

## **BOOTS ON THE GROUND**



## **ANONYMOUS PROTEST TACTICS FOR POLITICAL ACTIVISTS**



# **INTRODUCTION**

Marching in a protest can be invigorating. You are venting your frustrations at a broken system and being ignored by the government. The only people really paying attention to you are the cops, the lackies of the state who would love nothing more than to suppress your rights and shut you up so they can go home and not deal with public outrage. Yet, they're on emergency call and many of them are getting overtime. There is adrenaline on both sides and it's a powder keg waiting to explode. Many Anons have been to protests, and many of us have organized them too. We've noticed a few things that need to be addressed that will help with activist safety, privacy and tactics.

Police are trained to deal with activists in various ways, and sometimes it all depends on how they're feeling or if they're getting orders from 'the top'. There are many variables to a protest, and those variables matter. We're not going to say "you're doing it wrong", but we are going to say that tactics need to be changed up a bit to deal with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology and law enforcement (LE) tactics.

The tactics they use against protesters are all written down in a manual, the cops study the manual, train on the tactics and then get put into the field to deploy those strategies. The police are not there to enforce your right to free speech or to redress grievances against your government. They're there to protect the state and corporate interests. It's all about crowd control. They're the rancher with the cattle prod, and you are the cattle. You make the wrong move you'll get beaten or even arrested.

While you're filming the police, the police are filming you, documenting you and putting you in a database. The state will catalog you. The state will monitor your communications. Your right to privacy, to unfair searches and seizures – gone. They will use every means necessary to do what they want to do when they want to do it. In this manual we will discuss tactics on how to counter LE, and also how

to use modern OpSec (Operational Security) to not only protect yourself but your fellow comrades that are protesting with you.

If shit goes south during a protest, it's pretty much medieval warfare with clubs and shields until they bring out LRAD and other high tech crowd control devices. You need to be prepared for anything. You might be the most peaceful person on earth, but the police do not see you that way. They're on one side, you're on the 'enemy' side. Make no mistake, they do not see you as an equal, you are their enemy. We're not saying you don't have to be nice to them, we're just saying if they get the order to crack skulls and you're in the way of their baton, you better know what to do instantly. They're trained and ready to deal with the situation, you should be too!

In this guide we're going to talk about digital hygiene, how to avoid getting d0x'd and facial recognition. We're going to talk about data containment too. We're also going to talk about how to counter police tactics, decentralized actions (swarm protests), creative action and the theater of resistance and so much more.

We want to give you the ideas and the tools to win against the oppression you're facing when protesting.

Ideas are bulletproof. People are not.

Your own safety should be your primary concern – and this is exactly what LE is trained to exploit. Be safe, but be vigilant. We hope this manual helps as many people as possible.



## **/CHAPTER 1 /– [//BOOTS ON THE GROUND: YOU VS. THE MACHINE//]**

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” – *Lord Acton*

Let's get something straight off the bat, the machine hates you but tolerates you because it needs you. It needs your labor. It needs your compliance. It needs you because you're what it controls. The machine is set up in a way that it makes you believe you're free but you're actually living in a prison of inequity and corruption designed to look like democracy. The machine also needs to keep people divided politically so it sows hate. They do not want unity. If people were unified, they would lose the control they have. Just look at the political atmosphere currently. The divisions have never been so deep before.

The illusion is part of the system. You vote, nothing changes. Things actually get worse. More laws, and more authoritarian rhetoric. You work and you struggle but if you speak out you're labeled as a threat and as a terrorist. The system isn't being dysfunctional, all this shit is by design. The system isn't broken because it's working exactly as it's intended. We see it as broken because the system barely benefits us, it just keeps us scraping by day after day.

The system props up the powerful and enriches their lives, it silences dissent and uses fear to keep everyone in line.

The system is powered by surveillance, fueled by propaganda, and programmed to extract everything it can from you while giving back just enough to keep you from full out revolution. So many people tune into reality TV because they can't deal with their own reality.

The most effective weapon the machine has ever built is division. It does not matter if you are left or right, red or blue, vaxxed or unvaxxed, Christian or atheist, urban or rural the machine wants you fighting your neighbor, not the people in power. Because if we ever truly found common ground across our artificial boundaries, the whole thing would collapse.

It promotes culture wars to distract from class war. It sows hate so we don't find unity. Every media channel, every algorithm, every talking head is finely tuned to push us further apart. Your rage is currency. Your exhaustion is a feature, not a bug.

Unity is their nightmare.

Your phone tracks you. Your camera watches you. Your data is sold to advertisers, cops, and corporations.

You are surveilled at work, at school, at the store, on the sidewalk, and in your own home.

This is documented reality. The surveillance state is already here, and it gets smarter every day. The algorithm knows everything about you.

To resist in the 21st century, we must accept a harsh truth: we are being watched, and that changes how we fight.

This is not your grandparent's protest movement. This is not signs and songs and asking nicely. This is not begging lawmakers to listen while they cash checks from the very industries we protest.

This is war by other means.

We are activists. When democracy is hollowed out and elections are bought, the street becomes the last battlefield where truth can still be spoken. That is why police show up in riot gear when we show up in hoodies and gas masks. That is why peaceful protests are kettled, corralled, and criminalized. The state fears resistance. It fears unpredictability. It fears organized rage.

So we must evolve. We must adapt.

To survive a protest in the modern era is to navigate a battlefield with unseen eyes watching your every move. The police are not simply peacekeepers they are armed extensions of state power, trained to disrupt and dismantle protest movements before they gain momentum.

They have facial recognition. They have drones. They have guns.  
They have sound cannons, tear gas, and crowd control weapons designed for war zones.

You, on the other hand, have your voice. Your body. Your network. Your will.

You must outthink them and you must organize smarter. You must know your rights and be ready to defend them. You must learn how to disappear in a crowd, how to communicate without phones, how to move without being boxed in.

The old tactics no longer work.  
This manual exists because we need new ones.

This is not just about protest it is about refusal. Refusal to be afraid. Refusal to be divided. Refusal to accept the world as it is when we know what it could be.

Your presence in the streets is not just resistance it is resilience. It is a spark. It is a signal to others that they are not alone. That the machine can be resisted. That there is still a heartbeat beneath the weight of oppression.

But we don't just show up anymore.  
We train. We prepare. We disrupt.

You are the virus in their code. You are the glitch in the matrix.  
You are boots on the ground in a new kind of war not with bullets, but with bodies, with courage, with encrypted messages and masked defiance.

This is not the beginning, this is a continuation of a struggle older than any flag, any party, or any system.

And this time, we do not fight fair.

No, you're not fucking crazy. The world is absolutely rigged against you and it's never been fair to anyone but the elite. This machine they've built thrives on division, on apathy, and it survives by convincing you that resistance is futile. It survives because it's killed empathy and compassion and created a zombie army of bigots and haters.

Yet, here you are reading this because either you've seen behind the curtain or you're a government agent doing their best to protect the system that you enforce.

Either way, welcome to the resistance.

Now we're going to talk about how to fight. Cops are trained on how to fight, that's how they can beat the shit out of you. We're here telling you not to go to a fight without some knowledge on how to defend yourselves.



## **/CHAPTER 2/– [//OPSEC IS LOVE//]**

“Privacy is power. People can’t destroy what they do not know.”

- *Anonymous*

If the surveillance state knows who you are they can dig deep into your life and really fuck with it. When they identify a slave that is out of line, they could make their lives a living hell. When an overzealous cop is mad that you won’t identify yourself, there is an absolute reason why that officer wants your information, information is power. The police love having power over every day citizens. When they pin that badge to their shirt and strap a gun to their hip, they become the protectors of the state and many are inclined to abuse that power. You need to know your rights and you need to enforce your rights when needed!

You do not have to show an ID unless you have been accused (by the cop or another individual) of committing a crime. If all you are doing is protesting peacefully and a police officer demands you identify yourself and show an ID, you have every right to refuse unless they give you a *Reasonable Articulate Suspicion* of said crime. If they don’t, they can fuck off (just make sure you and others are recording the event just in case the officer overreaches their duty).

When an overzealous cop demands to know your name and you hesitate, they get angry. You can feel it. Their voice rises. Their hand goes to the radio, or worse, their weapon.

That anger isn’t personal — it’s cultural. They are trained to believe that not complying is disrespect. That silence is hostility. That anonymity is a threat.

There is a reason that officer wants your identity:

**Information is power.**

Knowing who you are opens a door. It lets them run your name, build a file, and start peeling back the layers of your life. Social media. School records. Employer. Family. Political affiliations. Court history. Any weak point becomes leverage.



The badge is not a symbol of justice.  
It's a license to dominate.

And when you refuse to hand them the keys to your life, you're not just protecting yourself.

**You're protecting your comrades.**

**Reasonable Articulate Suspicion (RAS)** is legal standard that allows law enforcement to briefly detain and investigate a person for a potential crime if they have specific, objective, and factual reasons to believe that criminal activity has occurred. RAS does NOT give the police officer permission to fully search your person (they can do light pat downs), your belongings (backpack), or vehicle unless they have a warrant. The only way they can move into action and search is if you give them permission to do so. If they do give you RAS you will be required to give them your ID and identify yourself. This is when you plead the 5<sup>th</sup> and request legal counsel. Keep your mouth shut, identify yourself, get a lawyer.

*\*Note there are four states that have stop and identify laws – Arizona, Indiana, and Nevada. You may have to identify yourself in these states or the police could escalate it to arrest for obstructing an investigation.*



If they do not give RAS follow the following example:

Cop: Identify yourself, let's see some ID.

You: Am I suspected of committing a crime?

Cop: No but I have the right to ask you to produce identification.

