

"Nobody wants to work anymore" is all I hear. Yet I constantly see videos of people doing free labor for their communities. It's so interesting—every city in America is completely caked in filth and garbage, and it's just totally normalized. But you go to China or Japan, and those cities are very clean. You know why they're so clean? Because they pay people a wage to clean the cities, and those jobs are given to people who are disenfranchised.

In America, we bulldoze the people that China would give those jobs to. But nobody wants to work. You see it time and time again: "Oh, no one wants to work. People aren't willing to put in the work. These young people don't want to work." How many volunteer opportunities are there out there? There's a lot of them. These organizations can't find enough volunteers. People volunteer their time all the time, whether you're doing mutual aid and feeding people or cleaning up the garbage like I just talked about—going to the park and cleaning up all the used meals, whatever. It's all work that needs to be done, but it's never paid for because it benefits society.

Because we live in a society, a system called capitalism, where if something benefits people but it's not explicitly hurting people and making profits, then it's not allowed. So when we talk about nobody wants to work, there are so many jobs and so many things that need to be done that do not pay, because the system does not want us to be uplifting anything. To pay marginalized people for cleaning or care would directly contradict the state's reliance on their disposability. Far cheaper, ideologically, to treat them as waste than to allow them into circuits of stable reproduction. They will pay someone \$50,000 a year to bulldoze the homeless people instead of paying the homeless people \$20,000 a year to just pick up the goddamn garbage so they can have a place to stay. But no one wants to work.

When we talk about what a society needs to do, it needs to completely reorient itself towards collective purpose. And that simply cannot be done under capitalism, because any business that's focusing on building collective purpose is just not profitable.

The person whose job it is—and they're getting paid \$157,000 a year—to analyze spreadsheets and determine whose rent can be raised to make the Blackstone Corporation more money... is that person serving any sort of valuable position to society whatsoever? Or is he a detriment to it? He's a detriment to it, but it makes a good profit for Blackstone and it makes good money for him. So then, through our capitalist lens, we go, "Okay, well, you're making \$157,000 a year. You must be pretty important. You must matter. People must give a damn about you. That must be an important job."

But the garbageman? Not so important. The roofer? Not so important. But even the person who's cooking you food, who's enabling that person to go and have their office job where they just screw over the working class—none of those people are considered important. But I can assure you that cooking food and feeding people, even if it's at a McDonald's, is better for humanity than raising someone's rent in an Excel spreadsheet.

Capitalism inverts value. The metric is not necessity or humanity but profitability.

Under that logic, destructive roles—landlords, rent analysts, speculative finance—are ranked as "high value" precisely because they facilitate accumulation and are anti-human. Productive roles—garbage collection, food service, construction, care—are systematically devalued because they generate use-value but cannot be easily leveraged into surplus extraction beyond bare subsistence wages. Keep the people who cannot commit the cruelty in a state of precarity, uplift those who can inflict the cruelty. This is the essence of profit over people.

We know, as young people, that climate change is going to come—it's already here. And we know that our futures are going to be dramatically different than our present unless we take radical action to mitigate and rebuild in the face of climate change. States like Florida are going to continue to be hit by stronger and stronger hurricanes, more frequently. Do we rebuild in the same cheap way, or do we find solutions that can mitigate some of the destruction? Do we build seawalls, or do we just ignore it and let the sea level rise?

Well, the capitalist class and the boomer class have all coalesced into a single faction of people who know that climate change does exist, propagandize that it doesn't to fool a few rubes and do not give a fuck about our future, their profits are our future consumed.

When Trump says to shut down all wind and solar projects endorsed by the federal government—every single one of them must be destroyed and shut down—and when Biden signs off on the Willow Project despite global youth outrage against it, that is intentional. The reason Florida rebuilds cheap subdivisions after each hurricane, the reason pipelines are laid instead of seawalls, is not ignorance. It is the deliberate reproduction of vulnerability. Disaster becomes profitable: insurance speculation, construction booms, land clearances, rent increases. Disaster capitalism in its purest sense.

These men serve the same system, the anti-life regime. So not only do we already spend money investing in this stuff that's just being tossed away, it is a fuck you to literally our future.

