

**DIRECT
ACTION
GETS THE
GOODS**



“We do not need allies more devoted to order than to justice. I hear a lot of talk these days about our direct action talk alienating former friends. I would rather feel they are bringing to the surface latent prejudices that are already there. If our direct action programs alienate our friends ... they never were really our friends.”

Dr. King 1964 highway shutdown

Goal(s)

What is it that we want to achieve!

Strategies

What plans we develop that can lead to achieving our goals!

Tactics

Actions we take that implement our strategies!

Goal

Abolish ICE

Strategies

Trainings/skill sharing

Build community network of support

Develop analysis of US Immigration System

Education/MediaAwareness

Tactics

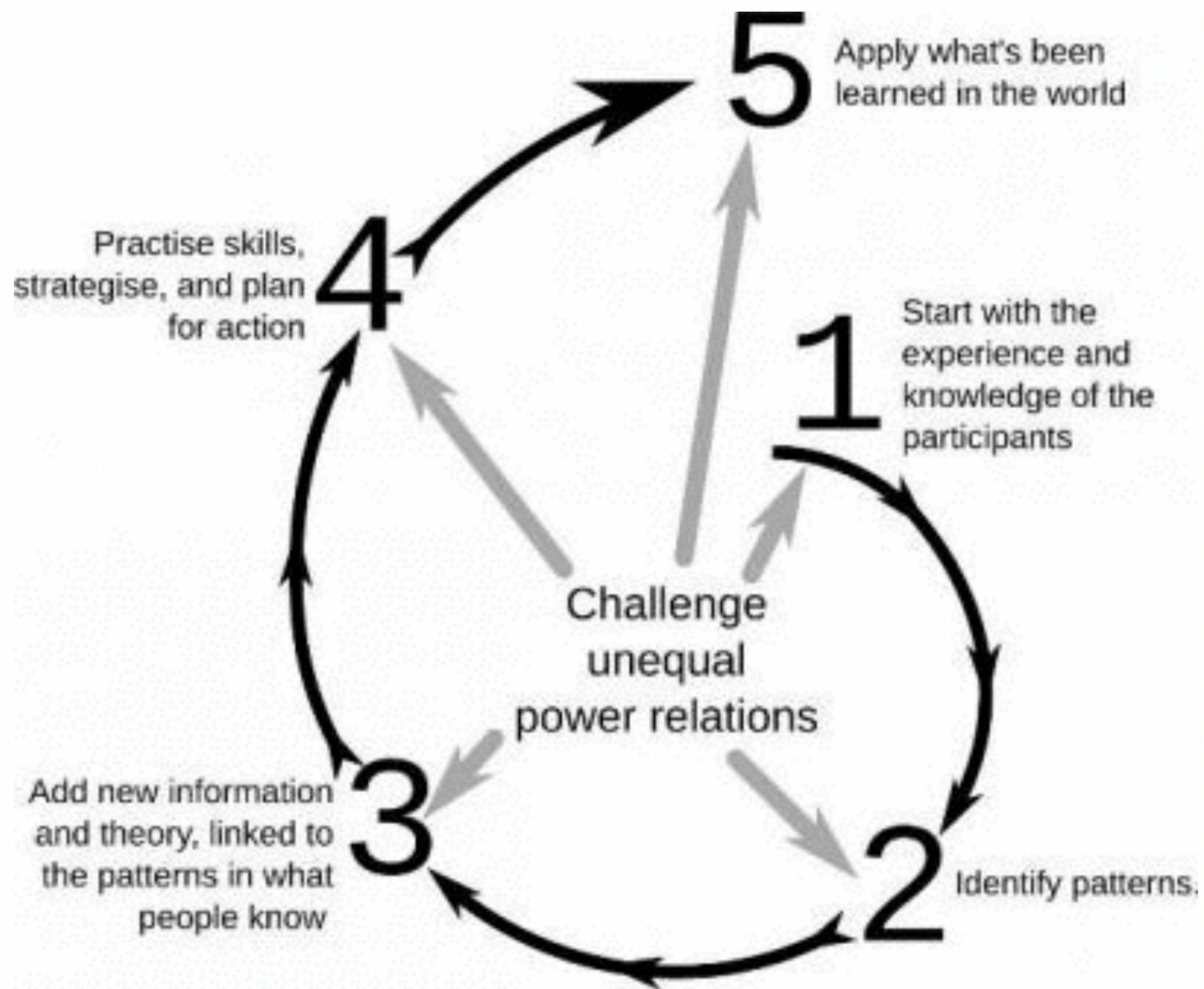
Mobilize people to prevent ICE arrests

Accompaniment, Patrols, Sanctuary, Mutual Aid

Target private entities profiting from Immigration Industrial Complex

Target government entities that criminalize immigrants

**Engage in popular education about ICE & US immigration policy
through handouts, workshops, presentation, digital media, etc**



What is Direct Action?