You: If I'm not suspected of committing a crime am I free to go or am I being detained?

Cop: You are being detained, give me your ID.

You: I refuse to consent to any warrantless searches and seizures and am invoking my 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights, as you have not given reasonable articulate suspicion. Am I free to go?

Cop: No, you are being detained.

You: I refuse to consent to any warrantless searches and seizures and am invoking my 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights, as you have not given reasonable articulate suspicion. Am I free to go? *(repeat as much as needed and make sure you are being filmed)*.

Be aware of your country's laws – you may have to do some investigation on how to use your country's laws to protect your privacy.

If the surveillance state knows who you are, they can dig deep into your life and really fuck with it.

Not in theory but in practice.

If you're seen as a threat, they will tap your phone. Flag your name. Freeze your bank account. Show up at your job. Knock on your parents' door. They'll do it all without blinking, because the state is designed to defend itself, not you.

When they identify a slave that is out of line, they move fast. And they don't just want to stop you they want to make an example out of you. They want to break

your spirit. Intimidate your friends. Burn your name into every government watchlist and feed it into every corporate database.

They want to make your life unlivable until you either fall in line or fall apart.

This is why operational security [OpSec] isn't just strategy.

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS. USE YOUR RIGHTS.**

The first rule of staying safe in a surveillance society is know your rights.

The second rule is enforce them.

You are not obligated to:

- Explain why you are filming.
- Unlock your phone.
- Give your name unless you're suspected of a crime (check your local laws).
- Consent to a search without a warrant.

But here's the truth: knowing your rights won't always save you.

Police violate rights all the time. That's why exercising them must become a collective action and not just a personal action.

When one person stands up to an officer, they're seen as a problem.

When ten people do it together, it becomes a powerful message.

Some people will say you're being paranoid. That you're overreacting. That "if you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to hide."

### **Bullshit.**

You have everything to protect.

You protect your identity because you don't want your house raided.

You mask your face because you don't want your boss getting a phone call from the FBI.

You encrypt your messages because you don't want your friend's student visa revoked.

You wipe your phone because you don't want a protest medic dragged into court.  
You stay silent not because you're scared but because you care.

This is what love looks like under surveillance.  
Quiet. Masked. Untraceable. Intentional.

This is not about hiding.  
It's about shielding those around you from a machine that feeds on connection.

And when the state makes connection dangerous, security becomes an act of solidarity.

### **Your DATA is your ENEMY**

Once they've got your **face**, your **voice**, your **device**, or your **name**, they can:

- Scrape your socials
- Track your movements
- Map your network
- Flag you on watchlists
- Leak your identity
- Blacklist your job prospects
- Freeze your accounts
- Preemptively arrest you based on "threat assessment" software

### **The Most Dangerous Weapon at a Protest Is Your Cell Phone**

Your phone is a tracking device that makes calls.

It is the number one snitch in your pocket.

### **Here's what happens if you bring your personal phone to a protest:**

- Your IMEI number is logged by local cell towers.
- If cops deploy a Stingray or dirtbox (spoofed cell tower), it connects to your phone and logs:
  - Your phone number
  - Your location
  - Your texts and metadata

- What apps you're using
- Photos you take automatically embed GPS and time metadata unless you scrub it.
- Even if you turn your phone off, some models continue pinging cell towers.

**“Airplane Mode” is not protection.**

**Turning off location services is not protection.**

**If it's your personal phone, you're already compromised.**

What To Use Instead:

### **Low-Tech and High-Security Options for the Field**

*Use a burner phone:*

- Buy it with cash, no ID.
- Do not link to your real email, bank, or identity.
- Use it only for protest-related comms.
- Install Wire, Signal or Briar (mesh-capable). Delete post-action.
- Leave it at home when not needed. Do not carry daily.

*Use GoTenna or Beartooth:*

- Off-grid encrypted communication via Bluetooth/mesh.
- No cell service needed.
- Great for coordination when networks go down (or are jammed).

*Use Faraday Bags:*

- Blocks all signals.
- Use to store your device during actions to prevent tracking or remote access.
- Tape your phone into one before you leave for the action. Don't take it out.

*For digital prep:*

- Use Tails OS or Qubes OS (live, secure operating systems).
- Communicate over **Tor** or **VPNs with no logs**.
- Use Linux-based burners for pre-action digital planning.

## **Obfuscation 101: Hiding in Plain Sight**

To protest effectively in the age of facial recognition and predictive policing, you have to become a ghost.

### **What to Wear:**

- Mask up. Cloth masks, balaclavas, bandanas, respirators — whatever covers the face and mouth.
- Mirror sunglasses block iris scans.
- Uniform black bloc (head to toe black) prevents identification.
- No logos, no unique features. Tattoos covered. Jewelry off.
- Gloves to prevent fingerprints and DNA traces.
- Bring a spare shirt/jacket to change appearance when dispersing.
- Hide your hair. Hair is identifiable in drone footage.

The more uniform your crew looks, the harder it is to ID anyone.

### **When *Not* To Use a Phone:**

- During the protest. Especially if it's your personal phone. If it's on your body and unlocked, assume it's compromised.
- While engaging in direct action. Painting, blocking, etc.? Do not film. You will capture your own face or voice.
- Near others doing high-risk actions. Never document your comrades' crimes. That's not solidarity. That's evidence.
- When fleeing or dispersing. Leave the phone. Ditch it. Toss the SIM.
- When regrouping after the action. Don't text about what went down. Ever. Debrief in person, away from devices.

## **Understanding Stingray**

A **Stingray** is a fake cell tower used by police to intercept phone signals in real time. It can:

- Force phones to connect through it instead of real towers
- Track your precise location

- Intercept texts, calls, metadata
- Identify every phone within a certain radius of the device

They do not need a warrant in many jurisdictions.

You will not know it's happening.

Stingrays are often deployed:

- During major protests
- At marches involving BLM, Antifa, Anonymous, environmentalists
- In urban areas with heavy activist presence

This is why OpSec means not just protecting yourself — but not endangering others by proximity.

Pro Tips from the Field:

- Assign a “security lead” in every affinity group. Their job is to enforce OpSec discipline.
- Have a “no phone” zone in your planning meetings.
- Use chalk, not spray paint, if you're just trying to spread a message — chalk washes off and lowers the charge.
- Rotate protest clothes and never wear them to or from the action site.
- Change your walk. Gait analysis is real. Walk differently during protest actions.
- Don't livestream direct actions. Ever. You're broadcasting IDs and intel. If you want someone to log the protest with video have a designated person that can stream, but do not have them directly in your group or even associating with you at the protest.

## **Security Is Solidarity**

You're not just doing this for yourself, you're doing it for everyone standing next to you!

OpSec is what prevents medics from getting charged.

It's what keeps organizers off FBI databases.

It's what allows whistleblowers to keep blowing whistles.

**Being anonymous doesn't mean being cowardly.**

It means being untraceable.

It means being untouchable.

It means being dangerous to a system that feeds on fear and surveillance.

Mask up, lock down your gear, ditch the damn phone.





### **/CHAPTER 3/– [//KETTLE THE COPS:TACTICS IN PROTESTING//]**

“Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.” – *Sun Tzu*

Cops get mad pretty fucking quick. All it takes is one white shirt to give a command to his subordinates and you're getting pushed back and locked into a kettle and they're going to arrest you all for some stupid shit. They could give a fuck about your 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights to free speech, they have their orders, lawful or not and they're going to follow those orders. They're not worried, they have lawyers, they have the backing of their police union. They have the backing of the president too. You need to know how to defend yourself, so do your comrades. You have overwhelming numbers, but the police have tools and methods of crowd control that have been around for centuries. And now those methods are backed by technology too.

They'll use crowd dispersal tools like teargas, rubber bullets, and LRAD. You have a gas mask, baggy clothing with padding and ear plugs. You could have the tactical advantage, but you don't because people are scared and disorganized. That's where the police always win. They're organized and they also know how to predict what the crowd is going to do. They use inside agitators and plants to control the temperature of the crowd. It's easy to manipulate people through groupthink. Followers follow instead of thinking for themselves. They can plant 5-10 undercover officers in the protest and start actions and twist emotions.

#### **What Is Kettling?**

Kettling is a police crowd control tactic where officers encircle a group of protesters from all sides — often with riot cops, horses, bikes, or barriers — and trap them in a tight, confined area.

Once you're inside the kettle:

- You can't leave, even if you're not breaking the law.
- You're detained often without arrest sometimes for hours.
- You may be photographed, identified, and searched.
- Sometimes they mass arrest everyone, including medics, journalists, and legal observers.
- Other times they suffocate the group, letting exhaustion and fear set in.

Kettling is **not about safety**.

Kettling is **not about dispersal**.

Kettling is about **control, identification, and punishment**.

It is psychological warfare.

It is the state saying:

**We own your movement, your body, your time.**

Why Cops Use Kettling

Because it works when people are unprepared.

Kettling is designed to:

- **Crush morale.**
- **Break formations.**
- **Identify organizers.**
- **Provoke violence for media optics.**
- **Drain protest energy without mass beatings.**

It also helps them **gather mass data**:

- Faces
- Names
- Phone numbers
- Social media links
- Movement patterns

This data is logged, cross-referenced, and sometimes used for future prosecutions or infiltration.

## How to Dismantle the Kettle

### **Old School Tactics that Still Work**

#### *1. The Snake March*

- Stay in constant, coordinated movement.
- Avoid congregating in one place too long.
- Turn down side streets, alleys, parking lots — don't stick to a parade route.
- If police try to box in, change direction before they close the circle.

Movement = freedom. Stationary = trap.

#### *2. The Buddy System*

- Move in affinity groups (3–8 people max).
- Assign roles: scout, medic, comms, de-arrester.
- Know who's in your crew and never split without regroup plan.

