

Hello! If you’re looking to get more involved in furthering the Progressive Movement and wanting to learn more, you’re in the right spot. Welcome! This is a collection of resources available for learning what you need to know, staying up to date, and making a difference. We need you to fight with us.

BUT WHY DIRECT ACTION?

“Sorry for the inconvenience, we are trying to change the world.” - Vietnam Antiwar Protest Sign

Beautiful Trouble: Action Logic

<http://beautifultrouble.org/theory/action-logic-2/>

- Explanation of direct actions from civil rights movement contexts
- Hundreds of concise and detailed resources

How Stuff Works: Protests

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/protest.htm>

- Defines types of protests and how they work in general overview (pages 1-7)
- Page 8 begins discussion of strategy effectiveness

The Art of Protest

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/21/opinion/the-art-of-the-protest.html>

- Gives diverse tactics used within and around protest to bring change
- Learn how to not be or feel powerless

The Power of Nonviolent Direct Action

<http://mettacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/the-power-of-nonviolent-direct-action-daniel-hunter-final.pdf>

- How protests take advantage of power flows in society

Beautiful Trouble: A Toolbox for Revolution

<http://beautifultrouble.org/all-modules/>

- Hundreds of concise yet detailed topical resources
- Divided into many topic areas

KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE

“And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor polite, nor popular, but he must do it because conscience tells him it is right.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

Practical Guide to Protesting in a Police State

<http://www.activistpost.com/2014/08/practical-guide-to-protesting-in-police.html>

- Basic guidance on how to be prepared and stay safe

Intervention and De-Escalation Tactics

<http://www.interventionanddeescalation.com/resources.html>

- Learn how to calm down a confrontation before it turns violent
- Large list of written and video-form resources

Security Tips Every Signal User Should Know

<https://theintercept.com/2016/07/02/security-tips-every-signal-user-should-know/>

- Keep your digital media secure
- Know the risks involved with different media and online tools

OTHERS

Divest Personal Finances From Big Banks & Invest in Local Credit Unions

<https://disb.dc.gov/page/federal-credit-unions-district-columbia-list> ** *DC Specific*

- Encourage family and friends to do the same with personal finances
- Pressure local government, university, and business institutions to do the same

Invest Retirement Funds in a Sustainable and Socially-Responsible Fund

<http://www.ussif.org/sribasics>

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Pay a Premium on Utility Bills for 100% Renewable Energy

http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/buying/buying_power.shtml

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