

The Open Source Classism, Racism and Sexism Project: Hurricane Katrina, the Blogosphere and Corporate Media... "...White People Find, Black People Loot."

Issues covered in this publication have been banned and censored by corporate media, independent media communities and non-minorities around the world... and that's why there's a need for this open source project! Out of sight, out of mind. Print and circulate this!

This issue is "now banned!" –privileged zinescene moderator on 10/12/2005



Issue #2., Second Edition

Issue #3, due out in January 2006, will have 32 pages. Please send comments, submissions and articles that you find that are interesting and related to classism, racism and sexism as it directly or indirectly relates to Hurricane Katrina, The Blogosphere, Corporate Media or censorship. Please post such information at this discussion forum (name not required): www.forums.dsame.com

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About This Project

This is the Open Source Classism, Racism and Sexism Project. This project is a series of independently created publications (also known as zines) which I am compiling from sources all over the world. The first installment of the Open Source Classism, Racism, and Sexism Project is all about Hurricane Katrina as it indirectly and directly related to Corporate Media, the Blogosphere and censorship from progressive and conservative groups.

The first issue is titled: "The Open Source Classism, Racism, and Sexism Project: Hurricane Katrina, The Blogosphere and Corporate Media... "White People Find, Black People Loot." Issue #2. [Please see issue number #1 to understand why we call it that.]

Each of these publications is entirely not-for-profit and "Open Source," which in this case, means that no one owns them and anyone can print them out and circulate them.

Please print the publications out and place them in your home, activist group, local co-ops, local coffee shops, collectives, libraries and other places. In this first issue I included 19 pages, so that you can create your own page 20 (add your agreements, disagreements with this publication, add a flyer for your activist project, your activist group, your distro etc.) and then publish this publication as a 20 page booklet on the front and back of 5 sheets of 11" x 17" (or 279 x 432 mm) paper.

You can download this zine (which is issue #2) from this website at www.opensource.dsame.com

The Campus Activism website will also have the document and the pdf versions of this project located here: www.campusactivism.org/displayresource-487.htm

Important: Please keep in mind that if you cannot download the document version (or if your browser causes the document version to display in a distorted manner) please look under "files" and you will also see the pdf version which is the best printable version of this resource.

The community inclusive, open source nature of this resource makes it a very important project which may change the way in which information is circulated so that progressive activists need not rely upon those who censor information.

Thank you very much.

Love for the people,

Sincerely,

-Peace Guru

www.opensource.dsame.com

Named 'Peace' because: "True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Letter from a Birmingham Jail)

Why 'Guru'? "You finally learn wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it" -Hoh Elder Leah Fisher"

"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn." -Gloria Steinem

"We've learned that isolationism never was and never will be an acceptable response to tyrannical governments with an expansionist intent." -Ronald Reagan, a quote that applies to every country, including the USA which is now a tyrannical government with an expansionist intent.

Hurricane Katrina is one of the worse disasters and examples of a Democratic Government abandoning people in need in history. Circulate this publication!

FEMA Deliberately Sabotaging Hurricane Relief Efforts
Multiple parishes revolt, use armed guards to defend against feds



Numerous credible sources have come forward with examples of how the Federal Emergency Management Agency is deliberately sabotaging Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans. This represents a ruthless attempt on the part of FEMA to impose a federal takeover of the area for their own benefit amid a tragedy that has already claimed anything up to 10,000 lives.

The mainstream media has picked up on this story but is whitewashing it as just another 'failure' of the federal government in dealing with the crisis.

In reality the actions are part of a coordinated campaign to deepen the scope of the disaster in order to force through bumper funding increases for FEMA.

Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard (pictured below) appeared on Meet the Press



Sunday and broke down in tears as he described FEMA's criminal activities.

"We have been abandoned by our own country.

Hurricane Katrina will go down in history as one of the worst storms ever to hit an American coast, but the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will go down as one of the worst abandonments of Americans on American soil ever in U.S. history."

We had [a large department store chain] deliver three trucks of water, trailer trucks of water. FEMA turned them back. They said we didn't need them. This was a week ago. FEMA--we had 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel on a Coast Guard vessel docked in my parish. The Coast Guard said, "Come get the fuel right away." When we got there with our trucks, they got a word. "FEMA says don't give you the fuel." Yesterday--yesterday--FEMA comes in and cuts all of our emergency communication lines. They cut them without notice. Our sheriff, Harry Lee, goes back in, he reconnects the line. He posts armed guards on our line and says, "No one is getting near these lines."