So if these people do not represent our future, and this entire society does not benefit us in any regard, at a certain point you've got to go, "I want a future. I want a future. So how do I get a future?" And that involves violent armed struggle against the state, it involves sabotage, wildcat strikes, blockades, port takeovers, and other deliberate organized events of rupture.

For younger generations, the contradiction is existential. The old ruling order cannot offer a future to those who refuse the cruelty, except as serfs, prisoners, or casualties of climate war. To demand a future is already to pose an antagonism to the state as it exists. Once the survival horizon is breached, the terrain shifts from reform to rupture. "Armed struggle" isn't a moral declaration but a recognition of the material fact that the structures defending fossil capital and disaster profiteering are not going to be persuaded or voted away. They are backed by police, military, and surveillance precisely because the system anticipates the rebellion of the dispossessed.

Natural disasters under capitalism are never "natural"—they are engineered opportunities for accumulation. The state and insurance apparatus serve as conduits to transfer wealth upward through catastrophe. There was a hurricane that came through and it destroyed this campground, this nature preserve—40 acres of this campground. They said that they don't have the capacity to rebuild it due to the hurricane damage, so they're going to sell it to developers. What was once a piece of nature has now been deemed development real estate. So that's why they don't give a shit about rebuilding from these hurricanes. That's why they want them to hurt us and destroy us. Every single house that burned down in the LA forest fires, in the Palisades forest fires, the developers just rebuilt them and raised the rents, sometimes doubled them. That's what they want. What hurts us benefits them.

So the more that we're in pain, the more it benefits the sadomasochist capitalist class that really only make up, at most, 10% of this country. Something like 1% of the human race benefits from capitalism, and the rest of the planet will either die or they will. Simple as.

This system will consume every slice of beauty and replace it with ugly, suffering-laden concrete caskets for the masses.

It's us or them, and "us" includes every creature on this planet, from the bees to the whales and everything in between.

You start to internalize this, you start to become like Goku.

Good will triumph, but Goku did not do it alone.

Capitalism cannot be defeated by one decisive spirit bomb but by all of our collective energies combined and used together by each of us.

There is no one Goku, only a mass of Z-fighters and a planet worth defending.



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**DEFEAT  
THE  
ANTI-LIFE  
REGIME**

I don't think people quite understand that the powers that be have systemically slaughtered at least half a million people, with another million and a half people facing death by starvation via famine in Gaza, in order to make a profit. That should tell you exactly what the plan is for the entire planet. The capitalist regime treats forests, oceans, soil, and air as disposable; so long as profits can be drawn, life itself becomes collateral. It is the anti-life regime because they are literally destroying the entire biosphere. Every living creature on this green earth that cannot be replaced—there is no life on Mars, Elon Musk—is being put to the slaughter in order to create profit for 10% of people in America. So 1% of the human population is gaining significant benefits from the deaths and murder and destruction of the rest of the planet.

So don't be shocked when there's no massively mobilized climate corps of jobs and means to rebuild and systems and structures to do something about the problem. Instead, what they're going to do is they're going to let climate change just kill as many people as possible, buy up the land that they can, and enslave us.

Peter Thiel, one of the richest men on the planet, was pretty clear he believes humanity, by and large, should be wiped out. Not himself of course. They're already starting this, not just peddling fascism via Thiel funded podcasts like Red Scare but with real tactical repression. Total surveillance, neutralization of dissent, normalization of militarized technologies against civilians—tested in colonial laboratories, deployed domestically when instability grows. They have drones who are watching journalists in Portland, following them home. Go ask any Palestinian what that's like. The future of the planet is Gaza, and it's the ultimate moral test of our times. The state does not intend to build climate corps, a green transition, or mobilized reconstruction. It intends to ration survival, fortify elite enclaves, and use collapse to discipline the global population into submission. Gaza is the clearest warning: if you don't care about this shit, no one is going to care about you when it's your turn to get your head chopped off. Because that's what they're doing.

They're chopping off heads until we start chopping off theirs.

