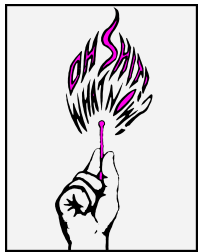


## DIVERSITY OF TACTICS

There are a multitude of ways to stand and act against fascism. Following is a partial list. Use your imagination! Know your groups level of comfort with risk & make plans for best/worst case scenarios.

Picketing • flyering • stickering • clown bloc • disruption • noise brigade • doxxing • monkeywrenching • infiltrating • supporting front-line antifa • de-escalation support • jail support • emotional support • outreach • education • wheat-pasting • sabotage • propaganda • social media • performance art • puppets • punching Nazis • spectacle • drowning out • masking up & buddying up • safety patrol • getting people who support fascism fired • protecting your identity • agitprop • smashy smashy • glitterbombing • pie-ing (mmmm... pie) • phone, email, fax blasts • banner drops • holding public space • chalking • shame campaigns • support & mutual aid • legal observer • medic • respect for diversity of tactics • not talking to the police • don't put each other in danger • practice security culture • listen to your gut • listen to your comrades • ask questions • hold each other accountable • be accountable • know your rights & legal limits • respect the rights & limits of your comrades. LOVE EACH OTHER.

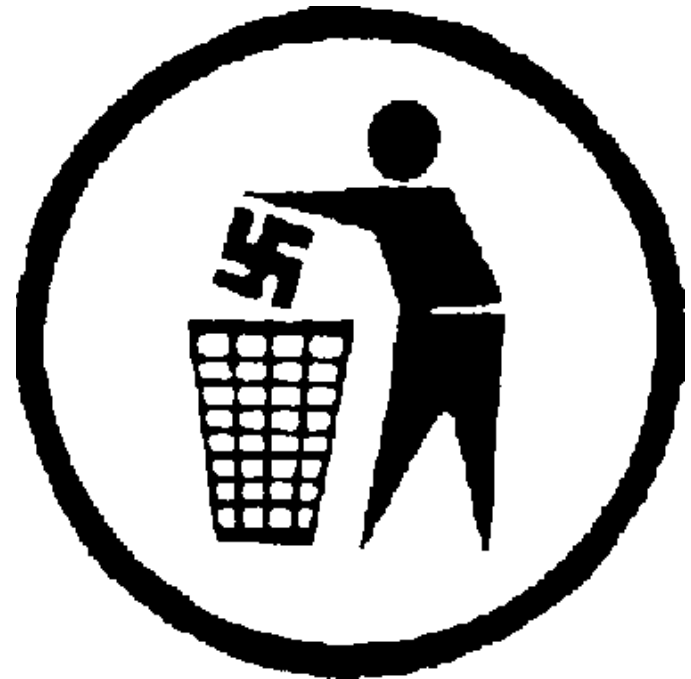
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# CENTRAL TEXAS' LEAST WANTED



# INTRO

## Who Are The Antifa & What Is American Fascism?

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You've seen them on TV: black clad activists marching against, and even openly fighting with neo-nazis, nationalists, and white supremacists. Since the election, antifascists have seemingly been everywhere online and in the media. Some call them terrorists, while others call them heroes, but really they're just humans like you and me. Humans who hate fascism.

Who are the antifa, where did they come from and what, really, is fascism anyway?

A question that's no longer simply academic: across the U.S., and indeed, in Europe too, far right forces are growing in power. Whether they call themselves "nationalists" or claim to be opposed to "radical" Islam while targeting innocent Muslims for threats and violence, the bad old days are coming back round again.

Let's go back to May Day in Austin, Texas. As part of a full day of events celebrating the traditional international workers' holiday, a coalition of communists and some anarchist supporters had planned a march through downtown, similar to radical May Day marches that happen in cities like Portland. Small events like it had occurred in the Texas capital in 2015 and 2016.

