I. Death, Life. Death and maybe Life of resistance?

A. The Death of Resistance

1. American Exceptionalism

2. Second Civil War

3. Reformism: Progressive Movement/Great Depression

4. WWII

5. Cold War

6. 1970’s

a. Powell and Huntington

b. students and social sciences

c. globalization

7. Neoliberalism

a. market place as realm of freedom

b. entrepreneur as populist hero

c. freedom to buy

d. privatization, deregulation and cutback in social services

8. Workers passive, students apathetic, public marginalized

B. Life of Resistance: Collective Power

1. Great Beast

2. People have the power to collectively transform society and shape its institutions

3. Society and its institutions are socially constructed by those with the power to do so

a. social construction of democracy for the few

b. social construction of monopoly capitalism

c. mass media capacity to create “reality”

d. privatization of education

i. education as job training

ii. business model

4. Means: collective action

C. U.S.

Civil Rights Movement Anti-Vietnam War Movement

Free Speech Movement Environmental Movement

Consumer Safety Movement American Indian Movement

United Farm Workers Welfare Rights Movement

Gay Rights Movement Feminist Movement

Occupational Safety and Health Students for a Democratic Society

D. Movements of National Liberation

1. post colonial movements of national liberation: popular movements to liberate nation from colonial control

2. examples: Vietnam, Algeria, Angola, Mozambique, Indonesia Iran, Congo, Guatemala, India, Cuba, South Africa

E. 1968

1. Paris May 1968

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCtcD9CfMOI>

2. Mexico City 1968

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;_ylt=AwrTcXbRukVYiPgAWrcunIlQ?p=Mexico%20City%201968%20Student%20Massacre&fr=yhs-mozilla-004&fr2=p%3As%2Cv%3Ai%2Cm%3Apivot&hsimp=yhs-004&hspart=mozilla#id=2&vid=72def9d8ab05f39d92e457ebb38b2f29&action=view>

3. South Africa Anti-Apartheid Movement

F. Death of Resistance: System of Repression

1. Military

a. empire of bases

b. largest air force, most powerful navy, 4000 nuclear warheads

c. JSOC (Joint Special Operations Command)

d. “kill list”

e. Posse Comitatus: Military and Police

2. Intelligence

a. Fourth Branch of government

i. 17 agencies

i. infrastructure

“In Washington and the surrounding area,” they wrote, “33 building complexes for top-secret intelligence work are under construction or have been built since September 2001. Together they occupy the equivalent of almost three Pentagons or 22 US Capitol buildings—about 17 million square feet of space.”

b. FISA Court

c. private contractors

d. Unaccountable

3. Police

a. militarization

b. weaponization

c. “the enemy”

4. Legislation/ Supreme Court

a. Patriot Act

b. Fourth Amendment

c. Sixth Amendment

d. ex parte Milligan

5. Popular Consciousness

H. What Should (Can) Be Done?

1. need to name the system of oppression

a. dereify and demystify

b. reveal its structure, how it works, its goals

c. reformism not an answer

2. knowledge, critical thinking, complex reasoning

a. knowledge is always already in the world and part of the system of power

b. chemistry, physics, biology, statistics

c. critical thinking: problem posing

3. solidary

a. interhuman process of coming to know the world and

transform it

b. recognition of humanity of others

4. Life of Resistance

<http://www.truthdig.com/avbooth/item/scenes_of_celebration_at_standing_rock_20161205>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU8DDYz68kM>