What people also need to understand is that the powers that be bleed just like we do. They are cowards. They are incredibly cowardly. Unlike the resistance, unlike the Houdinists, they have no real purpose that they're fighting for. They're fighting simply for the enrichment of other people and the enrichment of themselves. Take, for example, your average cop. Your average cop shows up because it's an easy job that pays well and maybe gives them a chance to feel some power. The average cop is not fucking Rambo. You know what I'm saying? The average cop is faced with the choice of, "Hey, there are four guerillas in what apartment building and they want to kill you and they are ambushing your people," and, "Hey, can you beat the shit out of this unarmed Black man and maybe step on his neck until he dies?" There's a reason why in the second case it's always someone who's unarmed, disenfranchised, maybe on some kind of medication or drugs or dealing with whatever. Those are the people that get brutalized. The people who fight back don't. People who show up armed don't. The Black Panthers knew this. The focus on non-violence by liberals is a betrayal of the working class and the bloodied history of oppressed people reclaiming their freedom.

From 1776 to 1865 to 1992 to today, there has only been violence. Slaves did not free themselves via a ballot, there was a civil war fought for 4 years. The colonists did not free themselves from British rule by voting for it, or holding signs during a march, there was a bourgeois revolutionary war. The working class and those still colonized by the regime will not be free from the imperialist, anti-life capitalist regime unless a proletariat revolutionary war is waged. This is the facts of history.

So when we talk about what we're fighting for, we're fighting for the entire planet. We have the orcas on our side. We have the wolves on our side. We have the elephants, the polar bears. We have all these creatures on our team. We're fighting for them. We're fighting for our future. We're fighting for our grandchildren. We're fighting for a world that isn't a hellscape dystopia where we have to watch broadcasts of children being drone-striked every day.

The police officer is fighting for more overtime. The National Guardsman who works as a server at Texas Roadhouse during the week—he joined up to get healthcare, healthcare that he could barely afford even with the National Guard. The People's Liberation Army says, "You're going to get healthcare if you join us." So how strongly is he attached to his goals and his position when the national guard is ordered to fire on the people, on the masses, on the PLA? The regime's army will be littered with defectors and saboteurs. This is why the revolution will win, because we are simply more serious about it.

We have more to lose. We are deeper into this shit. The police officer does not want to die for the cause. The revolutionary does not want to die for the cause. But the revolutionary accepts that he may, and the police officer does not. And that is the fundamental difference, and that is why we will win. The powers that be fight for profits and petty comforts—for yachts at the top, and overtime pay for the pigs at the bottom. The resistance fights for the entire biosphere; the resistance fights for a future not only for themselves but for the entire planet.

The resistance fighter has the backing of the entire planet; the cop he's executing has only the backing of his capitalist masters. The cop hopes to make it home; the revolutionary knows there may be no home if the struggle is lost. Revolutions are successful when their militants embrace necessity, while the state depends on an army of people who never signed up to die for spreadsheets, stock portfolios, or real estate developers.

I was speaking with someone who's not in any political party, just a regular working-class woman, and she was talking about, "why don't all these different leftist parties and these different groups come together and do a, you know, constitutional revolutionary, sort of constitutional congress, right? And when you do this, the most important thing is that you've got to have representatives from indigenous people, you've got to have strong representatives from Black communities and all the people who have been disenfranchised, unlike the first time where that wasn't the case." She's saying all this, and I'm thinking about the mass line—this idea where you go to the masses, you find out what they want, and then you try to synthesize that into a party line.

This isn't the first person I've talked to who has suggested some level of things like that. In fact, even among non-people who don't identify as socialists, who don't even want to be comfortable using that label, I've heard this exact same logic from them: "Oh, why don't we do that, and then we can have something that benefits the people." But then, the socialist classes are all so reformist. You have the working class which is, in a lot of ways, more revolutionary than the socialist class. A DSA alderman in New York City, a progressive congressional candidate, or a labor NGO staffer all derive salaries, prestige, and security from the system they claim to oppose. Their revolution is a career; their organization is a brand. They cannot afford rupture, because rupture would destroy the very apparatus that sustains them. So they confine themselves to reforms, symbolic fights, and discourse management. Because, well, if I'm a high-ranking DSA member, I'm making good money on that shit. That's my life. That's my career. Most people are not prepared to take up a gun and fight for something. And we know that power does not come out of the ballot box, we know how history really moves.



