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“This is not a moment; it's a movement.” So spoke some young revolutionaries as they were interviewed on the radio. And this new movement does not exist in isolation. All around the world, workers and young people are rising up against a crisis-ridden capitalist system and its defenders:

- **In South Africa**, miners went on strike and were massacred in Marikana in 2012. Since then, the union movement has been split by those who defend the profits of the bosses. Also, the youth wing of the African National Congress has split away in opposition to the pro-corporate program of the parent party and has set up its own party, the *Economic Freedom Fighters*.
- **In Greece**, there have been mass protests and strikes against cuts and privatization and a radical mass political party – *Syriza* – has been born.
- **In northern China** a widespread teachers' strike is in process and strikes and mass protests against horrible working and living conditions are commonplace.
- **In Mexico**, hundreds of thousands of workers and youth have paralyzed the country in protest against corruption and mass killings by the government and

“You show me a highly unequal society, and I will show you a police state.” Nick Hanauer, self styled “.01%er” and “zillionaire”.

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/06/the-pitchforks-are-coming-for-us-plutocrats-108014.html#.VIOPvL5tZb>

their allies, the drug gangs.

This is just a small sample of the world revolt against capitalism.

In the United States, it is estimated that the police killed 668 people last year. Meanwhile, the government holds 1.57 million people in prison in the United States – more than in any other country in the world.

The criminal (in)justice system and the prison industrial complex are necessary to enforce the massive division in wealth in the United States. *The latest figures show that the top .1% (not 1%; .1%) own 40% of the wealth in the US while the bottom*

90% own 25%.

These filthy rich and Corporate America keep control by repression and by confusing and dividing the bottom 90%. In the United States, racism is an essential part of this.

That's why we have to connect the struggle against racism, police abuse and mass incarceration all together and connect that with the struggle against poverty and against capitalism itself.



End Racism, Oppression and Exploitation!

Oakland Socialist would like to offer the following ideas to add to the discussion about fighting racism, oppression and exploitation. We don't pretend this is the final word on the matter – just some thoughts.

- **Build the movement in the streets and freeways, in the communities and work places. Demand the convictions of the cops who killed Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, John Crawford, etc.**
- **For elected community patrols in every working class and poor community to keep watch on the police and keep the community safe from all violence and crime – both police crime and otherwise.**
- **For both local and an international people's investigation into US human rights abuses.**
- **For an end to solitary confinement and other forms of torture in US prisons and for union rights for prisoners and for the minimum wage to apply to prisoners. End mass incarceration; end the “war on drugs” and “stop and frisk”.**
- **For a \$20 per hour minimum wage, a guaranteed job with union rights, socialized medical care and free higher education for all. Adequate funding for all needed social services!**
- **For the movement to put up its own political candidates, completely outside of and in opposition to the Republican politicians and paid the same as the workers they represent.**
- **For socialism! Take under public ownership the commanding heights of the economy (the banks, major corporations, etc.) and democratically plan production under the direct control and management of the workers themselves.**



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