

SOUTHERN SUMMIT COLLECTIVE VISIONING SYNTHESIS

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Question 1

What are the biggest threats to our community in the fight against fascism?

- (7) Deceptive media, misinformation & abundance of right-wing propaganda
- (6) Siloing, disunity, and internal divides
- (6) Oppressive laws and policies at the local, state, and national level
- (4) Apathy, ignorance, and despair
- (4) Institutional racism and open xenophobia in police, prison, military, ICE
- (3) Lack of resources and time
- (3) Capitalism / being in survival mode
- (2) Institutionalized poverty, i.e. gentrification and push-out
- (2) Violence (economic, state, physical)
- (2) Access to mental health resources and medical apartheid
- (2) Lack of Vision/Definition
- Criminalizing homelessness
- Fear of retaliation
- Environmental degradation
- Cooptation and false promises
- How classism affects how people show up
- The two party electoral system
- Burnout
- Take over of public instruction curricula
- Respectability & identity politics
- Omitting original communities, white washing original practices

Question 2

What are the questions the movement should be asking if we truly hope to win?

- (6) What is our shared vision, plan, and rallying cry? What does it mean to win?
- (4) What are we willing to compromise/sacrifice in the long run?
- (4) Who are we forgetting, neglecting, leaving behind, who should be lifted up?
- (4) How do we integrate mutual aid and alternative economies into basebuilding?
- (3) How do we grow and promote a political base to grow the movement in the south?
- (3) How can we connect, center, and mobilize most impacted communities in an accessible way?
- (3) How can we work together/dismantle silos? Where are we conflicting?
- (3) How can we make the language and messaging we use more accessible?
- (3) How do we sustain ourselves/self care/focus on joy and love?
- (3) What are we willing to unlearn?
- (2) If not you, then who? How can I help you?
- (2) What can we imagine, dream, and create for our freedom as opposed to fixing and changing existing oppressive systems?
- (2) How do we resolve conflict within the movement & keep each other accountable?
- How do we create the circumstances for what we want to achieve?
- How do we practice our liberation today?

- What tactics are the opposition successfully using?
- What infrastructure are we building to turn mobilizations into sustainable movements?
- How are we developing movement/aligned governance (restorative justice, etc)
- How are we developing a global radical worker consciousness?
- Where's the land? Where's the money?
- How do we balance the individual and the social?
- How do we build our relationships with each other outside explicitly political spaces?
- How do we orient new people to the movement?
- What is the best system to support us economically and sustainably?
- In what ways do we remove power from those with money?
- Where will we be in 20, 50 years if we keep voting lesser of 2 evils?

Question 3

What are the things that give you hope for the future of our work and world?

- (6) Radical children and youth
- (6) Legacy - strong roots, collective legacy, reflecting on past movements
- (5) Building bridges, connection, solidarity
- (4) People courageously and militantly, resisting, fighting and sacrificing
- (2) Radical Youth led campaigns (Palestine unity, Stop Cop City)
- (2) Opportunities for popular education
- (2) Community and care for each other
- (2) Love
- (2) Holding people accountable
- (2) Events like this!
- Multicultural unity and solidarity
- Unveiling of fascism
- Fight for Palestine
- Nature, things that grow through fire
- The principle of centering the most impacted - For Us, By Us
- Tangible wins
- Humans are inherently good
- Our oppressors have stale tactics
- Strength of the South
- Unions, worker collectives, and freedom schools
- Black Mama Bailout
- Traveling outside of the US
- Black Joy
- Men in the movement
- Advocates in government
- Community story-telling and archiving
- Art

Question 4

If we work together, what are the things we can win in the next year?

- (5) Creating our own trusted media and communication that battles misinformation
- (4) Permanent ceasefire in Gaza

- (4) Identify and help People's Candidates run for local offices
- (4) More mutual aid/education/revolutionary facilities embedded in each community
- (3) More youth involved in the movement, cultivation of leftist intergenerational spaces
- (3) Build a common agenda and push-back plan
- (3) Increased political power
- (3) Solidarity between communities/dismantle silos
- (2) Jobs that provide basic human needs through union organizing and strikes
- Investment in communities not cages
- Authentic relationships reflected in principles & actions
- More Black men activated
- Youth as experts in restorative practices & de-escalation
- Alternative candidates running for office
- Teach more about Palestine
- Develop more radical safe spaces
- Black, Brown, Muslim Assembly in the South
- Reconnection to earth and community care practices
- Scale a winnable model
- Overturn Supermajorities
- An organized/unified group of orgs relating to funders and philanthropy
- Alternatives to policing and the carceral state
- Organizations with stronger foundations
- Harnessing post-election feeling to organize and create change