERGE THEM, AND BRING THEM UNDER DEMOCRATIC CONTROL: SOCIALIZE THE PROFITS, NOT JUST THE LOSSES!**
- **ORGANIZE TO DEFEND OUR DEMONSTRATIONS; THE POLICE OF THE 1% AREN'T HERE TO PROTECT US.**
- **FOR AN ANTI-CAPITALIST POLITICAL PARTY: THE 1% HAS THEIR TWIN PARTIES; WE NEED OUR OWN!**

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