

# STOP THE MAGA POLICE STATE!

**ANY OF US COULD BE NEXT!**

The return of the fascist Donald Trump to the presidency has unleashed a full-scale attack on our rights. His MAGA agenda has put all forms of struggle against oppression in the crosshairs, including the struggle against racist police terror. We must face this situation clearly: the direction things are going is very dangerous for us all, and we must act before it gets any worse.

**Join the October 22nd Coalition and others locally and nationally to fight back!**

## A FASCIST POLICE STATE IN THE MAKING

**Let's call it what it is:** Trump and his army of bigots, zealots, and anti-thinking fools are working day and night to build a FASCIST POLICE STATE. Every executive order he signs, every student protester or immigrant his regime snatches away, every attack he launches on transgender youth—all of it is designed to crush resistance and build a society ruled by pure bigotry. We cannot stand by and watch them cement their reign of terror.

## DISMANTLING THE MOVEMENT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY: KEY TO THE FASCIST MAGA AGENDA

One of Trump's first acts in office was pardoning two DC cops who murdered 20-year-old Karon Hilton-Brown. Then he revoked federal decrees against abusive police departments. He has openly pushed for "**blanket immunity**" for cops who kill, and his allies have floated the idea of **pardoning Derek Chauvin**, the Minneapolis officer convicted of murdering George Floyd. Meanwhile, MAGA-aligned politicians have **singled out Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB)**—a leading force in our movement—for attack. This is a direct assault on all who have fought for justice, especially the families of those killed by law enforcement who make up the backbone of our movement.

Trump and his MAGA regime have made their intentions clear: mass roundups, violent suppression of LGBTQ+ rights, the spread of white supremacy and Christian nationalism, and **an unchecked militarized police force with absolute power**. His administration is shutting

down lawsuits against abusive cops, reversing even the most tepid reforms, attacking lawyers that represent immigrants and victims of police brutality, and purging all mention of police abuse throughout the federal government. **They want cops to be judge, jury, and executioner.**

Trump himself has declared that any attempt to rein in the police is an attack on them. **During his campaign, he even suggested giving police a full day to act with complete brutality and impunity—so that afterward, people would "fall in line."**

Why is attacking our movement so central to Trump's agenda? Because **he fears the power that was unleashed in the streets across the U.S. in 2020** following the police murders of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, KY, when millions stood together in defiance of violent, state-sanctioned white supremacy. **A determined mass movement that crosses all racial and social lines is the greatest threat to the fascist MAGA vision.**

## OUR ANSWER: SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

The October 22nd Coalition is calling on all people of conscience and all justice-seeking organizations to **stand together nationwide in unified mass resistance**.

- **NO MORE** silencing the families of those murdered by this system's enforcers!
- **NO MORE** ICE snatching up immigrants, students, and dissenters!
- **NO MORE** attacks on trans youth, protest movements, and communities fighting back!

## RESISTANCE IS OUR ONLY OPTION!

We outnumber these oppressors, and if we act with boldness and conviction, **we can stop them**. But we must build broadly together now, before their power becomes too entrenched.

**Join the October 22nd Coalition today in planning for national actions, and let's put it in the streets! Bring your voice, bring your rage, bring your solidarity, your determination, and your hope.**

The fight is now. The future depends on us.



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# Mission Statement of the October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation

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The mission of the October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation is to mobilize those directly under the gun of police terror, alongside those who are relatively immune to state violence, to derail the atrocities of police brutality, mass incarceration, and political repression. Since 1996, this has been realized through organizing for a National Day of Protest every year on October 22nd.

In a time when we are witnessing a sharp return to open white supremacy, and a fascist movement both inside and outside of government, the Coalition is building a network to respond quickly across the country through protests and other actions, strengthening people's ability to resist, and creating better conditions for fundamental social change.

## St. Paul Principles

The October 22 Coalition officially adopted the St. Paul Principles in June 2023. The St. Paul Principles are a good baseline for solidarity and support:

1. Our solidarity will be based on respect for a diversity of tactics and the plans of other groups.
2. The actions and tactics used will be organized to maintain a separation of time or space.
3. Any debates or criticisms will stay internal to the movement, avoiding any public or media denunciations of fellow activists and events.
4. We oppose any state repression of dissent, including surveillance, infiltration, disruption and violence. We agree not to assist law enforcement actions against activists and others.

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## Join and Build the National Emergency Response Network

**NO MORE ACCEPTING THE UNACCEPTABLE - NO MORE STOLEN LIVES!**



The October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation is calling on justice-loving people to unite to build a **National Emergency Response Network** against police violence. The purpose of this network is to connect people across the country to be able to activate a coordinated response when the next police outrage occurs, which as we should all be aware by now, is not a matter of IF it will occur, but WHEN.

### What will this network do?

- **Respond** to killings and abuses by law enforcement, building opposition on an increasingly coordinated level locally, statewide, and nationally
- **Monitor** police crimes against the people—both the ones that make national news and the ones that don't
- **Inform** people with the best information we have about each incident, as well as share ideas for tactics and resources among different local areas
- **Support** the victims and families and loved ones of victims and connect them with other families
- **Speak out** for the victims and their loved ones, and build a struggle for justice around each case

To find out more, and to get involved in the crucial efforts now underway to build the **National Emergency Response Network**, join the October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation:



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