### A Brief Timeline of Recent Fascist Activity In Austin

**Summer 2016 - present:** Emboldened by the increasing success of Donald Trump and the "alt-right" fascist agenda, white supremacist groups step up recruiting and propaganda efforts on college campuses. Racist posters & graffiti tied to white supremacist groups like Vanguard America and Identity Evropa routinely appear on and around UT Austin.

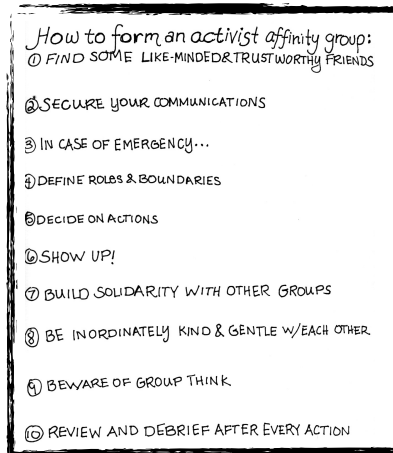
**November 19, 2016:** The hate group "White Lives Matter" stages a protest outside the Texas Capitol to coincide with the unveiling of the African American History Memorial. The white supremacists are met by an overwhelming force of counter protesters, but are defended by Austin Police Department horse cops and Texas DPS State Troopers in armored riot gear. A handful of arrests are made but the fascist event is effectively surrounded and shut down.

# AFFINITY GROUPS

Affinity groups are intentional associations of people based on shared goals. In the context of activism, affinity groups can serve as like-minded individuals engaging in one or more actions, or communities of resistance that provide mutual aid, support, and inspiration.

Tips for forming and maintaining an affinity group include:

1. It is wise to choose your affinity group members carefully. The composition of the group may depend on goal. Some groups require diversity of skills and willingness to take on risk, whereas other groups might require a more homogenous mindset.
2. Educate yourselves on ways to stay safe from doxxing, infiltration, and digital security threats. Consider the level of risk of your group communications and take appropriate actions to secure them.
3. Make sure everyone shares personal information in case of arrest, injury, or being late home for dinnerness.
4. It can be helpful to create points of unity or organizing principles to guide and focus your group. Some group roles and responsibilities are more flexible than others. Sometimes roles are dictated by the talents of the members of the group.
5. Once you have your organizing principles defined and individual boundaries defined, you can begin deciding what kinds of actions you would like to take towards the goals of your affinity groups. From organizing a picnic to overthrowing the government, taking action is easier with friends.
6. Show. The fuck. Up.
7. Larger actions might require collaboration with other affinity groups and organizations. Your organizing principles and points of unity can help guide you in your dealings with larger coalitions.
8. <3 <3 <3 Don't forget that we fight for a better world for all people, and please remember to be kind with each other and yourself.
9. One way to stay grounded in reality is to read and analyze a variety of historical and contemporary texts. Remember that too much agreement in a group can be more harmful than a healthy amount of debate.
10. It is important to remain open to critique and self-reflection individually and as a group. Again, your organizing principles and points of unity can center you when conflict arises.

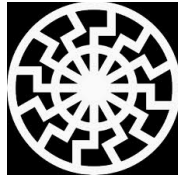


# FASCIST SYMBOLS

White supremacists will boldly proclaim their fascist views in situations where they are largely protected by threat of violence by themselves or police, but they often use symbols of varying degrees of popularity and recognizability for identification and/or recruitment. Following are the more common symbols and



The Parteia德勒 of the Nazi Party,



The Black Sun



SS death's head insignia



Iron Cross



Confederate Flag



The SS emblem (Sig runes)



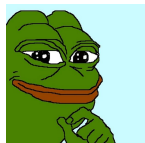
Celtic Cross



Swastika



Stormfront



Pepe the Frog



Triskele



Odal Rune

But this year, a group of fascists had another idea. Heavily armed counter-protesters converged on the radical march from two sides, surrounding them and preventing them from effectively moving through the downtown area. At times, they violently attacked. At least one activist was sucker punched while another was violently thrown from their wheelchair.

