I. Universalizing Resistance: Part II

A. Thesis: Resistance needs to universalize

"Universalizing resistance is a distinctive form of activism--a special form of resistance. It seeks to mobilize massive unifying popular power against the apocalyptic power of the system itself--seeking to transform the system itself and bring a new just and democratic order. It brings people together into intertwined movements focusing on issues such as economic insecurity, climate change, racism and militarism."

B. The system must be the target.

C. The universalized system affects us all

a. we all become functions of capitalist/consumer society

b. we all are powerless under authoritarian/corporatized "democracy"

c. we all will be victims of ecocide

d. nuclear war knows only the end of everything

D. System cannot be reformed, reforms will be reversed, or made unenforceable

1. labor: New Deal

a. reversed

b. NLRB: unenforced

2. environment

a. Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act

b. Super Fund

3. civil rights

a. Voting Rights Act 1965

b. Voter IDs

4. financial industry

a. Dodd-Frank

b. Commodities Futures Trading Commission

c. Glass-Steagall

5. nuclear war

a. Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, Outer Space Treaty

b. Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty

c. Open Skies Treaty, Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

d. New Start Treaty

13,890, 9,330, 3,600, 1800 Federation of American Scientists

6. health care

a. Medicare, Medicaid

b. Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act

E. Can't settle for piecemeal changes, they are counter-revolutionary

1. New Deal: transforms radical demands of labor for almost one hundred years into a "better" system of wage labor, and eliminates radical transformation in the system: democratization of the economy

2. health care: kept for profit system in place which excludes millions

and provides poor or inadequate care for millions

3. nuclear war: treaties stop revolutionary change, elimination of

nuclear weapons

4. environment

F. Transcend identity politics

1. Groups organize around a common identity

a. core characteristics that they accept/believe define the essential nature of the group

b. race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and/or practice veganism.

2. goals: reformist

a. members of the group may have all the opportunities the system offers

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b. recognition by the system of their rights within the system

c. ignore systemic power and class

3. silo movements

a. isolate us from each other

b. lead to oppression Olympics

c. we divide and conquer ourselves

"silo movements divide us, and those in power watch with amusement as we fight each other"

G. No is Not Enough: Anti-Donald Trump

H. Universalization of resistance: movement of movements

1. convergence: domestic

a. majority support progressive issues

b. need to bring in labor

2. global

a. anti-militarism, anti-nuclear

b. environment

c. labor

d. anti-global corporate control

e. racism, sexism

3. Articulate a world view that includes the inherent value and ethical rights of all living things

a. Re-imagining Nature

b. Deep Ecology

4. Democratize all institutions

a. including economy "The Take"

b. Progressive Internationalism: Universal Human Rights

5. Build Media of resistance

6. Use elections to plant the seeds of resistance?

7. Fight corporatized education: education as activism

8. Movement must embody the values it seeks to achieve, democracy, equality, what it means to be human, solidarity, compassion.