Why would FEMA, an organization supposedly tasked with helping in a time of crisis, deliberately cut police communication lines? This is a blatant example of sabotage and a sick push to make the disaster worse. In carrying out these actions, FEMA are no better than the animals who shot at rescue workers and helicopters.

The mission of FEMA has never in reality been to bring people food and water and help in times of crisis. Alex Jones has attended numerous FEMA drills where the whole point of the exercise is to round people up, break up families and institute a brutal police state crackdown.

FEMA need to create a chaotic atmosphere in New Orleans so they can legitimize what they are doing.

We now have multiple reports of police being ordered to guard key infrastructures in order to defend them from FEMA federal agents. Sheriffs in numerous different counties are guarding highways to keep FEMA out. FEMA is being treated as the enemy because they are sabotaging key facilities in an effort to intentionally worsen the already desperate scenes of horror in New Orleans.

FEMA is sabotaging lines of communication so their activities cannot be exposed to the wider relief authorities and the media.

Commenting on the sabotage by FEMA of communication lines, Washington insider Wayne Madsen states,

"Jamming radio and other communications such



as television signals is part of a Pentagon tactic called "information blockade" or "technology blockade." The tactic is one of a number of such operations that are part of the doctrine of "information warfare" and is one of the psychological operations (PSYOPS) methods used by the US Special Operations Command."

Radio host Carol Baker who has been tracking the FEMA sabotage stated that Plaquemines

Parish Sheriff Jeff Hingle had his deputies patrol the county line under orders not to let FEMA in.

As is discussed in the Meet the Press interview, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee also has armed guards patrolling the county line in order to prevent the FEMA sabotage.

FEMA has a number of executive orders that outline the total federal takeover of any US city.

For a full synopsis of FEMA's executive orders in light of the hurricane, [click here](#).

FEMA is clearly using this human catastrophe as a means of executing its decade long plans and providing the pretext for future takeover scenarios of all major American cities.

Amongst a litany of government inaction and outright dereliction, this is the most alarming evidence to emerge yet that clearly indicates an agenda for the federal government to profit and expand its power from exploiting the aftermath of the hurricane.

Special thanks to Mary M. for posting this story to her blog.

This story taken from this website
www.prisonplanet.com

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The African People's Solidarity Committee vehemently condemns the U.S. government's genocidal

treatment of the majority poor and working African population in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region following Hurricane Katrina. The whole world has watched as the true nature of U.S. colonial oppression of African people has unfolded this week. If we were unclear before, there can be no doubt now that there are indeed two

Americas -- one for the white and wealthy population which was easily able to evacuate New Orleans, and one for the African community, which lives in conditions of near-slavery, poverty and powerlessness.

The Bush administration's inaction and refusal to help the 100,000 African people that

survived the floods in New Orleans, leaving them stranded for five days without food, water, shelter or medicine showed the true face of U.S. imperialism. There was absolutely no evacuation plan for the majority African population of New Orleans and towns all along the Gulf Coast. Thousands of people have died already, and many more will perish in this government-created catastrophe. Their blood is on the hands of the Bush administration.

Several white people involved in the disaster were also clear that they were being treated totally differently than the African population. One white woman interviewed said that, "If New Orleans was 99 per cent white instead of 99 per cent black, I think that on that second day Tuesday, George Bush would have had all kinds of help going in there to get those people out." We should be outraged that 250 animals were airlifted out of the city before any of the people were rescued! It's always been apparent to African people that white people care far more about our pets than we do about their lives.

Expensive hotels were evacuating their rich customers while African families were stranded and often deliberately separated one from another by authorities, as in slavery days. While the African community suffered unimaginable horrors, facing no jobs, no homes, no secure future of any kind, white families were already buying new condos and renting office spaces to resume their privileged lives.

The African People's Solidarity Committee understands that this

stark contrast of access to resources, mobility and power for white people, and abject poverty and powerlessness of Africans is systemic to this parasitic capitalist system that was born and built on the enslavement and colonization of African people and the genocide of the Indigenous population of the Americas.

We live in a society where the entire white population lives well at the expense of the suffering and exploitation of African people. Economic development and democracy for us has always come at the cost of a genocidal war of repression against African and other oppressed peoples inside the U.S. and around the world.

The enslavement of African people by Europe -- where millions of Africans were worked to death in an average of seven years for hundreds of years -- built the wealth not just of the U.S. South but of the entire white power system. Every sector of white society benefited from this parasitic economy, and willingly participated in the terror and torture of Africans necessary to keep this violent, exploitative relationship in tact.

There is no other logical explanation for how Africans, whose homeland is the richest continent in natural resources in the world, are poor and suffering everywhere in the world today, while white people, who came from a diseased and impoverished Europe are the richest people in the world.