*March 4, 2017:* The far right rallies at Woolridge Square park as part of a national "March 4 Trump" day of action on "Confederate Flag Day." Local organizers include known fascist Jennifer Drabbant. Trump supporters happily march and rally side by side with neo-nazis and fascist 4chan trolls. A small counter-protest is surrounded by violent fascists, including Gregorio Rendon who assaults activist and gonzo journalist Kit O'Connell by slamming him head-first into a lamp post. Kit is arrested by Austin Police Department and charged with misdemeanor assault, while Gregorio is briefly held in cuffs than released without charges. Kit is admitted to the hospital with injuries to his head, arm and leg.

Many of these attackers were 4chan trolls, the denizens of the online message board that once gave birth to the Anonymous hacktivist collective, but since then has taken a dark and dangerous turn. These groups are now a regular disruptive presence at Texas protests, and one of them, William Fears, is known to have brandished a knife at Indivisible activists in the Houston airport during protests against Trump's Muslim ban.

Joining these Pepe the frog worshipping douchebags were members of Open Carry Texas, a 2nd Amendment Rights group known for intimidating displays of firepower during local festivals and even in restaurants. And standing side-by-side with them were members of White Lives Matter, which the Southern Poverty Law Center called "a neo-Nazi group that is growing into a movement as more and more white supremacist groups take up its slogans and tactics."

And, lest you think we're exaggerating by calling them fascists, or just using the term because of political disagreements, many members of these groups proudly identify as fascists, nazis, or white-nationalists. They display both blatant and more subtle racist symbolism, from the infamous "14/88" (14 Words, see symbolism section of this

zine) to openly "Seig Heil"ing Hitler-style in the streets of downtown Austin in broad daylight.



That a march by communists, socialists and anarchists would draw out a diverse coalition of far-right and fascist groups should disturb you, not just because of the potential for violence against activists like you and me. It's also because it's a sign that right-wing groups are working together and becoming more organized, and more determined than ever to stomp out the left.

And this kind of thing isn't just happening in Texas. Organized fascist, far-right groups are marching, rallying, and targeting leftists from Portland to Oakland to Boston. And these groups are diverse in age too, bringing together not just aging Klansman who've shucked off their white sheets, but young people radicalized on the internet in places like 4chan and Reddit.

This isn't about letting people have their dissenting opinions. This is about people coming to peaceful events looking to literally beat progressive values out of people. And that — that's not free speech. That's fascism.

### About Fascism

Now you might think we're just throwing the word "fascism" around here. What does it really mean and how does it apply at a time like this?

Well, according to the Google, fascism is “an authoritarian and nationalistic right-wing system of government and social organization.”

Our system of government is pretty squarely an oligarchy and plutocracy — forged by capitalism, sprinkled with authoritarian snowflakes that show up whenever a black person is standing on a street corner or something equally egregious. We're not here to say that we live in a fully fascist state, but rather that we live in a state with fascists — social organizations of nationalistic, right-wing extremists -- and they are growing in power with the support of the U.S. government.

*Mid-April 2017-present:* In the wake of graffiti accusing UT Austin frats of being "rapists" and "racists" (placed on some of the most notoriously racist and sexist frat houses), Austin fascists begin deepening their ties with the frat houses, some of whom threaten to begin anti-Immigrant/anti-Leftist campus "safety patrols" on campus.

*April 4, 2017:* Racist fliers targeting Chinese-American and other Asian students appear on the UT Austin campus.

*April 17, 2017:* Austin residents find plastic Easter eggs on their lawns filled with white supremacist propaganda. These Easter eggs appear again near Austin's Mexican American Cultural Center a month later.

**Connor Perrin**  
 Alt Right and anticommunist fascist  
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Simon Pringle  
 Nice work! However, you should really make sure the game is up before your TV appearance, as it could end us getting taken down following such promotion, and some of us are still really keen to play it ourselves.

On that front, come on, keep us updated, it didn't come out on Friday, when is it expected now?

Connor Perrin  
 Actually, it's more likely to make it onto the iPhone with press attention. Breitbart got two formerly banned games on the iPhone.

Connor Perrin  
 I should have it up though so people can buy it after hearing about it.