#### *3. Scout Runners*

- Have designated runners or bikers at intersections.
- Their job is to look ahead and behind if police are flanking, they alert the group.
- Use hand signals or walkie-talkies (not phones).

## Modern Tactics for 2025: Outrun the Algorithm

#### *1. Swarm & Scatter*

- Break protest into cells or pods.
- Coordinate arrival at multiple locations simultaneously, with fallback meetups.
- If a kettle forms, scatter and reform elsewhere.
- The state cannot kettle what it cannot predict.

## *2. Flash Actions*

- Arrive quickly.
- Take the street.
- Make your message.
- Disappear before riot cops arrive.

Time your action shorter than police response time. **Mobility > Numbers.**

## *3. Kettle-Breaking Cells*

- Have “**swoop crews**” that approach from outside the kettle zone.
- While police are focused inward, the swoop crew:
  - Creates distraction (flares, chants, banners).
  - Pushes an escape route open.
  - Creates safe corridors with bikes or bodies.

## Other Smart Moves

- Map the protest route in advance. Know your exits, alleys, back doors, parking garages.
- Bring bikes. Bike blocs can act as barriers or rapid response scouts.
- Don't follow the crowd blindly. That's how mass kettles happen.
- Don't rely on event organizers for your safety. Have your own group, your own exit plan.

## Mental Game: Stay Calm

Kettling is designed to make you panic.

- When panic hits, groups scatter, leaving people isolated and easier to arrest.
- When people stay calm, hold formation, and communicate clearly, cops struggle to escalate.

## Your calm is their chaos.

If you get caught in a kettle:

- Stay masked. Say nothing.
  - Link arms. Form a circle.
  - Start chanting. Loudly. Reclaim the narrative.
  - Wait for your outside crew to create an exit.
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## Turn the Kettle Against Them

What if we flip the script?

- What if we baited the kettle then broke it publicly?
- What if we documented cops boxing in peaceful people and then outmaneuvered them live on video?
- What if we created disruption cells whose sole job is to draw police forces away from the main action?

You don't always have to fight the police head-on.

Sometimes you just need to make them **look stupid**.

Let them chase shadows while the real work happens elsewhere.

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## Final Thought: They Control the Street, Until You Take It

Kettling only works when you:

- **Stand still too long**
- **Fail to communicate**
- **Don't know the terrain**
- **Don't expect it**

But now you do.

You are not just resisting their trap you are setting your own.  
You are not just fighting for the streets you are fighting for **freedom of movement** itself.

And when you move smart, move fast, and move together  
the kettle cracks.

## **KETTLE DEFENSE CHEAT SHEET**

### What Is Kettling?

- Police surround and trap protestors in a tight area.
- Used to detain, intimidate, identify, and often arrest en masse.
- Not about safety it's about control.

### Why Cops Use It

- Break protest formations and morale.
- Create chaos and data collection opportunities.
- Gather ID, photos, phone info, and movement data.
- Provoke fear or violence for media narrative.

### Tactics to Avoid Being Kettled

- Keep moving use 'Snake March' style.
- Form small pods (affinity groups) with designated roles.
- Scout intersections and alleys before and during the action.
- Use bikes as mobile shields and scouts.
- Know your exits. Have a map. Pre-plan rally points.

### Tactics to Break the Kettle

- **Swoop Crews:** External teams create exits or distractions.
- Push lines with flags, banners, or coordinated pressure.
- **Flash Dispersal:** Scatter and regroup elsewhere.
- Use noise (sirens, fireworks) to disorient police timing.
- Document kettles in real-time for public pressure and lawsuits.

## What to Do If You're Trapped

- Stay calm. Panic helps the cops.
- Link arms. Form a circle. Stay tight.
- Don't talk to police. Stay masked.
- Chant and make noise. Control the narrative.
- Wait for outside crew. Coordinate escape.

## Final Tips

- Never follow the crowd blindly that's how kettles happen.
- Avoid dead ends. Know terrain.
- Don't rely on event leaders for safety have your own plan.
- Your calm is their chaos.

## ANTI-KETTLING BONUS TACTICS

### Echo Cells

*"They can kettle one, but not all."*

- Break the march into autonomous micro-crews that move independently but in sync.
- Each crew has its own target or protest point.
- They never congregate in a single space long enough to be surrounded.
- If one is kettled, others create noise, disruption, or use reinforcements nearby.
- Use signal-based triggers (whistles, strobes, encrypted pings) for relocation.

Think of it as distributed protesting a denial-of-service attack on their crowd control grid.

### Rolling Bike Perimeters

*"Wheels outrun walls."*

- Use bike blocs to form rotating mobile shields around marchers.

- Bikes block intersections and prevent police flanking.
- When kettling starts, bikes **push through weak points** in the perimeter to create **breakout corridors**.
- Riders have pre-designated **“exit bursts”** routes that scatter the crowd in safe directions.

Bonus: foldable bikes can be carried, and some riders act as decoys.

## Swarm and Swap

*"Now you see us, now you don't."*

- Protesters swap gear (jackets, masks, banners) mid-action to confuse drone and facial recognition tracking.
- Can be done in public restrooms, alleyways, or transit stations.
- Use decoy teams to draw kettling attention, while primary groups disperse and regroup elsewhere.

Cops prep for one crowd. You become another before they surround.

## Popcorn Dispersal

*"No core, no trap."*

- Protest has no central node.
- Instead of marching as one crowd, people pop up in clusters, then vanish.
- Each cluster has a limited-time action (10–15 minutes max).
- Once time's up or cops engage, the group melts away like popcorn unpredictable, fast, and impossible to trap.

Combine with laser projectors, banner drops, or high-visibility props for max impact in short bursts.

## Noise Bomb Distractions

*"Control their attention to control your exit."*

- Use loud, sudden distractions (flashers, firecrackers, sirens, blaring sirens on Bluetooth speakers).
- Time them with pre-planned sprints through weak points in the police line.



- Disrupts radio comms, startles cops, and throws formations into disarray.

Important: make sure this doesn't endanger others. Use with coordination.

## **Digital Map Squads**

*"Eyes on the exits in real-time."*

- Assign a remote team to monitor the protest on live maps (police scanner + Google Maps + drone feeds).
- They use Telegram/Briar/Signal to ping escape routes, send alerts, and share kettle locations.
- Works best when paired with walkie-talkies or mesh devices for on-ground comms.

The state is watching you digitally. Watch them back.

## **The Reverse Kettle**

*"Trap the trap."*

- Protesters surround the police formation before they can form their kettle.
- Use circular protest formations to keep cops in the center, forcing them to be defensive.
- Have disruption teams on the edges to trigger small controlled dispersals.
- Cops get confused about who's inside the protest perimeter and lose formation discipline.

You kettle *them* before they kettle you. (be aware this can be dangerous and provoke a violent response from cops. Perhaps kettle them and disperse just as a show of force.)

## **Invisibility Corridors**

*"Disappear like smoke."*

- Identify buildings, parking garages, construction sites, or underground walkways pre-protest.
- When a kettle starts to form, designated runners lead groups into these exit corridors.

- Store extra clothes there for rapid disguise and identity swap.

Tactical ghosting vanish, reappear, strike again.

Use Their Overreach Against Them

The beauty of anti-kettling tactics is this:

The more force the state uses, the more obvious their repression becomes.

Use that against them.

Film when safe. Livestream when it's someone else being detained.

Use public optics to make kettling a PR disaster.

Then regroup and keep moving.

These are just a few examples of brainstorming various ways to combat the police trying to stifle your freedom of speech and expression. Think out of the box.

Analyze police tactics. Be unpredictable.



## **/CHAPTER 4/– [//ENCRYPTED—MASKED—AND--UNAPOLOGETIC//]**

“Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth.” -*Oscar Wilde*

We can't talk about organizing and protesting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century without talking about surveillance, doxing, infiltration, state intimidation and also digital manipulation. The battlefield has changed, and those boots on the ground marching for freedom now move to algorithms, facial recognition, data trails and coordinated disinformation campaigns.

This chapter is about radical self-defense, not just from the chemical warfare of tear gas or the riot shields and batons, but from the invisible threats that follow your clicks, your voice, and your face.

The system tracks everything. From your messages, to your contacts, your movements, your associations, and it even tries to predict your thoughts. They build profiles from data, then they cross reference your posts with your location history. They use predictive policing goals, fusion centers, and AI powered surveillance to anticipate disruption before it happens. This is not science fiction; this is the world you now live in.

If you are an activist and you are either organizing or being an ally and you're unprotected you are risking not just yourself you are risking your comrades too. Every name, every message, every photo you send is a possible vector of harm unless you encrypt it.

You also need to be aware of snitches or even embedded agents monitoring your activist group. If you get too big, or you make a name for yourself, you will be infiltrated. We have a lot of experience with that. That's why we're not as public with sharing information as we used to be. We got smacked, people got arrested and we learned a valuable lesson. We changed our tactics.

## Protecting Your Communication

- Use Signal or Session for one-on-one or group chats
- Use ProtonMail or Tutanota for email coordination
- Never use Facebook Messenger, Instagram DMs, or unencrypted SMS
- Disable backups on Signal — cloud backups are unencrypted
- Use pseudonyms when organizing public events
- Host documents on encrypted platforms like CryptPad or Skiff
- Install SimpleX, Briar, or Element for high-threat environments
- Use Tor or VPNs to mask your IP address when researching or publishing

**Encrypt everything by default. Not because you're hiding something. But because you're building something they fear.**

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## Why Masking Matters

There are eyes in every direction:

- Facial recognition on protest photos
- License plate readers at intersections
- Cell tower spoofers like Stingrays tracking device IDs
- Private surveillance from far-right groups
- Journalists embedding livestreams
- Bots scraping your image for facial index databases

You have the right to mask up.