Direct action means that we take collective action to change our circumstances, without handing our power to a middle person – politicians, cops, or any authority figure/leaders.

Question - What do we do that is NOT Direct Action?

This gets people to think about stuff we do that is symbolic, performative or works within systems of power and oppression.

5 Minute exercise



Examples of Direct Action:

Radical Hospitality

Housing co-op

Sanctuary

Community gardens

Food Co-ops

food preservation skill sharing

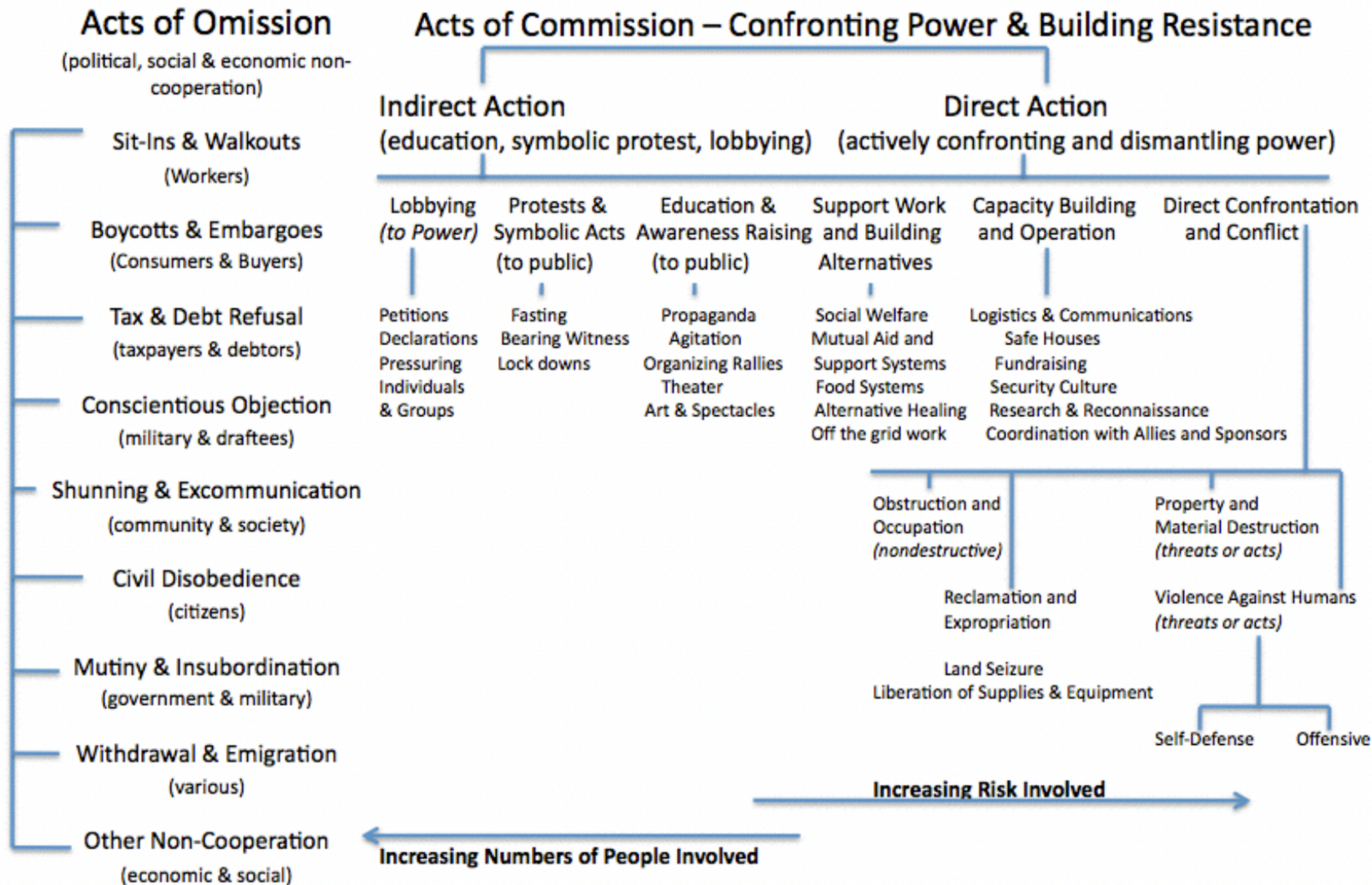


“I must confess that over the last few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens Councillor or