Iron Fist Games  
 Video game development company led by Connor Perrin and inspired by games such as Metal Gear, Final Fantasy and Zelda.

**Ken Reed**

Timeline

DO YOU KNOW KEN?

To see what he shares with friends, send him a friend request.

Intro

#WhiteLivesMatter / Alt-Right

- Former Verdugo at Auschwitz concentration camp
- Studied Winning at Harvard University

**Ken Reed**  
 Houston area White Lives Matter organizer  
 Aryan Renaissance Society leader  
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 Works at Whistler Energy in Houston



Be the woman hitting a Nazi with a handbag you wish to see in the world.



## Paul Gray

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512-750-3579

Works at South Congress Hotel  
Co-owns Bat City Events LLC  
Brother of Rebecca Gray, who owns Blue Cat Cafe  
Seen harassing protestors at East Side March 2/12/17  
Seen with self described fascists on 5/11/17 (see photos)  
FB likes include: "Feminism is a Death Cult," "Wehrmacht Uniforms 1939-1945," "Breitbart," "Angry White Girl," "Counter-signal Memes for Fashy Goys"



Paul Gray  
Profile  
Works at South Congress Hotel  
Lives in Austin, Texas.



## PAUL GRAY, NEO NAZI BROTHER OF REBECCA GRAY OF BLUE CAT CAFE



I don't know many details, but he's been fired. We haven't heard from him since and hopefully it will stay that way.

## FIRED FROM SOUTH CONGRESS HOTEL!

## NO WORK FOR NAZI SCUM

## Tom Ives

3335 Dobbin Stream Ln, Houston, TX  
Seen at multiple fascist led events between Austin and Hoston  
Fetishizes Nazi imagery on FB (specifically Operation Valkyrie)  
Uses white supremacist hand symbols (see image)  
Associates with known and open white nationalists  
Security/mall cop and aspiring deputy  
Works at Katy Mills security and G4S Secure Solutions USA  
Has completed Harris County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program  
Wants to work as a HCSO Deputy



Tom Ives  
(Slauffenberg)



April 23, 2017: Antifascist activists confront Sydney Crabtree and a small group of allied Austin fascists putting up Identity Evropa posters on the UT campus. One of Sydney's friends assaults the antifa, and witnesses call the police, ultimately resulting in the fascists being removed from campus. Another group of fascists posting Identity Evropa propaganda publish a photo of themselves performing a nazi salute in front of UT Austin's statue of MLK, taken that same night.

So you may have heard talk of how Trump appealed primarily to impoverished white people with so called "economic anxiety." And while some working class whites did vote for Trump, and the Democrats and Hillary Clinton should be criticized for failing to bring in many poor whites who voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012, historically these groups frequently vote for Republicans regardless of who the candidate is.

As reported by The Nation,

*The voters Clinton really lost—the ones she was targeting and relying on for victory—were college-educated whites. Most polling suggested she would win these voters, but she didn't, according to exit polls: White men went 63 percent for Trump versus 31 percent for Clinton, and white women went 53-43 percent. Among college-educated whites, only 39 percent of men and 51 percent of women voted for Clinton.*

And historically speaking, these are exactly the groups we'd expect to see supporting nationalism, white supremacy, and the Nazi Party in Germany. While working class people have supported these movements, the leadership, and the bulk of their members, have always come from middle-class people, or people sometimes referred to as "declassed." They aren't the powerless working poor, who are just as likely to band together against fascism as to join it. Rather, they are upper middle-class bosses, land-owners, and farmers, people who gained a small amount of power under capitalism only to see it stripped away by the continuing consolidation of wealth under the richest 1%.

Trump's promises to "drain the swamp" appealed to many members of the white poor, but even more so to businessmen and ranchers who loved his promises to drive out foreign capital and foreign businesses and restore them to the power they held decades ago before the rise of globalization and neoliberalism. Indeed, after decades of neoliberal policies stripped the middle class to the roots, these "declassed" white men saw Trump as a hope for something different, and a return to power.