You have the right to not be identified.

You are not a criminal for protecting your identity. You are an organizer trying to survive the modern panopticon.

## How to Mask Properly

- Use non-distinctive masks: plain N95, black gaiters, bandanas, no logos
- Cover entire facial structure: nose, mouth, chin, and part of the cheeks
- Avoid eye contact with cameras. Consider sunglasses or tinted goggles
- Wear neutral, layered clothing you can discard or change out of
- Cover tattoos, dyed hair, unique shoes, or anything uniquely identifying

- Bring gloves if you handle banners, flares, or public surfaces
- Use burner phones with no linked IDs or data if you're on-site
- Avoid posting selfies or photos of comrades without masks — even after the event

Masking is not shameful.

It's not "being dramatic."

It's the natural evolution of resistance in a hyper-surveilled world.

### **Why You Must Be Unapologetic**

They will try to guilt you.

They will call you radical, extremist, un-American.

They will tell you to be polite, to wait your turn, to trust the process.

They will weaponize morality, civility, even law itself — to shame you into obedience.

Let them.

You must be **unapologetic** in your resistance.

Not unthinking. Not reckless. But unshakeable in your purpose.

### **Because:**

- You are not the one poisoning water systems
- You are not the one building detention camps
- You are not the one bombing schools
- You are not the one erasing history
- You are not the one burning forests for profit
- You are not the one rewriting laws to favor billionaires and jail the poor

You are not the danger.

You are the answer to danger.

**They should be apologizing to you for how they've fucked society over.**

## **What It Looks Like to Be All Three**

Imagine this:

- An organizer sends an encrypted message over Signal to trusted comrades
- They meet at a private spot, no phones, masked up, dressed indistinctly
- They scout the protest location. They place a banner. They livestream behind a filter. They say what needs to be said — without fear of facial capture or being targeted at home.
- They fade into the crowd. The message spreads. The media covers it. And the system can't trace it back.

That's encrypted.

That's masked.

That's unapologetic.

That's modern resistance.

## **Strategies to Strengthen Digital & Physical OpSec**

### **Personal Device Security**

- Use GrapheneOS or CalyxOS if possible (de-Googled Android systems)
- Turn off biometric unlock (fingerprints and facial ID can be forced)
- Use strong passphrases and password managers (Bitwarden, KeePassXC)
- Enable 2FA with physical keys (YubiKey) or authenticator apps — not SMS
- Use Faraday pouches when you want to go fully off-grid

### **Data Hygiene**

- Never store sensitive info in your phone's Notes app or email drafts
- Regularly wipe devices used in field actions
- Use encrypted USBs (like IronKey) for transport
- Download and use offline maps instead of location apps

### **Social Media Discipline**

- Assume your public posts are being logged and scraped

- Never share internal discussions, plans, or tactics publicly
- Avoid tagging comrades or using identifiable hashtags for radical work
- Create **burner accounts** when necessary and keep them separate

## Physical Security

- Always move in groups; never walk to/from actions alone
- Scan the crowd for live streamers and recorders
- Avoid talking near live streamers even if you're masked
- Change clothing and routes after protests

## Community Agreements for Encrypted Movements

If you're organizing digitally or coordinating with high-risk groups, create a shared **OpSec pledge**:

1. I will encrypt sensitive communication by default
2. I will not take or share unmasked photos without explicit consent
3. I will not ask for unnecessary legal names or IDs
4. I will use secure apps, passwords, and anonymous browsing tools
5. I will not shame others for protecting their privacy
6. I will respect all efforts to mask identity — physical or digital
7. I will stay silent if arrested unless advised by a lawyer
8. I will prioritize the safety of others as I do my own

Make this standard. Make it culture.

## Privacy Is Power

The state wants to control you through visibility.

The more they know about you, the easier you are to manage.

Every time you deny them that access, you reclaim your power.

You reassert your humanity.

You become more dangerous to systems of control — not because you are violent, but because you are unreachable.

Encryption is not a luxury.

Masking is not a phase.

Being unapologetic is not a posture.

They are your shield, your cloak, and your spine.

Encrypt. Mask up. Stand tall.

**The revolution has always worn a mask.**

**The truth has always moved in the shadows.**

**You are not here to be polite. You are here to be free.**





**/CHAPTER 5/– [//FLASH—SWARM--DISPERSE//]  
//THE ART OF MOBILIZING AND NOT GETTING CAUGHT//**

“There are many times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” - *Elie Wiesel*

We have noticed that there need to be more tactics involved in 21<sup>st</sup> century protests. Chanting “whose streets? Our streets!” may make people feel nice and fuzzy inside but the truth is even though you’ve paid taxes on those streets, they’re not yours. You literally are marching and being flanked by armed gunmen who are watching your every move. Those armed gunmen are the protectors of the state, the protectors of corporate interests. They have been desensitized to your plight; they could give a shit about your cause. The ones that do give a shit, they’ll never speak out. They’ll crack your skull if they’re told to do so without a second thought. The police are not your friends.

Using tactics like flash swarm and disperse is used by activists and protesters to mobilize quickly, perform a quick action and scatter before law enforcement can effectively respond. This is an evolution of earlier tactics like flash mobs, and was adapted for political activism rather than just public performance. The tactic was notably and effectively used by protesters in Hong Kong during the 2019-2020 demonstrations, where activists adopted the philosophy coined by Bruce Lee, “Be Like Water.”

Be like water. You are all one wave, one body. You have no leader – your movement has no identifiable leader or organizational structure. This makes it difficult for authorities to disable the group by targeting a single figure or command center. If you look at Anonymous as a whole, we have zero defined leadership, and while people were arrested many of us still continued on with our cause.

The activists in Hong Kong used technology driven coordination, activists used peer to peer mesh broadcasts and encrypted messaging apps (Like Telegram) and various other digital tools to coordinate meet-up times and locations in real time.

Think about rapid mobilization as a “flash swarm”. It involves gathering a large number of people at a location on very short notice, catching authorities off guard. These flash swarms are not broadcast over social media, they’re pushed by various activist cells who are maintaining very low profiles. The action is quick and immediate.

Once the flash swarm is activated, think about a quick dispersal. The “disperse” part of the tactic is critical. After the action is completed, the crowd scatters in many directions, making it almost impossible for police to kettle, trap, contain or arrest a significant number of people.

Be fluid. Being like water, protesters can seamlessly transition from a flash mob to blocking traffic or engaging in other forms of direct action, and then meld back into the urban environment quickly. You should have a backpack and a change of clothes with you, but we’ll get into what to bring with you to a protest later on in this book.

Why Flash, Swarm, Disperse?

Flash-Swarm-Disperse is a modern protest tactic born from necessity. It's fast. It's disruptive. It's untraceable.

It's about doing the action before the state can react.

Think of it like guerrilla warfare meets civil resistance.

You show up, hit hard, disappear. Leave a message, not a body count.

This tactic originated in part from flash mobs, but was sharpened by activists in Hong Kong, Belarus, and Iran

Be Like Water: No Form, No Face, No Center

Flash swarms work because they are:

- Leaderless: No one to arrest.
- Flexible: Every participant can make decisions.
- Distributed: No central planning = no weak link.
- Ephemeral: You're there — then gone.

This is direct action designed for the era of drones, surveillance, and facial recognition.

## How to Flash, Swarm, and Disperse

### 1. Decentralized Planning

- Create private groups on encrypted platforms (Signal, Briar, Session).
- Avoid Telegram unless it's secret channels with disappearing messages.
- Never use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or TikTok to organize.
- Assign action teams (pods) that do not need constant direction.
- Use QR codes, burner email links, or offline drop messages to distribute plans securely.

### 2. Silent Mobilization

- Have a set rally time but no public promotion.
- Choose non-obvious locations: business districts, intersections, or symbolic buildings — not public squares already crawling with police.
- Mobilize with codewords or emoji combos to activate the swarm.
- Participants must know:
  - Rally point
  - Start time
  - Action goal
  - Exit routes

### 3. Execute the Flash Action

Once activated:

- Show up fast and loud.
- Deliver the message — signs, banners, speeches, digital projectors, noise devices.
- Block traffic, chain off buildings, disrupt flow, cause *legal* economic inconvenience.
- If the action is symbolic, record it. Livestream only from outside the action area, never at the core.
- Do not engage police.
- Do not linger.

You have 10–15 minutes max before law enforcement gets organized.

#### 4. Immediate Dispersal

After the hit:

- Scatter immediately in all directions.
- Change appearance on the move (shirt/jacket/hat).
- Use back alleys, parking lots, public transit to disappear.
- Use pre-arranged regroup points or go dark.
- Assume police drones are overhead — keep your head down and mask on.

If multiple swarms operate in different locations, they pull police in different directions and dilute the response.

#### Flash Swarm Targets (Examples)

- Government buildings
- Bank branches
- Lobbyists' offices
- Corporate HQs
- Empty luxury developments (symbol of inequality)
- Immigration centers or ICE facilities
- Polluting factories
- Construction sites destroying sacred land

Hit them where it hurts: their image, their money, or their legitimacy.

#### Smart Swarm Variants

##### Infiltration Swarm

Protesters blend in with crowd or setting, then suddenly pull banners, block doors, or lock down an entry point. After disruption, they vanish into the public again.

## Noise Swarm

Use portable sound gear (Bluetooth sirens, megaphones) to create chaos and attention in an area for 5–10 minutes, then fade out.

## Decoy Swarm

One swarm forms to draw in cops, while the real swarm hits somewhere else. This tactic diverts law enforcement attention and gives the second group more time.