The U.S. government is waging a counterinsurgency war against the African population just as surely

as against the Iraqi people. Africans live under a public policy of police containment, a violent and cynical policy endorsed and voted in by the white community. It generates vast resources, jobs and security for white people while African people live under the terror of martial law, facing early death and imprisonment. The U.S.-controlled prison and drug economies are worth billions of dollars to the white economy. Prison beds must be filled by young Africans and Mexicans or the stocks fall on Wall Street.

White society lives comfortably with the violent assumption that the U.S. government will never carry out a public policy of economic development for the African community. We assume Africa itself will always be devastated and destitute. The challenge for us is to look honestly at this parasitic relationship. Babies in Africa are living on less than a dollar a day and dying of curable diseases BECAUSE Americans and Europeans are stealing the resources of Africa to sustain our parasitic lifestyle. Elderly African women and little children have died or barely survived a living hell in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast this week BECAUSE we have stolen their independence, their ability to have a vital economy and benefit from their own labor and resources.

The whole white population has the outrageous and deep assumption that Africans and others will always be poor and powerless while we enjoy some version of the

"American dream" -- a life of cars, boats, beautiful homes, talking on our cell phones and typin gon our computers at Starbucks, and having expensive university educations and vacations in Europe. We can't continue to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that our wealth has no relationship to the millions of Africans killed in the Congo so that we can have the coltan for our electronic toys, for example.

APSC rejects this colonial relationship. We will not live any longer in a society built off sucking the blood, resources and life force of African people. We call on other white people who find this system abhorrent to join us in working under the leadership of the Uhuru Movement which is fighting for the liberation of Africa and the return of all Africa's stolen resources. If African people had control of their natural wealth, they wouldn't need to depend on Bush to "rescue" them from a horrendous situation that the government itself has created.

President Bush's response to the devastation and suffering in Katrina's wake was to play golf the day after the hurricane struck. He waited three days to make a TV appearance, and a full five days before actually going to the area. A September 1st article in the New York Times exposed the truly chilling fact that the State of Louisiana meetings to strategize evacuation plans deliberately ignored the African population in New Orleans. One consultant said, "Not much consideration was given to New Orleans's 'low-mobility' population -- those too sick or too poor to evacuate themselves." He stated that when

the question came up at meetings, there was silence.

The response of the U.S. government was in sharp contrast to the humane and dynamic leadership provided by Cuban president Fidel Castro when Hurricane Ivan struck Cuba with 160 mile-an-hour winds in September, 2004. The Cuban government evacuated 1.5 million people to higher grounds ahead of time.

Not one life was lost, although the hurricane destroyed 20,000 homes. The Cuban administration this week expressed shock that thousands of people were crammed into the stadiums without adequate food, water or medical attention. They said that all Cuban shelters had medical personnel who evacuated with their communities so that they were already familiar with the people's medical problems.

It is clear that the U.S. government's only concern was to secure the oil and other resources in the area. Bush made it known tha the wouldn't interfere with the wild profiteering and brazen price-gouging by his cronies in the oil business. These criminal oil company executives made billions of dollars off the suffering and misery of the African population, as they immediately raised gas prices through the roof. Halliburton is no doubt already signing deals for trillions of dollars for reconstruction contracts. Hotel chains viciously raised their rates, trying to milk every last cent from devastated flood victims.

Meanwhile, thousands of poor

African people -- elderly and sick, children and mothers -- were totally abandoned by the government, left to wait for days on rooftops or herded into the Convention Center and the Superdome, just as African people were crammed by Europeans into the slave-ships, existing in unimaginable conditions of over-crowding and heat without adequate water, food or sanitation.

Babies died from lack of milk to drink. Elderly and sick people couldn't get out of their homes, or died from lack of medicines, water and food. Their bodies were left to rot on the streets, as the authorities did nothing. As we have seen in Iraq, doctors were left in hospitals having to decide who lived and who died as they struggled for days without electricity, medicines, oxygen, food or water.

Obviously, African life is expendable in America.

The African People's Solidarity Committee condemns the conditions of martial law imposed on the African community by the National Guard and the police. The U.S. media viciously criminalized the African population for taking necessities such as food, water and diapers from stores, as cynical state and federal administrations left them to starve to death. As always, the media blamed African people themselves for the horrendous, violent conditions suffered by the community. One reporter told how he and others had to create light at night, "as you would light a fire in the wild to keep the animals away".