In a “day after election day” article in The Guardian, author Naomi Klein explained the rise of Trump like this:

Here is what we need to understand: a hell of a lot of people are in pain. Under neoliberal policies of deregulation, privatization, austerity and corporate trade, their living standards have declined precipitously. ... At the same time, they have witnessed the rise of the Davos class, a hyper-connected network of banking and tech billionaires, elected leaders who are awfully cosy with those interests, and Hollywood celebrities who make the whole thing seem unbearably glamorous. Success is a party to which they were not invited, and they know in their hearts that this rising wealth and power is somehow directly connected to their growing debts and powerlessness. For the people who saw security and status as their birthright – and that means white men most of all – these losses are unbearable. Donald Trump speaks directly to that pain. ... Elite neoliberalism has nothing to offer that pain, because neoliberalism unleashed the Davos class. People such as Hillary and Bill Clinton are the toast of the Davos party. In truth, they threw the party.

And we the people have to take some blame on this for allowing such a grotesque rise of anti-intellectualism and fact-fear drive us into the arms of a psychopathic, dim-witted clown but through this analysis, we can recognize not only what led us here – i.e. neoliberalism – but also where we could be headed.

**May 1, 2017: A May Day March** in downtown Austin organized by local communists, with support from anarchists and radical left activists, is surrounded and outnumbered by a fascist coalition consisting of neo-nazis, militia members, Open Carry Texas and White Lives Matter. The May Day March is violently attacked and prevented from marching. Fascists present include Ken Reed, William Fears and Sydney Crabtree. Austin Police protect the fascists while allowing them to carry out violent attacks on the marchers. There are unconfirmed reports of at least one assault on a person of color by white supremacists that night in South Austin.

Both local and national fascists are quick to blame antifa and liberals for a stabbing which occurred earlier that same day on the UT Austin campus, despite a total lack of evidence linking the perpetrator to activism of any kind. Anti-black fliers appear on campus the following day.

Sydney Mcglynn Crabtree  
Alt-Right white nationalist fascist

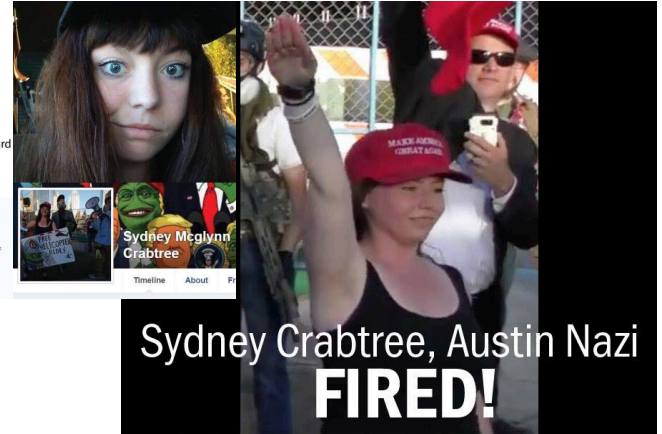
Works at aRoma Italian on South Lamar  
May drive a black Dodge Ram truck  
Spotted posting racist fliers at UT April 23rd  
Frequents the south Wheatville Co-Op  
and Sholz Beer Garden on San Jacinto

**Sid Fascist**

@SidFascist

Alt Right/ White Nationalist. Job creator of liberal tears.

Austin, TX



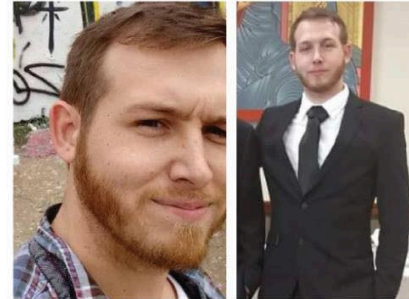
**Aroma Italian Kitchen & Bar** 🍷

Thanks for you concerns, this employee no longer works at aRoma. All aRoma wants to do is make great Italian food.