## Projection Swarm

Carry a battery-powered projector. Flash your message (e.g., “FREE THE FILES,” “YOU ARE BEING WATCHED”) on a government or corporate building, then vanish.

## Essential Flash Gear (Carry Light, Stay Mobile)

- Mask, shades, gloves
- Change of shirt/jacket/hat
- Burner phone or mesh comm device (GoTenna)
- Bandana soaked in vinegar (for tear gas)
- Bail fund phone number written on your arm
- Paper map with safe zones and routes
- Cash, not cards
- Water, ID only if legally required

## What Not To Do

- Don't livestream your own group — you're giving law enforcement a free drone feed.
- Don't bring your personal phone.
- Don't post pre-action info on public platforms.
- Don't assume you're anonymous just because you're masked — you need full discipline.

## What Makes a Flash Swarm Succeed?

- Speed: Get in and out before the state responds.
- Coordination: Everyone knows their role and fallback.
- Discipline: No freelancing, no egos, no glory seekers.
- Anonymity: No faces, no names, no social media tagging.
- Impact: The message must hit even after you're gone.

## Action Without Arrest

Flash-Swarm-Disperse is not about clashing with cops.

It's about evading them entirely.

It's about striking while the state blinks.

The new frontline is fluid, decentralized, masked, encrypted, and absolutely fearless.

## FLASH SWARM BRIEF & CHECKLIST

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### GROUP ROLES BREAKDOWN

#### **Signal Lead:**

Manages encrypted comms between pods. Activates the swarm and signals disperse time.

#### **Scout:**

Monitors intersections and watches for police presence or unusual movement.

#### **Action Lead:**

Coordinates the actual protest action (e.g., banner drop, noise demo).

#### **Lookout:**

Keeps eyes on police, private security, drones, or suspicious bystanders.

#### **Medic:**

Carries basic first aid and helps anyone injured or gassed.

**Documentation:**

Captures the action from a safe distance with no identifying info. NEVER films from inside the action.

**Decoy Team (optional):**

Draws attention away from the main swarm if needed, or triggers false dispersal routes.

**FLASH SWARM CHECKLIST**

- ☒ Encrypted comms set (Signal, Briar, GoTenna, etc.)
- ☒ Burners only — no personal phones
- ☒ Action plan delivered via secure channels (no public social media)
- ☒ Exit routes mapped and memorized
- ☒ Meeting point and backup regroup spot confirmed
- ☒ Clothes change packed (shirt, hat, mask)
- ☒ Water, bandana (for tear gas), gloves
- ☒ Cash only — no cards, no trackable payment methods
- ☒ Legal hotline or bail number written on your arm
- ☒ Disperse signal and fallback route timed in advance

## FLASH SWARM ACTION BRIEF

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Disperse Signal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signal Lead Contact (burner): \_\_\_\_\_

Exit Routes: \_\_\_\_\_

Regroup Location: \_\_\_\_\_





## **/CHAPTER 6/– [//TEAR—GAS--&--STEEL--TOES//] //MEDICS AND STREET CARE//**

“Protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it.” – *Howard Zinn*

One minute you’re marching singing kumbaya and the next minute you’re on the ground gasping to breath as a ‘roided up cop jabs you in the stomach with is baton. Then comes the volley of tear gas to disperse the crowd. You’re coughing, you can’t see or breath. Your lungs are on fire, your skin burns, your eyes swell shut with tears streaming from them. The crowd panics, people trample over you to get away from the aggression of the state reasserting its control and dominance. You feel helpless. You can’t call out for help, let alone breathe.

You hear someone screaming “Medic!” And someone runs up to you, “I’m a medic, stay calm, let’s get you to a better location.” The person moves you out of the fray, and starts washing your eyes out with saline solution and water. They ask if you are injured anywhere, and you tell them that you just feel sore and bruised but you’re ok.

Street medics are volunteers who have at least some medical training, they go to protests or areas of civil unrest to help people who are injured. Street medics treat injuries from tear gas and also injuries a person sustains from being attacked.

The modern street medic movement originated during the Civil Rights era in the USA, and gained renewed prominence during later protests such as the 1999 anti-globalization protests and also during 2020 Black Lives Matter protests. What ever protesting activity you are engaged in, you need a medic on your team. You need a medic on your team like you need air in your lungs.

Because once the tear gas hits, once the batons come down, once the rubber bullets start flying — it’s the medics who run *toward* the danger while everyone else runs away.

They aren't there for clout.

They aren't there for photos.

They're there to keep people alive, keep people moving, and keep people *fighting*.

## What Street Medics Actually Do

Street medics are the front line of mutual aid during protest actions. Their job is to:

- **Treat tear gas exposure** (skin, lungs, eyes)
- **Stabilize injuries** from baton strikes, rubber bullets, and trampling
- **Handle minor trauma** like sprains, cuts, and heat exhaustion
- **Prevent escalation** (calm panicked individuals, reduce crowd distress)
- **Keep people mobile** so they don't get kettled or arrested while vulnerable
- **Provide psychological first aid** when shit gets overwhelming

They are not there to replace EMS. They are there to fill the gap **when EMS won't cross the police line** — or when the state wants you to bleed out where you stand.

## Street Medic Mindset

Being a street medic is about:

- Staying calm when others panic
- Being ready when others freeze
- Knowing when to intervene — and when to retreat
- Putting people first, no matter what

**You are the anchor in the storm.** You don't get to panic. You don't get to rage. You get to fix, stabilize, and move.

## **Gear List: What Every Street Medic Carries**

Build a protest-ready medic kit that's compact, concealable, and capable.

### **Medic Bag Essentials:**

- Saline solution (eye rinse)
- Water (for rinsing chemicals)
- Spray bottle with water + baking soda (for tear gas skin exposure)
- Gauze, bandages, tape
- Nitrile gloves (latex-free)
- Trauma shears
- CPR mask
- Instant cold packs
- Electrolyte packets
- Ace wraps (sprains)
- Masks & goggles (for you + victims)
- Sharpie (write legal numbers or symptoms on skin)
- Emergency blanket
- Energy bars
- Inhaler (if available)
- Extra masks for others
- **NO** milk or Maalox these can **worsen** chemical burns depending on the agent

## Tear Gas 101: What You Need to Know

- Tear gas is not gas.  
It's a powder that becomes an aerosol when fired.  
It clings to clothing, skin, and hair — and reactivates with water and sweat.
- Police use it to terrorize, scatter, and punish.  
Your job is to make sure it doesn't break people.

### What to Do If Exposed:

1. **Don't panic.** Breathe slowly if possible.
2. **Do not touch your face.** It spreads the chemicals.
3. **Get to fresh air immediately.**
4. **Remove contaminated clothing.**
5. **Rinse eyes** with sterile saline or water from the **inner corner outward**.
6. **Blow your nose, spit don't swallow** (*insert crude joke here*).
7. **Clean skin** with a mix of **cold water + baking soda or castile soap**.
8. **Don't rub.** It makes it worse.

### What *Not* to Do:

- Don't use oils or lotions before action they trap chemicals.
- Don't flush with milk or Maalox — not recommended and can trap chemicals.
- Don't go to medics with contaminated clothing remove outer layers first.
- Don't panic and run blindly you may get trampled or shot.

## Steel Toes: Staying Safe as a Medic

If you're a medic, your job is to:

- **Blend in but be findable** (Red Cross tape or patch if safe)
- **Stay mobile**
- **Never engage the cops**
- **Always move in pairs**
- **Have your own escape plan**

You're a threat to the state because you're a shield. They want the crowd to break, you keep it standing.

## **Train Your Team: Protest First Aid Everyone Should Know**

Even if you're not a designated medic, you should know how to:

- Wash tear gas from someone's eyes
- Recognize signs of a concussion, shock, or panic attack
- Wrap a sprained ankle
- Stop minor bleeding
- Identify someone who needs to be evacuated

Every protester is part of a safety net. Medics are the weave, but you are the threads.

### **Protest Medic Cheat Sheet**

#### **Immediate Priorities**

1. Stay calm and focused.
2. Wear gloves. Always protect yourself first.
3. Triage fast. Who is most at risk? Prioritize breathing, bleeding, consciousness.
4. Remove from danger. Drag if you must. Get out of the gas zone.
5. Communicate. "I'm a medic. I'm here to help. You're safe."

#### **Tear Gas Response**

- Get to fresh air immediately.
- Do not rub your eyes or skin.
- Rinse eyes with saline or clean water — inner corner to outer.
- Remove contaminated clothes (outer layers hold powder).
- Clean skin with cold water + baking soda or castile soap.
- Spit and blow nose, don't swallow anything.

● **Do NOT use milk or Maalox.**

● **Do NOT use hot water or lotions.** They open pores.

### **Minor Bleeding:**

- Apply **direct pressure** with gauze or clean cloth.
- Elevate if safe to do so.
- Wrap firmly but not to cut circulation.

### **Concussion Signs:**

- Confusion, vomiting, slurred speech, unequal pupils.  
Get them to a hospital ASAP.
- Do not let them fall asleep if unconscious beforehand.

### **Sprains & Strains:**

- Wrap with an ace bandage (not too tight).
- Use a cold pack for swelling.
- Elevate and rest.

### **Burns (from gas canisters or police weapons):**

- Remove heat source (clothing, metal).
- Flush with cool water, not ice.
- Do not break blisters.
- Cover with clean, non-stick gauze.

### **Shock:**

- Pale, cold skin
- Rapid pulse
- Shaking or distant
- Dizzy or disoriented

### **Treatment:**

- Lay them down. Elevate feet.
- Keep them warm and calm.
- Monitor breathing.
- Get help if symptoms worsen.