the Ku Klux Klanner but the white moderate who is more devoted to order than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says, "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically feels that he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by the myth of time; and who constantly advises the Negro to wait until a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.”

Dr. King - Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963



Taxonomy of Action



Political Direct Action examples:

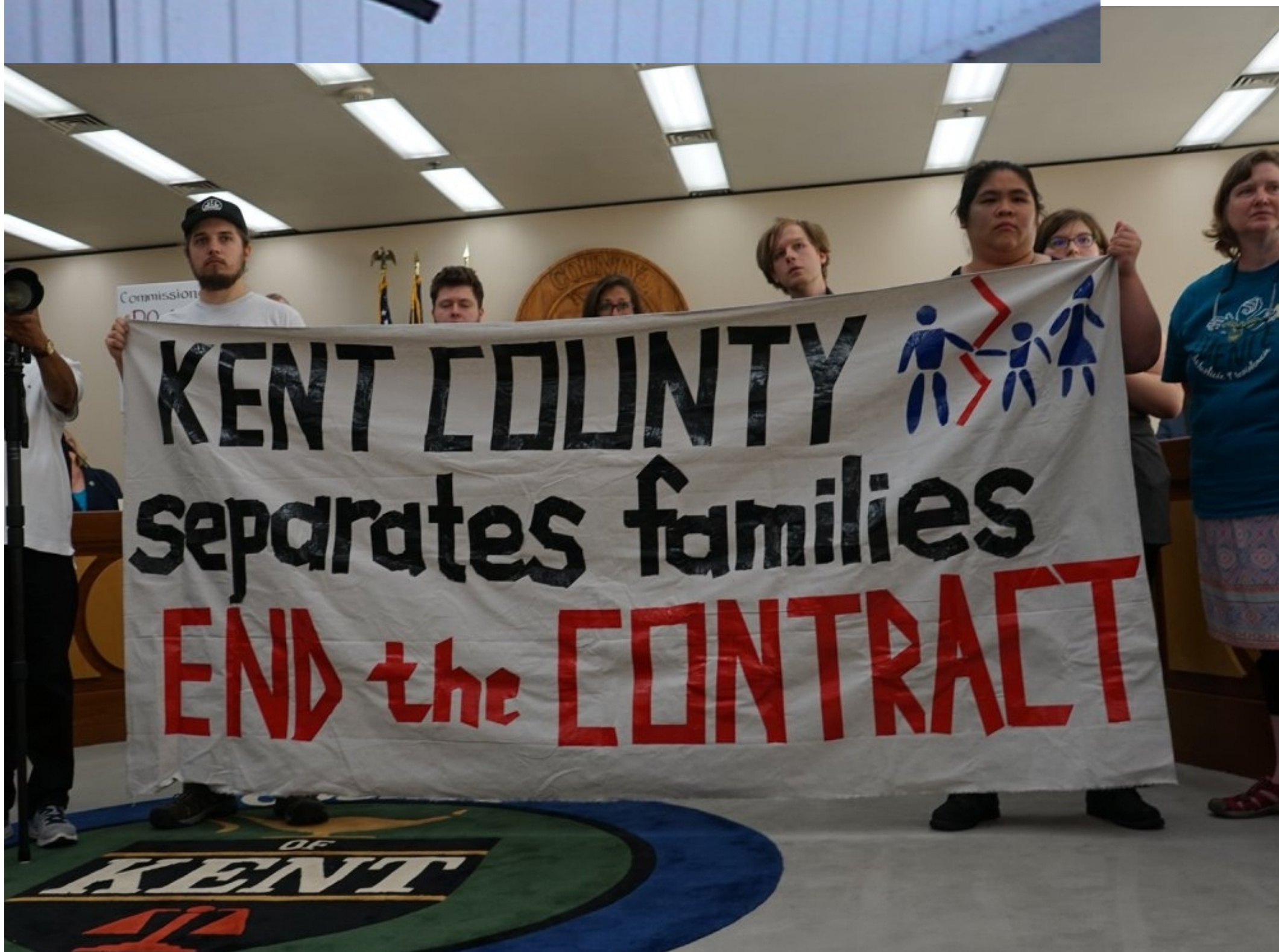
(depending on # of participants you can always break into smaller groups to talk about the following tactics)