**NO NAZI SCUM IN AUSTIN**  
**NO NAZI SCUM ANYWHERE!**



## WILLIAM FEARS: ALT RIGHT FASCIST, KIDNAPPER, AND WOMAN BEATER



William Fears is a self-admitted fascist who has been convicted of kidnapping and stabbing his ex-girlfriend in 2009. You can read about this here: <http://bit.ly/2tcPr0c>

William has been seen in Austin calling himself a fascist and Nazi as well as sieg heiling. He has been seen in Houston multiple times, recently at the “This Is Texas” protest where he was forcibly ejected by other conservatives for his racist views.

Let William know what you think of his violent beliefs and actions.

Lives at 4907 Orange Tree Drive, Pasadena, TX  
Cell phone: 713-836-9689 Drives a gray Jeep

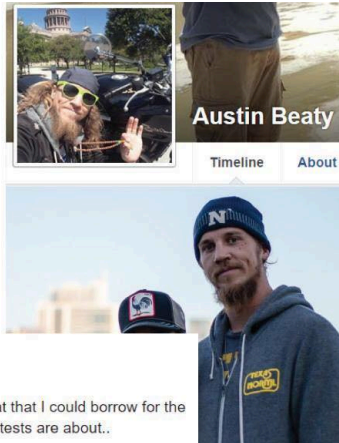
# YOUR LEAST WANTED

Below are some of the known fascists we have seen threatening or committing violence against marginalized people or groups.

## Austin Beaty

614 S 1st St, Austin, TX 78704

Austin has come to many anti-Trump and anti-fascist protests to stand on the side of fascists and fascists. He puts himself and his bike in the way of protestors and calls himself a fascist attempting to incite violence. He has also cheered on violence against disabled and trans people committed by his fascist friends. Austin works security and bar at many establishments, including LGBT friendly Highland Lounge, Red Shed Tavern, and Cosmic Cowboy. He is also a City of Austin lifeguard.



Anyone have a Make America Great Again hat that I could borrow for the afternoon? About to go see what all these protests are about..

## Kristoffer Ian Celera

Texas alt right's token gay minority  
 "Libertarian nationalist"  
 Seen making Nazi saultes and white power hand symbols  
 1805 Aquarena Springs Drive apt. 317  
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May 7, 2017: Under intense online pressure, Sydney Crabtree is fired from her job at Aroma Italian restaurant.

May 23, 2017: Paul Gray, neo-nazi, is fired from his job at South Congress Hotel under pressure from antifa activists. Gray is the brother of Rebecca Gray, manager of the Blue Cat Cafe, frequently the target anti-gentrification activists.

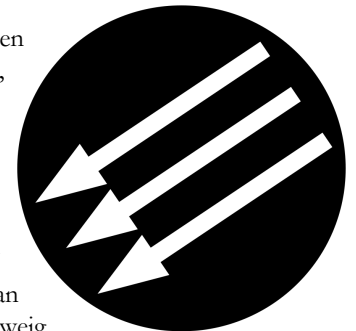
Our unfolding brand of fascism presents itself on two fronts: it starts at the government level, with hard right-wing legislation designed to hurt the poor and vulnerable, like Trumpcare, the overpriced and loophole filled replacement to the Affordable Care Act, or the brutal budget Republicans want to push through, which slashes the safety net for millions of Americans who need it most, like children, veterans and the disabled. Of course it seeks to do this with no shortage of jingoist flag waving, military posturing and God Bless Americas. Outside of the halls of the mighty maniacs, fascism is more overtly supported and grown in the streets.

Already back in early 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center released a report on the rise of hate groups — in 2014, SPLC counted 784 hate groups compared to 892 in 2015, a 14% increase. Last year, that number increased again – to 917. Couple

this with the more than 1,000 bias incidents within Trump's first 34 days of office — i.e. attacking women wearing Hijab, people of color, women, etc. — it's clear that indeed as this headline notes, fascists of all stripes are feeling free to express their hatred openly.