## Panic Attack / Psychological First Aid

- Stay calm and grounded yourself.
- Use a gentle voice:  
“You’re safe. I’m here. You’re going to be okay.”
- Guide breathing: 4 in, hold 4, 4 out.
- Remove from loud areas if possible.

## What to Carry (Compact Kit)

- Saline solution
- Clean water
- Spray bottle (water + baking soda)
- Nitrile gloves
- Gauze, bandages, tape
- Cold packs
- Ace wrap
- CPR mask
- Trauma shears
- Emergency blanket
- Energy bar
- Electrolyte packets
- Sharpie (write legal number or symptoms on skin)
- Extra mask + eye protection
- Inhaler or epipen if available

## General Rules

- Work in **pairs**. One treats, one watches.
- **Blend in** but be findable.
- **Do not talk to police.**
- **Do not carry identifying documents** unless required.
- Know your **exit routes**.
- Write legal hotline on your **arm**.
- Debrief after every action. Learn. Improve.

## Solidarity Means Street Care

You don't need to be a doctor to save lives.

You just need to show up, stay calm, and treat your comrades like family.





**/CHAPTER 7/- [//THEATER—OF—RESISTANCE:RAGE—WITH—A--SMILE//]  
//BRING\_THE\_LULZ//**

“We do it for the LuLz” – *Anonymous*

Irony is a weapon underutilized within political protesting campaigns, but it is far more effective than people realize. You want your target to look like a complete fucking moron. All it takes is some simple truths that shows the hypocrisy and that hypocrisy is shown in a spotlight with humorous intent. You are there to shock and confuse and make people laugh. You are a driving force for trolling, pranks and you’re creating the necessary messaging so people not only find the humor in it but have to think about what you just did. In the current age, the human attention span lacks. Short 10 second video clips of stupidity get way more clicks and likes than a 10-minute video of someone explaining the issues.

Use humor, satire and irony to push your message in the face of your oppressors.

Your job is purely psychological warfare.

Irony is an underused weapon in modern protest. But when wielded properly, it becomes devastatingly effective.

You want your target to look like a complete fucking moron?  
Make them the punchline.

You want people to pay attention to the issue you’re screaming about?  
Make them laugh — and then realize they’re laughing at the truth.

Satire, pranks, memes, absurdity these are weapons.  
And in the age of short attention spans and dopamine addiction, humor cuts through faster than anger ever will.

Why Humor Is a Weapon

Authoritarianism thrives on fear, control, and obedience.  
You want to break that?

Mock it. Ridicule it. Turn it into a joke.  
Because when people start laughing at power, they stop fearing it.

Humor:

- **Disarms the viewer:** They're laughing before they realize it's serious.
- **Makes hypocrisy visible:** You mirror their absurdity back at them.
- **Goes viral:** The algorithm loves short, dumb, punchy chaos.
- **Creates plausible deniability:** It was *just* a joke... unless it wasn't.

This is **culture jamming**. This is **political trolling with purpose**.

This is **theater of resistance**.

### Principles of Effective Political Irony

1. **Keep it short**
  - If it can't be understood in 10 seconds, it's too long.
2. **Truth + Absurdity = Impact**
  - Real quotes, real footage, real laws... twisted slightly to expose the lunacy.
3. **Use their branding against them**
  - Hijack their slogans, logos, hashtags, billboards.
4. **Amplify contradictions**
  - The bigger the hypocrisy, the louder the laughter.
5. **Target up, never down**
  - Punching sideways or down is weak. Your target is the powerful, not the powerless.
6. **Troll with ethics**
  - No racism, misogyny, or harm to innocent people. The state provides enough of that.

### Tactics for Rage With a Smile

#### 1. Corporate Culture Jamming

- Replace ads with spoofed posters in bus stops and subways.
- Change billboards at night to say what the public *really* thinks.
- Use the company's font, color, and language but **flip the message**.

*Example:*

Replace a “Join the Army” ad with:

"Join the Army – Because College is Too Expensive."

*“Die for oil, earn some debt forgiveness. Migrants always welcome for the meat grinder.”*

## **2. Meme Warfare**

- Turn protest photos into viral memes within **minutes**.
- Use screenshots of politicians, absurd laws, or out-of-touch elites.
- Add captions that are so funny it hurts because they’re **real**.

*Example:*

Side-by-side photo of cops beating medics vs. cops hugging Nazis.

Caption: *“Same budget. Different orders.”*

## **3. Satirical Press Conferences**

- Dress up as politicians or CEOs and hold “press events” with fake signs.
- Use megaphones, props, microphones, full costumes.
- Say what they’d *never* say and record it.

*Example:*

Dress as Exxon execs and “apologize” for climate change while spraying smoke machines.

## **4. Mock Counter-Protests**

- Infiltrate fascist rallies and make them look like a circus.
- Hold ridiculous signs like:

“I WANT MY BOSS TO CONTROL MY UTERUS”

“GUNS DON’T KILL PEOPLE, I DO”

“I HATE GOVERNMENT HANDOUTS (EXCEPT MY FARM SUBSIDIES)”  
“JUST BECAUSE WE’RE NAZIS DOESN’T MEAN WE CAN’T HAVE FREE  
SPEECH!”

- Stay in character. Troll until the media is filming it. Then dip.

## **5. Audio Warfare**

- Bluetooth speakers hidden in trash cans or backpacks.
- Loop real quotes from your target uncut and unedited.
- Works great in public areas near government buildings.

*Example:*

Loudspeaker repeating “Grab them by the pussy” on loop outside a GOP fundraiser.

## **6. Projection Bombing**

- Project protest messages, memes, or calls to action onto skyscrapers, police stations, or embassies.
- Use a mini portable projector + stencil slides or videos.

*Example:*

“THE POLICE DO NOT KEEP YOU SAFE”

Projected on the local precinct after a brutality case.

## **7. Absurdist Protest**

- The more surreal the protest, the more it gets shared.
- Protest in full hazmat suits outside banks.
- Protest silent and still in clown makeup on courthouse steps.
- Protest holding giant receipts from student loan debt.

*Why it works:*

It's bizarre enough to **stop people scrolling** — and that's all you need.

### Know Your Audience

- Humor aimed at cops won't convert them. It's for the **audience watching**.
- Make your oppressor uncomfortable, but make the people watching **question what they believe**.

Remember:

First they ignore you.

Then they laugh at you.

Then they can't stop laughing with you

And suddenly you've changed the fucking world.

Laugh Loud. Hit Hard.

Theater of Resistance is not about being soft.

It's about being **smarter than your oppressor**.

It's about **fighting cruelty with wit, fighting repression with absurdity, and making resistance too catchy to ignore**.

So rage with a smile.

Mock the boot.

Laugh at the badge.

And when they ask if you're serious, just say:

"We do it for the LuLz."

Anonymous' protests started out as funny Lulzy attacks, and those attacks created a lot of momentum. Right wing tactics grift off of people's fear – it's time to turn that frown upside down and make people laugh. Even if it's your fellow protesters laughing, you're bringing positive energy into the mix.

You're marching with your group, chanting your chants. Those chants don't have to be serious. Make some shit up that's funny about the current situation, or about the issue.

Troll the police line. Make the cops feel uncomfortable. Make people laugh at the cops. Target one of them or a few of them and get to work. Cops are not secure in their own sexuality, many of them are right to far right leaning. It's okay to use their own mentality against them and throw it in their faces – just make sure you're not pissing needed allies off when you're trolling them. Trolling is an art form. The better you get at it, the faster you'll piss people off. Yes, you'll piss your targets off, but that's the point. Make them a laughing stock and you break them. They signed up for the job, this is what they get paid to do.

Telling cops they're Nazis or that they're breaking their oaths, that shit doesn't cut it. You're dealing with people who have been numbed out, conditioned, and unfortunately most of them have pretty low IQs. So, if you're reading this, you probably have a way larger IQ than a cop. Use it. Your mind is your weapon.

Why chant "Fuck the police!" when you can chant "Who keeps losing all our rights?! Cops in armor picking fights!"

Get a cop's real name off of their uniform and start chanting it: "Officer Joe Smith is a real man! He likes the guy with the spray tan!"



**/CHAPTER 8/– [//CODE—OF--CONDUCT//]  
//HAVING\_EACHOTHERS\_BACKS //**

“Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” – *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

If you see something, say something. Always keep that in the back of your head. If something is off, say something. If you spot an embedded cop, say something. If you’re in a major protest you have more eyes and ears than the police, you outnumber the police. Use that to your advantage.

Police will always use snatch and grab tactics to detain who they think are the leaders of your group. Before the protest come up with strategies and ways to distract them from pushing into your space and snatching people out of the crowd.

Yes, we’re talking about defending other protesters or even yourself from being accosted by the police. Many tactics the police use is to create a psychological shock to protesters. They pretty much have free range to do almost anything they want if chaos breaks loose.

Many of these foot soldiers of the state are trained by Israel for crowd and riot control. That’s why they’re so brutal. Israel trains its troops to not see their ‘enemy’ as human. That’s why they don’t give a fuck about how many Palestinian women and children are murdered by their own forces.

Thousands of US officers from police departments, as well as the FBI, CIA, and ICE have participated in training programs in Israel. They’re taught to use excessive force. The programs have militarized the police and use military-style tactics against civilians. You need to be prepared for just about anything when you’re protesting under a hostile regime, especially a fascist one. The authoritarian fascist could give a fuck about your individual rights. In fact, they probably get off on exerting power over the weak and defenseless. Don’t be weak and defenseless. You have every right to speak your mind and grievances against your government!

“Be like water,” flow with the crowd, if you see the police engaging with other protesters, help them. Be a dividing stream of human bodies, make it look as if the crowd is unpredictable as it moves in waves.