The police and National Guard troops arriving in New Orleans were instructed to shoot to kill by Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco. Lieutenant-General Steven Blum told reporters that many of his troops recently returned from "operations abroad", and were "...battle-tested. They have M-16s and are locked and loaded. They are highly proficient in the use of lethal force and will put down the violence in a quick and efficient manner." New Orleans mayor instructed the police force to abandon their rescue efforts and turn all their attention to attacking the homeless, starving African people roaming the streets.

This is simply an extension of the public policy of police containment of the African community already in operation in cities throughout the U.S. This policy is responsible for the hundreds of police murders of African people every year, which go un-challenged and unpunished.

The criminal neglect of the majority African population in the Gulf region affected by the storms and floods did not just begin with Hurricane Katrina and the disastrous aftermath. The government has known for decades that the levees could not withstand a category four hurricane. Projects by the Army Core of Engineers to prevent flooding and to reinforce the levees were halted by the Bush administration in 2004. At least \$71.2 million needed for this work were re-allocated to "re-building" Iraq.

The Department of Homeland

Security has taken over where the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), has left off. Neither one has ever been concerned with actually helping people in disaster situations. It's clear the government's only focus is the escalation of the containment and oppression of colonized peoples, carried out under the guise of the "war on terror," in order to maintain hegemony over the world's resources. Bush just signed over a miniscule \$10.5 billion for three states to split for hurricane relief, yet spends almost \$6 billion every month to continue the genocidal war against Iraq.

The African People's Solidarity Committee unconditionally supports the urgent demands of the Uhuru Movement calling for resources equal to those being spent by the U.S. in occupying Iraq to go immediately to distressed African communities to lift up the whole people. This infusion of capital is to deal with the current crisis but also must be used to overturn the colonial conditions that African people suffer from historically.

We demand that George W. Bush and his administration officials, as well as all local and state officials responsible for the death and destruction of African and poor communities on the Gulf Coast be fully prosecuted and imprisoned for these terrible crimes.

We demand that reparations be paid to African people for this horrendous attack as well as for the hundreds of years of slavery, unpaid and under-paid labor; for torture and lynchings and for all the land, labor and resources stolen from African people to

build the wealth and power of the white population in America and Europe.

We demand that charges be brought against the parasitic, blood-sucking corporations and merchants gouging suffering African people at the gas stations, stores and hotels.

We demand an end to the terrorist military attacks against African people by the police and National Guard. We denounce the slander against African people -- who had nothing before this disaster and who are now trying to survive -- calling them looters, loiterers and lawless gangs.

We call on the white population to open our eyes to the reality that this crisis of U.S. imperialism is revealing. We call on the white community to hear the wake-up call that the oppressed peoples of the world are yelling at us. We have to realize that the days are over when imperialism can continue to steal all the people's resources, keeping them in conditions of abject poverty, war and imprisonment in order to keep up the white lifestyle without any consequences being paid.

African people in the U.S. as well as Arab, African and other oppressed people around the world are courageously fighting and resisting in every way possible to end the conditions of colonial terror that they live in. They are determined that their children will have food, clothing, housing, a real education and a future of prosperity and happiness. If African people had the resources and were empowered to control their own

communities, a catastrophe like the one in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama today would not happen.

The African People's Solidarity Committee calls on conscious white people to reject this parasitic relationship that we have to African people and the majority of suffering humanity. There is another way, another future that we can work for. If we truly want peace we have to work hard for justice. Join us in building genuine solidarity with the Uhuru Movement which organizes for social and economic justice, self-determination and liberation for African people. The only possible way that we can have a future of peace and shared

prosperity for all people is for Africa and African people to be free!

Stop the U.S. government's genocidal attacks on African people! End the martial law and policy of police containment of the African community! Bring billions of dollars for economic development into all African communities in the U.S.! Prosecute the real criminals, Bush and all responsible government officials! Reparations and freedom for Africa and African people everywhere! Five hundred years is too long to owe anybody anything! Support the just resistance of African people to colonial loppression! Not one more black life stolen in our

name! Uhuru! Uhuru means freedom!

The African People's Solidarity Committee is an organization that was formed by and works under the leadership of the African People's Socialist Party and the Uhuru Movement. APSC works in the white community building political solidarity and material support for the liberation struggle of African people.

For more information visit www.apscuhuru.org or www.uhuruafrica.org

Campus Activism Administration's Statement

[Editor's note: The below statement was written in response to the African People's Solidarity Committee statement.]

By Campus Activism Forum Admin

I agree that this is an excellent example of racism in action (and also classism). The tragic result for hundreds of people (so far [as of September 2005] the death count is around 1000) is death.