### What is Antifascism?

Antifascism has its origins in pre-war Germany, when socialists and anarchists fought nazis in the streets, trying, but ultimately failing to halt their rise to power. After the war, they reorganized again into neighborhood groups called "Antifaschistische Komitees" or even "Antifaschistische Aktion" or antifa for short. As outlined by Loren Balhorn in Jacobin magazine, antifa fought the remnants of the Nazi party, while also helping rebuild German society. For example, antifa in the city of Braunschweig "printed a twelve-point program demanding, among other things, the removal of Nazis from all administrative bodies and their immediate replacement with "competent antifascists," liquidation of Nazi assets to provide for war victims, emergency laws to prosecute local fascists, and the reestablishment of the public health-care service."



While the antifa banner fell out of favor during the middle of the 20th century, the work of fighting fascism continued. While they haven't always used the label, groups like the Black Panthers, the Young Lords, and the Brown Berets organized to defend their communities by any means necessary, whether that meant armed struggle, or providing breakfast for hungry school kids. Antifascism saw a resurgence in the 80s and 90s, often through the punk scene, the Anti-Racist Action movement, and groups mobilizing against white supremacy throughout Europe. Antifa grew even larger as an organized movement at the dawn of the 21st century, inspired not just by new movements of white supremacists, but also by the anti-globalization movement and the successful use of black bloc at the famous "Battle of Seattle."

Black bloc, a tactic that involves activists masking up and wearing near identical black clothing to hide their identity, has come to be associated with antifa activism. But the tactic does not belong to any one radical group, and has been used for a variety of purposes, from yes, confronting fascists, to disabling dirty energy project equipment.

And though militant, black bloc confrontations are sometimes an effective tactic of the antifascist movement, and they are just one among many. Antifa take part in creating art and music, reading groups and classes, graffiti and street art, intersectional coalition building and even dressing as clowns to make fascists look like the fools they are.

In one recent example that shows the potential diversity of tactics, antifa in St. Paul, Minnesota came together with a broad coalition of leftist groups to block attempts by a racist South African group to recruit at a Trump rally. Ultimately, they nonviolently forced the Trump supporters to denounce the fascist group through social pressure and sheer overwhelming numbers.

*June 10, 2017:*  
Islamophobes attempt to hold a rally at the Capitol gates as part of a national "March Against Sharia" declared by the anti-Muslim organization ACT for America, but are drowned out by a massive noise demonstration counterprotest. Austin antifascists and other activists resist police violence from armored State Troopers and constant threats by the Islamophobes and fascists, who are supported by armed militia members, rallying for hours in the hot sun. Despite backing from Sydney Crabtree, who appears wearing a white sheet and Make America Great Again hat, and other neo-nazis, the Islamophobes are unable to march or hold their speeches and are driven out of Austin with their tail between their legs.

To be effective, antifa must be prepared not just to fight necessary, but also to provide appealing political alternatives when both the Republicans and the Democrats have failed to deliver on their promises to the people. At moments like this one, fascism can be dangerously appealing, even to former leftists. As Don Hamersquist wrote in his essay "Fascism and Antifascism,"

In this country, particularly, radical anti-fascists must be prepared to compete ideologically and every other way with fascists who present themselves as revolutionary and anti-capitalist and who orient towards the same issues and constituencies as the left.

Remember, the opposition to trade deals like the Trans Pacific Partnership came from both the far right and the far left, but the right had very different reasons for opposing it than we did.

To sum it up, antifascists believe that we're all on the front lines of this battle, that fascism is a real and growing force, and we must stop it from bringing back the days of genocide, no matter what. That doesn't mean we all have to be ready to punch nazis. Whether it's covering up racist graffiti, confronting racists or protecting marginalized and vulnerable people in your community from hateful behavior, contributing to bail funds of arrested antifa, or being willing to shout down and shut down nazis in your city, we all have a part to play in this fight.

As Naomi Klein wrote in that same post-election article, "People have a right to be angry, and a powerful, intersectional left agenda can direct that anger where it belongs, while fighting for holistic solutions that will bring a frayed society together."

So whether you identify as antifa or fight fascism under a different banner, let's work together, fight together and build together — on the front lines.