You are there for each other. You are there to change the world – always remember your mission. Don’t be a dick or asshole to your fellow protester. You might not agree on everything but you’re there for the same reason. Bond with others, get to know them. Network with people and expand your reach as an activist. The more people who are connected, the harder it will be for the system to shut them up.

Other protesters might not be on the same page as you, perhaps they haven’t read this manual, perhaps they don’t know any of the tactics you do, or even the history of resistance against the state. Most people usually are blissfully unaware of their surroundings. Perhaps this is their first protest, perhaps they’re just tagging along because a friend invited them. You don’t know the circumstances of many of the people surrounding you. You gotta know who will back you up and have your back. Always be polite to your fellow protesters. Remember, the enemy is the people in charge.

You are not just a body in the street. You are part of a living, breathing resistance. Every step you take is a step on behalf of the people next to you, and the people who couldn’t be there.

**This is not about ego. This is about liberation.**

The movement can’t afford selfishness, arrogance, or infighting. It can’t afford petty squabbles or provocations that derail momentum. **We need everyone focused, grounded, and watching each other’s backs.**

If you see something, say something.

If someone shows up dressed wildly different from the group, starts talking about weapons, or acts aggressively out of nowhere that may be a cop or provocateur. You **outnumber them**, use that to your advantage.



## Trust your gut.

- If someone is taking close-up videos of people's faces shut it down.
- If someone is trying to incite violence without context call them out.
- If someone suddenly shows up trying to "take charge" without knowing anyone — be suspicious.

## Snatch-and-Grab Defense: Distract and Protect

Snatch-and-grab tactics are designed to make you **feel powerless**. One second you're chanting, the next someone is in cuffs and the cops are gone.

Here's how you resist:

- **Link arms.** When you see a grab team approaching, form a wall of bodies.
- **Noise distraction.** Whistles, sirens, horns create confusion.
- **Shout "COVER!"** and flood the space between the cops and the target.
- **Document safely.** Record from a distance, never showing protesters' faces.
- **Mask up and scatter** when needed — but do not leave your people behind if they are being dragged.

The more unpredictable and united you are, the less power they have.

## Identifying Infiltrators and Agents Provocateurs

They come in different flavors:

- The "overzealous stranger" who shows up wanting to throw molotovs.
- The "new friend" who asks too many questions about who plans what.
- The "chaotic one" who starts smashing property far away from targets.
- The "weirdly quiet observer" who never engages, but records everything.

If someone **doesn't follow the crowd's tone**, violates boundaries, or tries to bait others into crimes, flag them.

"This person might be trying to get people arrested. We don't do that here."  
Say it loud enough for others to hear. **Do not isolate alone. Work as a group.**

## Dealing with Conflict Within the Crowd

Not everyone at the protest is on the same level of experience. Some are seasoned. Some are brand new. Some are scared. Some are hyped. Some may even be high, drunk, or overwhelmed.

### **Be the calm in the chaos.**

- **De-escalate.** Use low tones, simple phrases: “Let’s focus.” “We’re here for a reason.”
- **Redirect energy.** Give people tasks. Movement is better than madness.
- **Check in.** Ask someone who looks lost or panicked if they need help.
- **Do not shame.** Teach with respect. You don’t build movements through humiliation.

## Watch for Emotional Burnout

Protest is adrenaline. But burnout is real. Check yourself and others:

- Are people hydrating?
- Do they have a safe way home?
- Are you spiraling into rage instead of action?

### **You cannot pour from an empty cup.**

Mutual care is part of the resistance. Check on your friends. Check on yourself.

## Unity in Diversity

You will not agree with everyone you march with. That’s okay.

You may see people with different politics, identities, or tactics. Some may want to chant. Some may want to sit. Some may want to shut down a freeway.

The key is **coordination, not conformity.**

**Don’t punch left. Don’t gatekeep the movement.** If someone’s tactics compromise your safety, have the conversation *but always remember who the real enemy is.*

## Protester's Code of Conduct

- ☒ Protect each other.
- ☒ Mask up. No faces. No names.
- ☒ Do not livestream from inside the action.
- ☒ De-escalate, don't inflame.
- ☒ Call out suspicious behavior — but don't panic.
- ☒ Respect boundaries and consent.
- ☒ Don't bring heat unless your group agreed.
- ☒ No sexism. No racism. No phobias. No abuse.
- ☒ Hydrate. Eat. Rest. Regroup.
- ☒ Know your rights. Know your exit.
- ☒ Do not talk to police.
- ☒ Debrief afterward — learn and grow.



## **/CHAPTER 9/– [//MENTAL--HEALTH//]**

“Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.” - *Carl Jung*

Any type of activism you do affects your mental health. From digital hacktivism, to marching in protest of wrongs committed by an out-of-control state, you will be affected. Many people start out with adrenaline, momentum, and are super excited about the cause they're standing up for. This diminishes over time, and eventually you will get burnt out. The burn out comes quick, and you will start blocking out even thinking about getting involved with any type of activism. This happens for several reasons. You feel you haven't done enough, you feel you can't win so what's the point, or you even feel that you've put in your time and see that others don't care so why should you? Everything that you're feeling is normal. It's ok to get burned out, burn out happens when you push yourself too hard. It's okay to take a break from activism too. You don't need to carry the world on your shoulders. That task is a collective effort, and not one person can single handedly affect the necessary change we all need to create a better world.

Depending on the protest, afterwards you might have some built up emotions that you need to express. Perhaps you feel happy and proud to be part of something bigger, or perhaps the police were shooting tear gas and flash bangs at you and you're experiencing post-traumatic stress. Perhaps you're just angry and want revenge – all of the emotions you are going through are a normal part of decompressing.

This manual wouldn't be complete without giving you a guide to your mental health. Protests can cause high anxiety; they can be very stressful situations. A protest can go from being peaceful and switch quickly into a warzone. Soldiers aren't the only people who experience PTSD, activists and cops do too. That cop who was cracking skulls, who got brought up on charges, he's an emotional wreck. Yeah, fuck that guy, we're not excusing him for being a dickhead fascist bootlicker, we're just explaining that these cops have a lot of mental traumas built up that they do not deal with. We're explaining that you, as an activist have a duty to deal with your mental health so that you can be healthy and not feel the weight of negativity pushing you down.

We're giving you some advice and steps to take care of your own mental health – and even helping your comrades in the field. While you're not trained therapists, everyone's mental health matters when in stressful situations.

## **Understanding Activist Burnout**

Burnout isn't weakness.

It's your nervous system hitting the red zone.

You may feel:

- Detached or numb
- Angry at everyone
- Guilty that you "aren't doing enough"
- Like everything you do is meaningless
- Overwhelmed at even the idea of checking your messages

This is normal.

And it means you need rest, not shame.

## **Post-Protest Emotions: All Are Valid**

After a protest, you might feel:

- Energized and powerful
- Drained and hopeless
- Enraged and wanting revenge
- Dissociated, anxious, or numb
- Depressed that no one else seems to care

**Feel it.** Don't bottle it up.

You don't need to be a superhero.

You need to be **human**, because that's what fascism is trying to erase.

## **What Helps: A Mental First Aid Kit**

## 1. Talk it out.

- After-action debriefs aren't just for strategy they're for emotional release.
- Create safe space circles: 5–10 minutes each person shares what they felt.
- No judgment. No “fixing.” Just listening.

## 2. Rest without guilt.

- Take breaks from organizing without apology.
- Sleep. Turn off your phone. Binge something dumb. Let yourself be unproductive.
- Rest is **resistance** in a system that wants you ground into dust.

## 3. Log off.

- Doomscrolling magnifies despair.
- Mute, block, unfollow even fellow activists if needed for your own survival.
- You cannot fight every battle. Fight the ones you're built for.

## Grounding Techniques for After Action

These are **simple tools** to use when you're feeling overwhelmed, panicked, or stuck in a trauma loop.

### 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding:

This connects your brain back to your body.

- **5** things you see
- **4** things you can touch
- **3** things you hear
- **2** things you can smell
- **1** thing you can taste

Take a deep breath. Start over if needed. Say it out loud or silently.

### Box Breathing:

Used by trauma medics and soldiers. Resets your breath when panicking.

Breathe in — 4 seconds

Hold — 4 seconds

Breathe out — 4 seconds

Hold — 4 seconds

Repeat 3–5 times.

### **Micro-Meditation (3 minutes)**

1. Sit comfortably. Close your eyes.
2. Inhale through your nose slowly for 4 seconds.
3. Hold for 2 seconds.
4. Exhale through your mouth for 6 seconds.
5. Imagine each exhale pulling negative energy out of you like black smoke.
6. Repeat for 3 minutes. No perfection needed.

It's not about *clearing your mind*. It's about *coming back to yourself*.

### **Mental Health as Mutual Aid**

You're not alone and you're not just responsible for yourself.

Your comrades need to know someone cares. Here's how to help:

#### **Field Mental Aid:**

- Notice who's shaking, silent, or dissociating ask "Are you okay?"
- Sit with them. Offer water. Help them breathe.
- Use grounding techniques with them. Be patient.
- After the protest, check in the next day not just the same night.

### **Warning Signs to Take Seriously**

If you or someone you know is experiencing:

- Suicidal thoughts or plans
- Flashbacks/nightmares
- Physical panic attacks
- Emotional numbing or extreme detachment

- Increased drug use or self-harm

Reach out. You are not weak. You are injured. **And healing is possible.**

**Resources to share (US-based):**

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**
- **Fireweed Collective** (mental health mutual aid) [fireweedcollective.org](https://fireweedcollective.org)
- **Trans Lifeline** – 877-565-8860
- **The Trevor Project** – 1-866-488-7386
- **Local anarchist or activist community spaces** – often offer peer support circles





## **/CHAPTER 10/– [//YOUR--GEAR//] /BE\_PREPARED/**

“He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared.”  
– *Sun Tzu*

Maybe this is your first protest or action ever, maybe you’ve been to many protests. Perhaps you already know what to bring and what to leave at home. The most essential item you should bring to a protest is a backpack. You don’t have to weight it down with books, or unnecessary items you won’t need.