Have the group(s) come up with ideas of Direct Action using all of the tactics listed



Disruptions
Street Theater
Creating a labor union
Work stoppage
Strike
Sit Ins
Road shutdown
Boycotts
Community Safety work
accompaniment
Creating your own media
Civil Disobedience

DISRUPTIONS





Street Theater

July 4 parade protesters are acquitted

By C.T. Revere
The Grand Rapids Press

Three men arrested July 4 for attempting to block the path of a U.S. Army tank during Grand Rapids' Independence Day parade were acquitted Wednesday of misdemeanor charges rising from the incident. A Grand Rapids District Court jury found Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Danielski and Teofilo Reyes innocent of charges that they blocked Monroe Avenue as an Abrams tank used during the Persian Gulf War rolled along the parade route. The three men, residents of Koinonia House, a sanctuary for the homeless and refugees at 424 LaGrave Ave. SE, rushed through a crowd of spectators and attempted to lie in mock death in front of the tank, which was leading a procession of military vehicles.



Teofilo Reyes, left, Jeff Smith and Jeff Danielski say they were protesting U.S. violations of international law.

SIT-INS



The protesters were dragged out about 4:30 p.m. after three hours on the floor.

Contra Aid Protesters Hold Sit-in on Henry

by Tom Rademacher and Tim Boleon
"I believe what is happening in Central America right now ... is a bloodbath."
Later in the day, Henry held a press conference at Kent County International Airport. He said he "buddering" won't get them at where, but I'm always open to constructive dialogue ... and I was

