

50 Ways to Prepare for Revolution

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The people of the United States are currently unprepared to seize a revolutionary moment. We must fix that.

How can we raise our levels of revolutionary consciousness, organization and struggle?

Raise consciousness

- 1) Raise consciousness with the purpose of building organization and raising the level of struggle.
- 2) Investigate before forming opinions. Research how the world and the system function.
- 3) Read foundational and historical works about revolution, by those who have participated in and led them.
- 4) Analyze the system's current condition and trajectory.
- 5) Learn about the resistance, uprisings and revolutions going on in the world today.
- 6) Read the material that currently active groups are issuing and discussing.
- 7) Continuously develop, elaborate upon and refine principles, theories and strategies for our movement.
8. Raise our voices. Articulate revolutionary ideas, and give them a public presence.
- 9) Listen and speak in the spirit of mutual clarification.
- 10) Participate in discussion, to develop our ideas and hone our skills in expressing them, and to help others do so.
- 11) Figure out how to use all our various talents, positions, energy and resources as effectively as possible, to expose the system's evil, irredeemable and unreformable nature.
- 12) Analyze and explain the many ways the system dominates and exploits.
- 13) Stand with the dominated, exploited, invaded, colonized, threatened and oppressed.
- 14) Display a revolutionary spirit and celebrate it in others.
- 15) Exercise patience in winning over reluctant potential allies and supporters.
- 16) Ridicule and discredit the enemy.
- 17) Create revolutionary culture. Make videos and art, speak, sing, and write blogs, books, comments, leaflets, rhymes, stories, and articles about the enemy's crimes and the people's resistance.
- 18) Exchange ideas locally, nationally and (within the law or safe channels) globally.
- 19) Encourage others to participate in the revolutionary process.

Organize

- 20) Organize as a way to raise consciousness more broadly and to build struggle.
- 21) Start with people we know.
- 22) If our friends discourage us, make new friends.
- 23) Network sensibly with people online. Find local people online who express similar ideas, and meet with them.
- 24) Find a group that we basically agree with. Work with it.
- 25) If there's no local group we want to work with, start one.
- 26) Write a leaflet with contact info. Pass it out in public to find potential comrades.

- 27) When we meet people, assess our points of agreement. If we agree on basic essentials, decide how to work together. If not, say goodbye for now.
- 28) Build strong ties locally and nationally, and build solidarity globally.
- 29) Define allies according to overall outlook and goals.
- 30) Don't let secondary differences prevent cooperation. Handle differences between allies non-antagonistically.
- 31) Do not tolerate oppressive (sexist, racist, homophobic etc.) dynamics within the movement. Confront their expression and put a stop to it.
- 32) Refrain from saying anything aloud, on the phone or electronically that we wouldn't want to hear played back in court.
- 33) Keep illegal drugs away from our political life.
- 34) Research and practice good security culture.
- 35) Prioritize the wellbeing of our organizations over personal benefit.
- 36) Ready our ranks to seize on any breaks in the legitimacy of the system.

Struggle

- 37) Use struggle to spread revolutionary consciousness and build organization.
- 38) Collectively determine what we want, and declare our demands.
- 39) Act as far as possible within our capacity, not either beyond or below our capacity.
- 40) Continuously strive to expand and consolidate our capacity and strength.
- 41) Assert our rights and our responsibilities.
- 42) Bring our revolutionary perspective into struggles already occurring.
- 43) Defend, support, and encourage our allies.
- 44) As opportunities arise, weaken the enemy and its ability to rule.
- 45) Obey the small laws. Don't get taken out of the game for something unworthy.
- 46) For illegal acts, make sure you can trust your comrades with your life and the lives of everyone connected to you.
- 47) Avoid being distracted and diverted into symbolic action-for-action's sake.
- 48) Don't expect the enemy to act against its nature. It has no mercy and can not be reasoned with.
- 49) Turn every attack by the enemy into an opportunity to speak out, organize, and grow more powerful.
- 50) Be willing to work hard. Be smart. Be brave. Remember we are all in this together.

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