

# Antifascism: An Introduction

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## Basics of Antifa

- **Antifascism** is a strategy or culture, **not** an organized group. There is no official "membership" in antifa.
- **'Antifa'** is simply an abbreviation for antifascist imported from Europe.
- Antifascism has origins pre- & post- WW II Europe, the modern punk scene.
- Antifa believe **fascism & white supremacy** are a real, modern, **deadly** threat.
- Antifascism is **both** physical and ideological confrontations with nazis, racists, etc.
- Antifascists believe marginalized/threatened groups should be protected by **any means necessary**.

## Tactics & Goals of Antifa

- **Preventing** the spread of fascist propaganda & rhetoric (including 'no platforming')
- **Self-organized** defense of threatened groups, do not depend on or work with police
- **Exposing fascists** & their agenda to the public (at their jobs, schools, neighborhoods)
- **'Black bloc'** defense of protests and direct action (black bloc is a **tactic** not an organized group or movement)
- **Physical defense of people**, places and times from nazi gatherings and fascist mobilization.
- **Building** positive anti-racist culture.

## Supporting Antifascism

- **Give** time, money, and space to groups in need of support or legal aid
- **Use your privilege** to speak out against racism, sexism, homophobia, transmisogyny ...
- **Get involved** however you feel comfortable (not everyone has to punch nazis!)
- **Share information** with with your local antifa
- **Don't** put other activists at risk by exposing their identity
- **Respect** diversity of tactics, don't report fellow activists to the police

## Further Reading

- **See** <https://www.ohshitwhatnow.org/punching-nazis/>
- **Google** 'Time for Treason reading list' / visit <https://thenewinquiry.com/a-time-for-treason/>
- **Read** "Antifa: The Antifascist Handbook" or upcoming "The Antifa Comic Book" by Mark Bray

# 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 group's 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 • glitter bombing • pic-ing (mm... 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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