You’re going to get hungry, bring water and Gatorade (note: keep the water, drink the Gatorade. The water can be used to flush out tear gas or to wash wounds). You’re going to get hungry, bring chips or something to snack on (protein bars, beef jerky, trail mix etc.). Depending on your actions, you might want to bring a change of clothes. Bring extra face masks if you feel charitable. Bring a sharpie. Bring a medical kit. Sunglasses, a hat. We recommend bringing a gas mask too. Always be prepared.

### **What Goes in the Bag**

Here’s your essential **Protest Pack Loadout**:

#### **Hydration & Energy:**

- **Water (500ml–1L)** Not just for drinking. Use it for flushing tear gas from eyes.
- **Gatorade or electrolyte drinks** For hydration and energy.
- **Snacks** High-protein, non-perishable: trail mix, granola bars, jerky, hard candy.

#### **Medical & Hygiene:**

- **Basic first aid kit** Band-aids, gauze, tape, antiseptic wipes.
- **Saline solution** For flushing eyes after tear gas.
- **Spray bottle** Water + baking soda solution for skin exposed to gas.
- **Nitrile gloves** Avoid touching chemicals or blood.

- **Masks (multiple)** KN95 or cloth. Extras for comrades.
- **Tissues or toilet paper** Tear gas causes mucus overflow. Don't underestimate this.
- **Hand sanitizer / Alcohol wipes**

### Personal Gear:

- **Sunglasses / goggles** Eye protection from gas, pepper spray, and drones.
- **Hat / bandana** Cover your hair. Keeps powder/gas off scalp.
- **Extra shirt or hoodie** In case you get soaked or contaminated.
- **Scarf / Neck gaiter** Useful for anonymity and warmth.
- **Gloves** Not just for warmth. Protects identity (no fingerprints).

### Tactical Tools:

- **Sharpie** Write legal hotline on your arm. Also for signs/messages.
- **Notepad** Old school. No metadata.
- **Emergency contact info** Paper copy. Don't rely on phone memory.
- **Map of the area** Offline version. Know your exits.

### Optional Advanced Gear:

- **Gas mask or respirator** If you're in high-risk zones (know how to use it!).
- **Earplugs** For sound cannons or flashbangs.
- **Emergency blanket** Lightweight. Keeps you warm in long actions.
- **Zip ties / carabiners** For banners or last-minute needs.
- **Flashlight or headlamp** If action continues after dark.

### How to Dress (aka Street Armor)

Your outfit is your first line of defense against **identification, injury, and intimidation**.

### Wear:

- **All black or uniform color** Blend in with others. Black Bloc is a tactic.
- **Long sleeves and pants** Skin contact with tear gas = chemical burn.

- **Layers** Easy to strip or switch clothes post-action.
- **Closed-toe, comfortable shoes** Preferably boots or worn-in sneakers.
- **Hat / beanie / hood** Hide hair and profile from cameras.
- **Mask + shades or goggles** — Kill facial recognition.

## ✕ Avoid:

- **Logos, bright colors, anything unique** — Don't stand out.
- **Jewelry** — Can be grabbed, tracked, or used against you.
- **Contacts** — Gas can trap under lenses and cause permanent eye damage.
- **Loose hair** — Binds gas and scent.

## 🚫 What *Not* to Bring

Some items put you and others at risk.

- **Your personal phone** Carries your identity, location, photos. Use a burner or Faraday bag.
- **Credit cards / ID** If detained, these can incriminate. Carry cash if needed. (this all depends on where you live – in some states it is illegal not to carry ID – act accordingly)
- **Drugs / Alcohol** — Cops will use any excuse to detain you. Stay sharp.
- **Anything you can't afford to lose** Assume your bag may be ditched or stolen.
- **Weapons** (unless explicitly agreed upon by your action group) Escalation is tactical, not personal. Don't freelance.

## Pro Tips

- **Test everything beforehand.** Don't bring a brand-new gas mask you've never worn.
- **Distribute gear** If you're in a group, split supplies between bags.
- **Label your stuff** A small sticker or color code so you know which bag is yours, but not your name.
- **Practice changing appearance fast** Switch shirts, reverse a jacket, stash goggles quickly.

- **Write the legal number on your arm** with Sharpie. Phones can be taken or disabled.

💡 **Pro Tips**

- Test your gear ahead of time
- Distribute supplies across your group
- Label your gear without using names
- Practice fast outfit changes
- Write the legal support number on your arm



## **/CHAPTER 11/– [//HOW—WE--WIN//]**

“Take your first steps, recognize your goal, those are the first steps to winning.”  
– *Anonymous*

You know the world doesn't have to be the way it is. You feel a calling deep within you and understand that a better world is possible. Fascism and authoritarianism doesn't need to exist, those movements destroy free will and wither freedoms. You watch as the media kneels to them, the elites smile. Freedom was a myth, wasn't it? Were you ever free? How could anyone claim to be free when they're constantly tracked and surveilled? How can anyone claim to be free when they pass more laws and remove more rights? How is it that people like Elon Musk and Donald Trump can break as many laws as they want and there are no consequences? No, you do not live in a free society. You do not live in a society that promotes “life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness,” combining those things goes completely against authoritarianism and fascism.

We started out talking about how it's YOU versus the MACHINE. But one thing you should have learned in this book is, it's not just you that is fighting the machine, it's everyone else too. The machine creates common bonds between all of the people who are suffering under it, so the only defense the machine has is to keep people divided. It has to pay people to enforce it's will and give them a sense of power and security. It arms them with guns, gives them clubs to beat down any threats the system may detect. You see the world differently. You want a sustainable future, a future that doesn't involve constant struggle but one of unity and solidarity. That makes you a threat.

We talked about Operational Security, and protest tactics – those are essential issues that need to be studied and implemented for any full scale resistance movement to be born and have a real affect on the world. But those aren't just skills. They're armor. They're shields against the machine's all-seeing eye, against its weaponized surveillance, its data mining, its AI-powered repression engines. OpSec is how we protect our ideas, our people, and our future. It's how we keep each other alive. It's how we keep showing up.

Then we looked at the tactics of resistance. How to flash, how to swarm, how to disperse, how to move with the crowd like water, how to escape kettles, how to fight with your feet, not just your fists. The cops have their formations, their shields, their batons and horses. But we have intelligence, adaptability, and the ability to think together without having to ask permission. The street is a battlefield, but it's also a stage. And we are learning to perform our defiance in ways that cannot be contained.

We talked about healing, too. About what it means to carry trauma, to burn out, to feel crushed by the weight of trying to fix a broken world. And how that weight is not yours to carry alone. You learned how to breathe again, how to hold space for others when things get heavy, how to recognize the damage and treat it before it festers. That's not weakness. That's strength. That's how movements last longer than moments. That's how we outlive oppression.

You saw the power of humor, of satire, of pranks and irony. You learned that rage and laughter can live in the same breath. That mocking the powerful is its own form of revolt. You realized that resistance doesn't always look like a fight. Sometimes it looks like a meme. Sometimes it looks like a chant. Sometimes it looks like joy in the face of a system that wants you terrified.

And above all, you remembered your mission. That this fight is not just about being angry at injustice. It's about building something new. It's about protecting your people. It's about ensuring the world your children and their children inherit isn't one dominated by algorithms of oppression or cold men with guns and dead eyes.

You know now that protest is not a performance. It is an act of war and an act of love. Every time you mask up, every time you organize, every time you show up for someone who can't, you chip away at the foundation of the machine. And every time you share what you know, train someone new, build a pod, distribute this manual, you make the movement stronger.

When you combine all of this—when you protect yourself and each other, when you act with purpose, when you learn how to be unseen and ungovernable, when you transform grief into solidarity and rage into momentum—you are not just resisting.

You are winning.

You may not see the victory today, or even next year. But every building that didn't get bulldozed because people showed up, every fascist that got exposed and deplatformed, every kid who puts on a mask and knows they're not alone, every act of refusal, every night you didn't quit, that is how we win.

And when we win, we don't just take back the streets.  
We take back the future.

To all the people who stood up when it was dangerous to do so,  
To the organizers who risked everything to lift up others,  
To the freedom fighters, the whistleblowers, the radicals, the rebels,  
To the ones who sat at counters, marched on bridges, blocked tanks, and occupied streets,  
To those who lit fires with their voices, their bodies, their art, and their love,

This is for you.

You taught us that resistance is not an event, it's a lineage.  
You proved that ordinary people can bend the arc of history.  
You showed us that the price of silence is too high,  
And that courage is contagious.

Because of you, others learned to breathe freely.  
Because of you, laws changed, walls fell, children dreamed.  
Because of you, we know what it looks like to stand with dignity in the face of impossible odds.

You didn't wait for permission.  
You didn't wait for perfect conditions.  
You saw injustice, and you moved.

And now we follow.  
We build on what you began.  
We honor your struggle by continuing it, with new tools, new voices, and the same unshakable truth:

**The people united will never be defeated.**

This book is dedicated to all who fought, all who fell, and all who still rise,  
for civil rights, equality, social justice, and freedom across the world.

Your courage lives in us.

We remember.

We resist.

We continue.

We are Anonymous.

We are Legion.

We do not forgive.

We do not forget.

Expect us.

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