

5 Principles For The Anti-Police Brutality Movement

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1. We will respect a diversity of tactics in the streets, as they reflect a diversity of political perspectives within our movement. We will not physically prevent fellow demonstrators from taking actions they deem necessary.
2. While we may debate and disagree, we will not denounce fellow protesters in public statements in a manner that exposes them to state repression. We will not denounce protesters for engaging in self-defense or property damage.
3. We refuse to cooperate with politicians in legitimizing the repression of other parts of our movement. We will not accept this as a condition for dialogue with city officials.
4. We refuse to help police repress our movement. We will not help police identify and prosecute protesters, nor hand protesters into police custody, nor provide general intelligence on our movement.
5. We will avoid posting and circulating sensitive visual information on social media, as police use social media to collect incriminating evidence against protesters. We will not collaborate with the media to make such information publicly available.

Come Prepared:

Wear clothes you feel comfortable moving in, running shoes, and layers for weather. Bring water, an energy bar, and a bandana in case of surveillance.



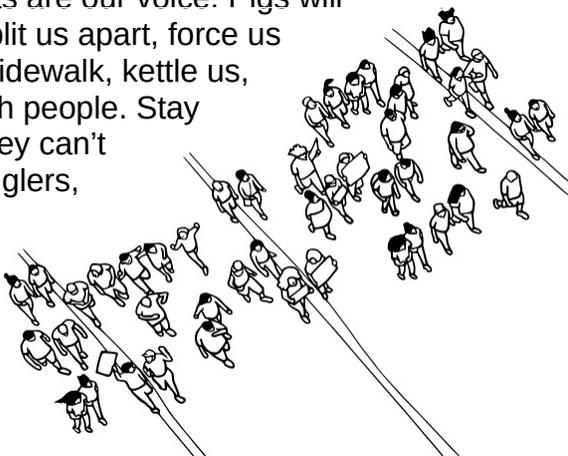
Roll With A Crew:

We roll together in "affinity groups." Before the march, share your contact info, legal and medical issues, and what to do in case of arrest. Have each others' backs in the streets. Leave together.



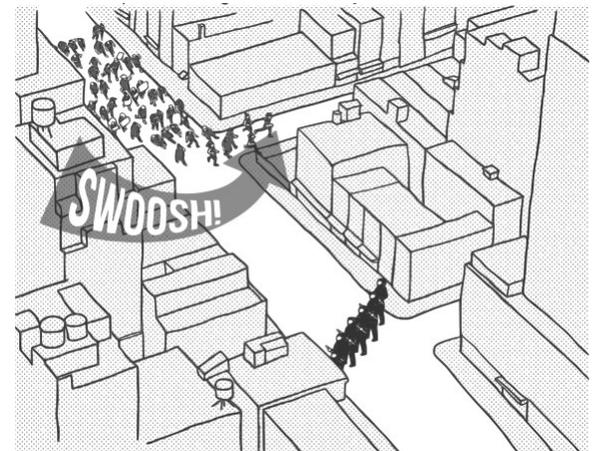
Take The Streets, Stay Together:

The streets are our voice. Pigs will work to split us apart, force us onto the sidewalk, kettle us, and snatch people. Stay tight so they can't grab stragglers, regroup if we get divided, and take as many lanes as possible.



Quick At The Corners:

Pigs use intersections to split the march and push us onto the sidewalk. Move fast to get ahead of their lines, flow around or push through them to stay in the street.



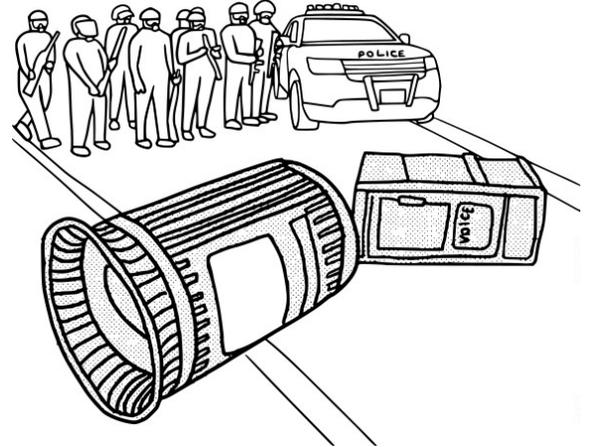
With And Against Traffic:

We march with traffic in order to keep the march together, and against traffic when we need to lose vehicles or lines of cops that are tailing us.



Barricade The Back:

Drag objects into the street behind the march to break up vehicles or lines of cops following us. These light blockages will also slow traffic and help us shut it down.



Get Free Or Get Moving:

If someone is arrested, don't linger too long or pigs will kettle the march. Free the comrade, or else get their name and birthday for jail support and keep it moving.



Diversity Of Tactics:

Everyone is free to support the cause as they see fit. We don't police each other's actions, or snitch on each other to pigs or the media. At the same time, we take care not to endanger others with our actions.



Support Those Directly Affected:

We support the leadership of people who are directly affected by the issue at hand. Those of us with different privileges shoulder risks and burdens when others can't. Talk to people you are struggling with. The stronger our relationships, the stronger the movement and less cooptable it is.



Jail Support

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Write this # on your body & call if arrested!
If you witness someone else being arrested,
ask them for the following info:

NAME

(legal and actual names, if different)

BIRTHDAY

TIME & LOCATION of ARREST

Then call the number above to report the arrest
and request support.