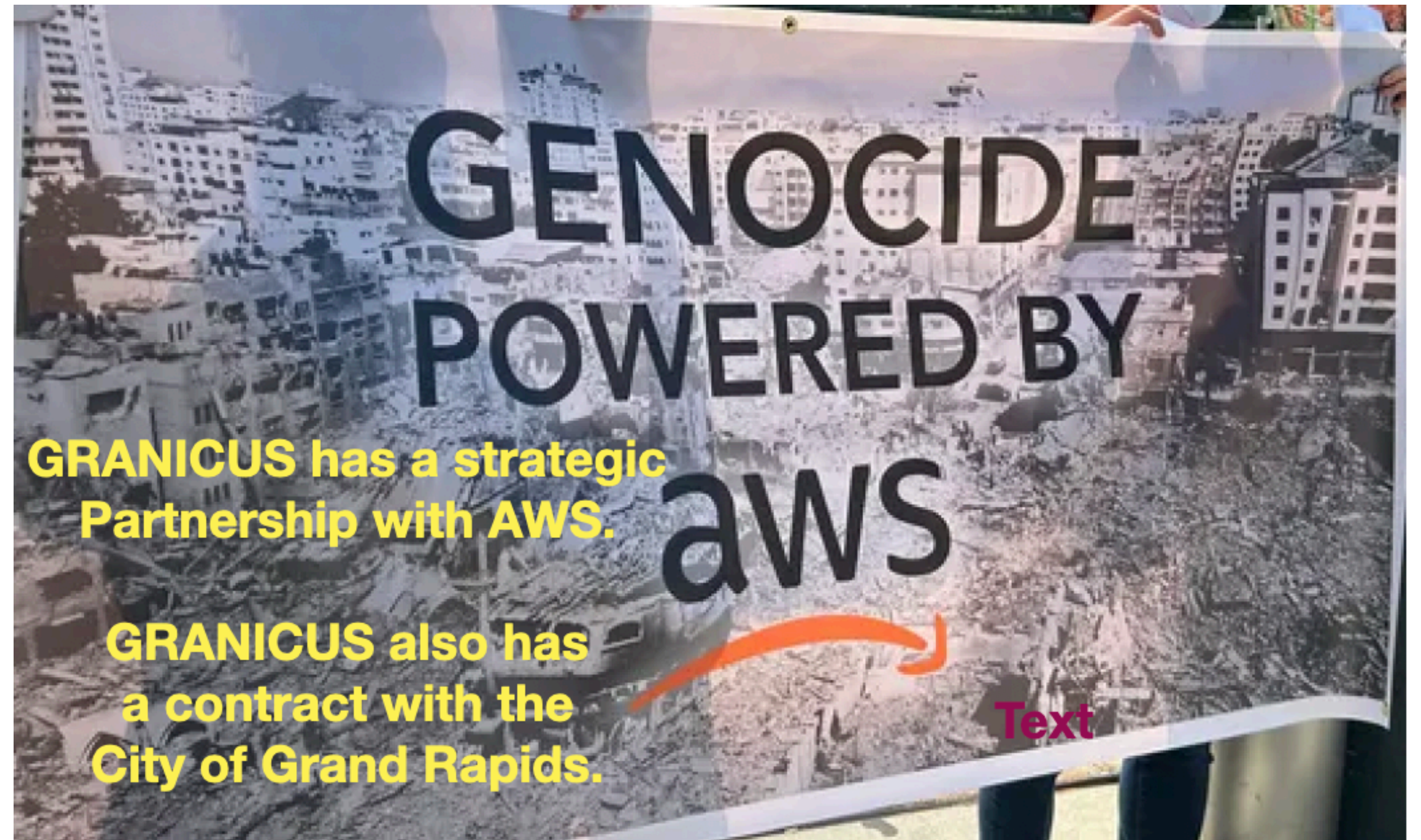
**STOP FUNDING
THE DEATH SQUADS**



**BOYCOTT
SALVADORAN COFFEE**

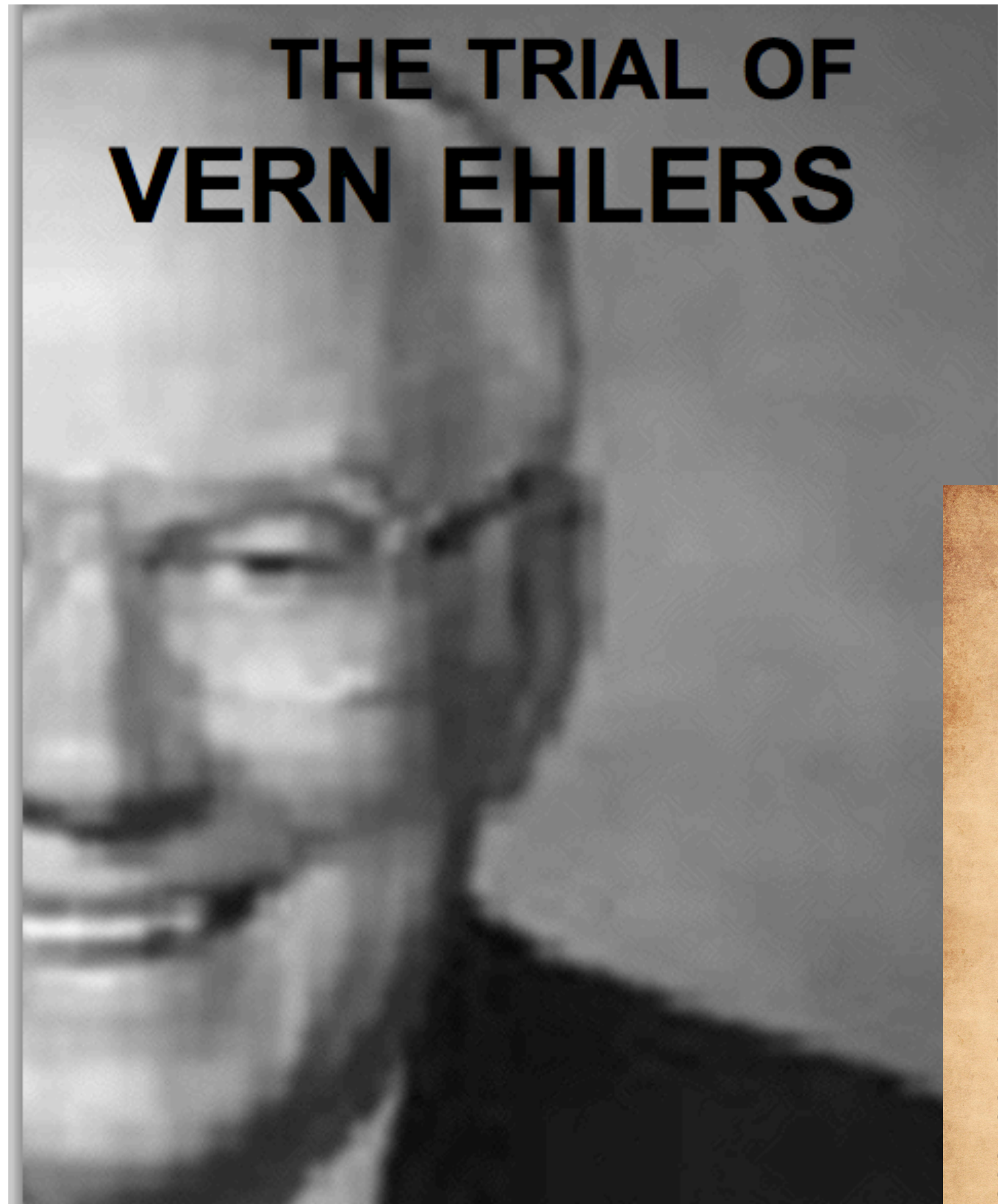
The White Hand ("Mano Blanco") is the feared signature of the Salvadoran Death Squads.
The hand above is from a photo of the front door of a slain peasant organizer
in Chalatenango Province.