We have got to stop recreating the systems and structures of the master within our own organizations. Because when you have someone who is an organizer, when you have someone who is an activist, that's hard fucking work. And it's work that is so far removed from the capitalist superstructure that you're not getting rewards for it. We have it in our head that socialist organizers should be well-off podcast pundits. And we use that idea to devalue and invalidate those who are not making money off of this shit. Which is an insane concept when one considers the real history of the people's struggle.

So we know, as we just discussed above, why police officers are cowards and why they don't have any legs to stand on, why they don't really give a shit about what they're fighting for: because they're ultimately doing it for the money. They're ultimately doing it for the retirement package.

They're ultimately doing it for the overtime pay.

The activist is not doing it for the money. The activist is doing it for their people, for the workers. For the polar bears. For the fucking people who don't have running water on the rez or in the trailer park. For the fucking people who work at the Dollar General. They are not tied into the money. But because we have a small—and it's a very small group—of well-paid streamers, YouTubers and pundits pushing socialism in a sometimes very vague sense, then we're led to believe that, well, sorry, you the activist who's actually trying to organize your workplace, or you the person who's actually trying to build an affinity group, or you the person who's actually showing up to the mutual aid events, are simply not as valuable as those people.

If we do that, then we lose our edge. If we do that, then we lose what makes us able to win. Because we're not fighting for the money, we're fighting for the principle and for the cause. You know what I mean? You shouldn't have to make \$50,000 a month on Patreon as a YouTuber for your opinion on the working class to matter. You could be from the working class, speaking about real material struggle.

All of this ultimately circles back to one fundamental core contradiction with the left: the masses are, in a lot of ways, more revolutionary than the people who have been assigned by both themselves and the powers that be to lead the masses.

When a random cashier at the Dollar General is telling me, "Wow, things are way too expensive here, I can't even afford to eat here," he's telling me this offhandedly. But then the political pundit on the left is just talking about how, I don't know, that Dollar General person needs to go to an AOC (genocide supporter) rally because we have to "meet people where they are." I do wonder who exactly we are meeting in the middle? The capitalist? Because that person doesn't get a single thing from a rally like that, but the capitalist does.

Hasan and other members of the 'media left' like Second Thought serve not as revolutionary educators or agitators, but as pundits who can take the working class and effectively move their radical energy towards the status quo.

The bartender tells you that she wishes we could have a new constitutional convention, rewrite the document with the input of marginalized people, and prepare our communities for armed struggle and the state repression that comes with that.

The leftist pundit, who is making at least 40k a month (when I was working at Whataburger the yearly take-home was a bit less than 20k), says that's unrealistic, that there's no revolutionary energy in the US and that the best we can do is donate to them and support those who profit from our slaughter like AOC.

What would the Panthers do with 100k a month in Patreon donations? One well-produced YouTube video a month, or a people's medical clinic?

What would HOUDINI do with that money? It should be clear to you. The problem isn't the money being made, it's how significant those resources are in relation to material struggle. The point is, we're so disconnected from where we need to be; our leadership exists in a different class sphere than us.

A lot of leftists among this professional activist class actually strongly dislike the working class. They feel like they're better than us, and though this intellectualization, they feel some kind of weird moral obligation to help us. That's how you get these rich white dudes with their podcasts and shit talking about socialism. But they would never hang out with somebody who works at the gas station. They would never. They cannot relate to the struggle of eating 2 ham sandwiches a day for a week in order to make rent, they cannot relate to the hunger pangs that come with the malnutrition of a food desert diet. If we allow these people to lead us, we will lose.

We must understand the stakes: the regime seeks to kill everything and everyone in the name of profit. The resistance seeks to destroy the powers that be and prevent the mass death of the planet. There can be no room for reformism in this framework. There can be no room for supporting those who vote and send bombs to murder children in order to appeal to the well-paid YouTube pundit's sense of "meeting people where they are."

HOUDINI is from the masses.

HOUDINI is the masses.

HOUDINI lives and dies just like the masses.

No LA house, no NYC loft, no well-paid speaking tours or event tickets.

The pundit left has betrayed the working class, squandering our donations and good will to fuel their lifestyles.

I will not sit and watch another YouTube video about the struggle produced by someone who doesn't live in that struggle. I don't need a documentary to tell me how I'm already living, and neither does the rest of the working class.

The people are rising, and it's time we get serious about the enemy we are facing, and we start to think about who is squandering the very limited resources we have to fight back with.