Redress at 30: #NeverAgainIsNow Digital Toolkit



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August 10, 2018 marks thirty years since the <u>Civil Liberties Act of 1988</u> granted an apology and reparations to Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII. This landmark legislation was the culmination of decades of grassroots organizing and coalition-building, inspired by powerful social movements of the 1960s. But three decades later, we're still witnessing immigrant families being torn apart by the same racism, xenophobia and corrupt leadership that fueled Executive Order 9066. We see Black and Indigenous communities continue to call for reparations to address the deep and lasting harms of the genocidal violence upon which this country was built, while <u>Japanese Latin Americans</u> abducted from their homes during WWII are still waiting for recognition.

Our struggle didn't end 30 years ago. We still have unfinished business.

That's why we're calling on Japanese Americans and our allies across the country to commemorate this history by standing with communities being targeted today. The fight for redress is not over until all of us are free, and "Never Again" is right now.

Join us on Friday, August 10, as we flood with internet with messages of solidarity and resistance. Share stories of your Redress heros, show how the movement inspires you today, and help us tell the world that #NeverAgainIsNow!

Post on social media using the hashtag #NeverAgainIsNow

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Japanese Americans fought for redress 30 years ago and today we join the Movement for Black Lives in their fight for reparations. We are not free until everyone is free! https://policy.m4bl.org/reparations/ #NeverAgainIsNow #ReparationsNOW #Asians4BlackLives

We say #NeverAgainIsNow because we envision a world free from cages, bans and walls. #NoCampsNoCages #NoBanOnStolenLand

30 years ago today, our government apologized for incarcerating Japanese Americans during WWII. When will this administration admit it's unjust to separate families and detain children? #NeverAgainIsNow #NoCampsNoCages #NoBanNoWall

On this anniversary of the #CivilLiberties Act, we renew our commitment to speak out against injustice. No one should ever be locked up due to racist hysteria. #NeverAgainIsNow #NoBanNoWall #NoCampsNoCages

30 years ago the #CivilLibertiesAct acknowledged the injustice of Japanese American incarceration—yet today we're still seeing policies caused not by "military necessity" but by race prejudice, hysteria, and a failure of political leadership. #NeverAgainIsNow

The state-sponsored racism that led to Japanese American incarceration during WWII lives on today in Trump's cruel zero tolerance policy and Muslim Ban. It's time to stand with our immigrant brothers and sisters to say #NeverAgainIsNow

It's been 30 years since the #CivilLibertiesAct, but the intergenerational trauma of mass incarceration still affects our own community and too many others today. The struggle for liberation is not over. #NeverAgainIsNow #UnfinishedBusiness

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It's been 30 years since the Civil Liberties Act, but the intergenerational trauma of mass incarceration still affects our own community and too many other today. Families continue to be separated by detention and deportation, Black and Indigenous calls for reparations continue to go ignored, and Japanese Latin Americans continue to be denied recognition for being held as hostages by the U.S. government during WWII. Our struggle for liberation is not over. #NeverAgainIsNow #UnfinishedBusiness

INSTAGRAM THAT SH*T



Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga listening to the government defend state-sanctioned racism like 😒



Lillian Baker didn't stop Jim Kawaminami from testifying for Redress in 1981 and Trump won't stop us from demanding justice today.



Did you know that over 2,000 Nikkei living in Peru and other Latin American countries were kidnapped by the U.S. government and held hostage during WWII? Families like the Shibayamas were excluded from the Civil Liberties Act and are still fighting for redress today.



The work of organizers like William Hohri paved the road to redress. Now it's up to us to honor that legacy by taking the wheel and steering the Redress Movement toward justice for all.

ARTICLES AND OTHER RESOURCES

The Movement for Black Lives' Policy Platform: https://policy.m4bl.org/platform/

Standing Rock Syllabus: https://nycstandswithstandingrock.wordpress.com/standingrocksyllabus/

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