
Organization is Our Weapon

In response to the racist murder of George Floyd and countless other Black people by the police, the people have seized the initiative and spoken these truths, loud and clear: The lives of Black people matter. The police do not protect us or represent our interests. We are prepared to fight by any means necessary for full democracy, freedom, and equality. To realize these truths which the people have cried out on the streets, from Minneapolis to Paris, we need permanent and combative organizations of popular power. For students, this means rebuilding the student movement around a revolutionary program and uniting with popular struggles against capitalist exploitation and oppression, including the struggle of Black people in the US for democratic rights.

These protests will soon dwindle if we do not link them to real forms of organization. The just outrage and fierce resistance of the people to racist police terror are spontaneous reflexes. If we want to transform our anger into real power, conscious and independent organization is necessary. Our enemies are organized in the state and their political parties. If we want to win, we too must be organized.

The representatives of the state — both Democrat and Republican — are already incorporating the energy of the movement. They are responding to the protests in ways that appease the masses while *protecting the interests of capital.*

They are enacting reforms using pseudo-radical language of “defunding” and “transformative justice,” but these reforms only meet the demands of the people in words, not deeds.

Although the more radical demand for “abolition of the police” is insufficient for eliminating the oppression of Black people in the US and unrealizable in capitalist society, it contains a correct aspiration for a different world which can only be achieved through social revolution. **We have keenly felt the need for change, and we know that the best part of reality — the future — belongs to us, if only we have the courage to snatch it from the teeth of our enemies.** In order to transform society, we must give conscious direction to our collectivist aspirations by organizing to advance the socialist revolution. The May Day Student Organization (MDSO) was founded to serve this very purpose.

The MDSO was born out of a labor struggle at the New School in 2018, when students and workers occupied the cafeteria for two weeks, forcing the administration to reverse a mass layoff of the entire cafeteria staff. Seeing the need for a permanent organization which could carry out successful struggles like the occupation in the future and link them to a broader project of transforming society, **we built a mass organization united around a set of five demands and a single goal: a university that serves the people.**

The May Day Student Organization

The May Day Student Organization (MDSO) will be forged as a weapon of the people, a leading force on the student front and an integral part of the larger struggle against the bourgeoisie. Through practice informed by revolutionary theory, we are building the MDSO for advancing the socialist revolution and organizing the people.

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Our Demands:

1. For the right of the people to access free and public higher education.
 2. For a university that is democratically controlled by the people and that serves the interests of the people. This includes the complete removal of the repressive state apparatus (e.g. military and police) from participation in the university including the presence of agents on campus, in faculty positions, inclusion in curriculum, grants and funding, partnerships, and recruitment.
 3. For the cancellation of student debt.
 4. For the realization of full democratic rights for students.
 5. For bringing the politics of the socialist revolution to the student body, in solidarity with people everywhere fighting for democracy and progress, via coordinated political action with popular struggles of the domestic working class and oppressed peoples and international support for all peoples fighting imperialism, national oppression, and reaction.
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