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Boycott & Divestments

THE TRIAL OF VERN EHLERS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwYJqI9ZJtQ>

WANTED



Rep. Hillary Scholten

for:

- Voting to provide Israel with US Military Aid, both the annual \$3.8 Billion and the supplemental aid of \$1.53 Billion
- Complicity in the Israeli genocide of the Palestinians
- Failure to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and oppose the Israeli assault on Rafah
- Taking hundreds of thousands in AIPAC funding
- Voting for legislation that equates antisemitism with criticism of Israel
- Not supporting the student-led encampments
- Being complicit in the murder of 35,000 Palestinians
- Voted for a resolution saying the State of Israel is not a racist or apartheid state

Rep. Scholten has Palestinian blood on her hands!

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Searching For The Smoking Gun

Local Coverage of the War in Iraq

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“As soon as you say the topic is civil disobedience, you are saying our problem is civil disobedience. That is not our problem.... Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is the numbers of people all over the world who have obeyed the dictates of the leaders of their government and have gone to war, and millions have been killed because of this obedience.”

Howard Zinn

The Function of Civil Disobedience within Social Movements

To Disrupt Business as Usual

To draw attention to an issue, to amplify the issue

To demonstrate the commitment of a particular struggle

To move the public to choose sides/polarization

To gauge the reaction from the system(s) of power that are being challenge by the issue your movement is focused on - pushback or compromise.

Affinity Groups



Preparing to get arrested

1. Training and Role Playing
2. Deciding if it is right for you
3. Family/partner/friend support and conversation
4. Making necessary arrangements - work, family, etc
5. Write up why you are choosing to do CD

Arrest Process

1. Know Your Rights <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-youre-stopped-police-immigration-agents-or-fbi>
2. Cooperation vs non-cooperation
3. dealing with cops
4. cuffing, placing in police cruiser, intake at jail, questioning, frisking, booking, 1 phone call, food, no privacy, social worker - encountering the Prison Industrial Complex

Arrest support - jail solidarity and legal support

1. raising bond money
2. bonding people out
3. Contacting people
4. greeting people when they get out
Food and drink
Feeding and caring for other people who are
or whose loved ones are caught up in the
PIC
5. bonding out as a media moment

Publicizing the Action

1. social media
2. newsletters
3. video
4. photos
5. memes
6. through e-mail

Court Date Actions

1. Keeping the issue public
2. The dance between attention to issue and self.
 - 2.a. Court support
3. Making our own media
4. Documenting commercial media and challenging their coverage

**Wrap
Up**

**Feed
back**

**Next
Steps**

