

- This group would meet monthly (every 31 days from the start date of 10/7/23)
- The date of every meeting can be moved ahead if it is already occupied or if a majority of members object to that particular date.
- This group would run from 7-9
- This group would ideally meet in person. The first meeting could take place at the community forge, and at this meeting's conclusion, the members could deliberate as to a new meeting spot. The first facilitator (Nathan Pope) would be responsible for getting a spot in the community forge, probably the office. The people responsible for the next meeting spots will be selected based on their ability to obtain that spot.
- Nathan Pope would start as the facilitator for the first meeting, and in performing the duties of a facilitator, would prepare some discussion questions for the meeting based on the works scheduled for it. At the end of the first meeting, the next facilitator could be self-nominated, elected by the members, or rotated through. The method of choosing would be decided by the members at the end of each meeting.
- The facilitator's questions should guide the group into understanding and discussing the main points of each piece, and then into comparing and contrasting the two. The questions should also bring the discussion into territory such as how the material could apply to the chapter and its activities at present.
- The meetings should probably not run over two hours.
- The PolEdCom will choose a reading schedule, with a minimum of three months planned ahead, ideally with the next six months planned ahead. However, members of the reading group are free to suggest any readings, pending approval by the committee.
- Each slot in the reading schedule will consist of two shorter works, or a chapter each from two different longer works.
- Since the works are shorter, members are encouraged to do some supplemental digging into the topics selected for that month after reading the main works. This will generate a richer discussion during each meeting.
- Ideally, each work should be available virtually. The PolEdCom should be able to provide any physical works that one may have a need for.
- The topic, selected works, and location for the next discussion group meeting should be briefly announced before the PolEd segment of the general meeting begins (or in a political education committee segment). The works should also be advertised on slack and on twitter. The spoke account and chapterwide email could also be used.
- Links to the works or a google doc containing the works should be provided on the discussion group slack (if possible). The slack should also be a place where members can go for any updates and changes to the group, as well as to keep in touch with their comrades. The links to the work are also on the schedule.
- The discussion slack should also be a place where comrades can ask each other for help with the work if they need it.
- The topics of the discussion group will focus around the priority campaign, however it should be free to cover other topics as well. This group is not meant to be issue specific,

like the Jane McAlevey reading group (in the works as of 8/14/23). It is meant to be a permanent group that runs as long as there is interest in it. People will lose interest and the group will lose relevancy if it covers the same topic every time. A possible hierarchy of topics could be as follows:

1. The Priority Campaign Topic
 2. A topic based on one of the most active committees(i.e., ecosocialism, labor, electoralism)
 3. A topic based on one of the less active committees
 4. Any topic that interests the members
- The PolEdCom should insure that there are a variety of topics represented in the reading schedule, but they should still refer to the topic hierarchy(basically, don't keep choosing topics that are minimally related to the chapter's work)
 - This group will take December and June off
 - The slack facilitator will put the group's next topic and readings on the relevant slack channels (the discussion group channel, the general channel, and the PolEd channel) as well on the chapter's social media. The slack facilitator will also put the group's meetings on action network. There will also be a signup sheet/flyer at the end of every general meeting.
 - If spoke and the chapterwide email are a thing, they will also be responsible for that as well.
 - The slack facilitator will be selected at the end of every meeting.

Schedule

11/17/23-Mutual Aid-Socialism Is Not Charity: Why we are against mutual aid by Black Flag Sydney vs. Reclaiming Power: Mutual Aid in the United States by Daniel Parker

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/black-flag-sydney-socialism-is-not-charity-why-we-re-against-mutual-aid>

<https://socialistforum.dsaua.org/issues/special-issue-the-covid-crisis/reclaiming-power-mutual-aid-in-the-united-states/>

1/24/24-Housing Justice- *Abolish The Suburbs* by Marco Rosaire Rossi vs. *Can The Suburbs Be Saved* by David Marques

<https://midwestsocialist.com/2021/07/29/abolish-the-suburbs/>

<https://www.currentaffairs.org/2021/05/can-the-suburbs-be-saved>

TBD-Tactics and Strategy- *How To Blow Up A Pipeline* pp.22-36(on the google books version) by Andreas Malm vs. *Strive Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* Chapter 6 by Martin Luther King, Jr.

<https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/ows/seminars/aahistory/Pilgrimage.pdf>