

Questions:

- 1.) How do you think you, your community, and imprisoned people will be impacted by the upcoming Trump regime?

I think I, my community, and imprisoned folks will be extremely affected by Trump's regime with a continued modern-day slavery policy. In sum, the prison industrial complex is a very deliberate and calculated product of the white power structure which Donald Trump represents to the fullest. Trump reifies the colonial relationship and power disparity between people of color, along with poor whites. Trump's regime will greatly affect me, along with the community at large as well as all presently incarcerated people. Our bodies represent the neo-commodification in a capitalist system with roots in the original commoditization of bodies of color, labor. Trump's regime serves a deliberate and specific purpose in sustaining white terror, power, and domination. In other words, the relationship between people of color, along with poor white folks in America and the holders of state power in the United States is similar to that which exists between the colonized and the colonial master.

- 2.) Given this political moment, what are methods of resistance to repression that could be made inside and out of prisons?

General Strategies and Tactics

One of the primary first steps for waging a winning campaign is clearly determining who supports what you are advancing (your friends), who opposes it (your opponents) and/or enemies), who is fundamentally indifferent, and who can possibly be moved to support your aims and objectives. With all of these forces you must then determine what are their strengths, what are their weaknesses, and what resources do they have at their disposal. Similarly, we must be equally clear about our strengths, weaknesses and resources.

* Direct Action

* Legislative

* Legal Advocacy

* Alliance/Coalition Building

* Media and Public Education

Mass Tactics

* Boycotts

* Non-Compliance Campaigns

- 3.) What can be done on local levels to build self-defence, serve the people, or develop alternative structures of care and governance?

Go study the Black Panther Party Movement history and tactics and use what you can. In addition, go and study other independence movements and use whatever you can. Team up with organizations like the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and use their playbook. There is no need to reinvent the wheel!

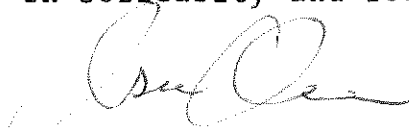
Each of our organizations needs to reach, incorporate, and consolidate more people to enhance our individual capacities and effectiveness to implement our own political and social programs and make broader and deeper contributions to the liberation of all oppressed peoples.

None of our political and social formations has the ability to successfully defend our people from the external and internal threats that we face on their own. This means that we have to rely on each other to expand our overall reach, capacity, and power. This calls for building solid alliances, coalitions, and/or fronts based on a shared agenda, strategy, and principles to meet the needs of the people.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

-James Baldwin

In Solidarity and Towards Justice,



Asar Imhotep Amen
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P.S. You have to rehumanize prisoners and get folks to care. If the SPCA can get folks to care about the treatment of animals then take some pages out of their playbook!!!