Another excellent example of intentional ignoring a catastrophe, is the Famine in Niger where 150,000 children could die (and millions of people are affected). Organizations that deal with this issue could

see the famine coming, but nobody provided any aid until people started dying (and generally by then it's too late for many people, as shipping aid takes a couple months).

www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/4699643.stm

Article found here:
www.campusactivism.org/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?p=1182

Campus Activism describes their work as "the largest online database of student activist related information. Our goal is to facilitate every aspect of your activism".

Editor's Open Letter To Zine_Scene Community

The following letter was posted to the 2292 member zine_scene independent media community:

Like 'Citizen Kane' when all of the power belongs to one (not many), censorship will always result

music | The Mask And The Mirror (the entire CD)-
Loreena McKennitt]

Dear friends,

This is my last post to this community.

I had a post in zine_scene that specifically spoke about creating a zine to "build alternatives networks" so that people don't have to be dependent on communities like zine_scene that censor people. I chose to delete it after a threat from the moderator was posted on the comment section of my last post

This is the entire post from that moderator:

"use a cut or I'll delete the post. you have until midnight."

If an LJ-Cut is "required" why is it not on the user info page as is typical in other communities? Why is an LJ-Cut (another word for self-censorship) only requested of a chosen few? I'm sure that the many of us who belong to financially disadvantaged social classes that use dial-up internet would greatly appreciate not seeing the large photos of zines that promote the latest multinational corporate products which are all too common.

And if all the people who request an LJ-cut advocate that a person should do so out of "courtesy" why don't they use that same "courtesy" when requesting an LJ-cut... instead of yelling, screaming, cursing, using racial slurs and expecting someone to listen to them?

The post about building alternatives networks is now found here:
http://www.livejournal.com/community/_love4truthnews/4280.html

When I first joined the zine_scene community of over 2000 people, the user info said this:

"The public should create a mass media that isn't based on ratings and consumerism. We have voices, we should be heard. We should listen to each other instead of pundits, anchormen, and so-called experts. We should take away the power that we have given corporate mass media."

The user info of the zine_scene community has now changed. The following message was added:

"Read These Guidelines: Please limit the content of original posts to zine related information [i.e. contact information, description of content, the zine survey, zine links...]. The Zine Resource Community moderator reserves the right to delete posts without notice that do not fit these guidelines. You have your own journal, this is not censorship. These guidelines are meant to keep this community focused on the main topic of discussion: zines. Questions or suggestions may be directed to the moderator, [info]moths."

Within the last two days, the moderator of this community changed those guidelines to read that way in direct response to to my zine (titled "The Open Source Classism, Racism, and Sexism Project: Hurricane Katrina, The Blogosphere And Corporate Media... "White People Find, Black People Loot [Issue #1]" found here: <http://opensource.dsame.com>] in which on page 19 and 20, in the "Censorship" chapter, I stated:

"On October 9th, 2005 the moderator of the 2,289 member LiveJournal community known as zine_scene censored and completely removed my article less than 48 hours after it was posted with no warning or contact

from the community moderator. No rules that were on the user info page were broken, yet the moderator decided who should be censored."

My belief is now similar to the original focus of this community, yet with key differences:

"The public should create a mass media and "build alternatives networks" that are not based on the censorship of moderators such as in zine_scene. We have voices, we should be heard. We should listen to each other instead of pundits, anchormen, so-called experts and privileged trolls who don't want to read about zines which speak of classism, racism and sexism. We should take away the power that we have given to community moderators such as zine_scene."

This is my last post to this community, because much like in the movie 'Citizen Kane'... when all of the power is in the hands of only one moderator, censorship will always be the result.

To all of those who supported the issues of classism, racism and sexism as it regarded my zine, I thank you and I am sincerely grateful. Many of you I have added to the Thank you section of my zine [issue #1]. For those unaware, by looking under the LJ interest "zine" you will find many LJ zine communities and I strongly urge you to use them.

In closing, I would like to say that there are many technology savvy people in here and I strongly urge you to contact me so that we can begin to "build alternatives networks" which do not censor people.

The reason that building alternative networks is so important is because when you have moderators who can censor and "delete posts without notice that [they feel] do not fit [their] guidelines" you never get to see what you are missing, and the information you see is determined by their racial or political bias in determining what should be censored (or placed under an LJ-cut). Even a website such as portland.indymedia.org has a section of their website where they place the deleted posts... so that people can see if there is a pattern in how moderators choose to delete posts.

Thank you very much to everyone. I apologize to anyone who feels inconvenienced by reading this post or any other post that I may have ever made to the zine_scene community. Please forgive me if I do not reply to comments but this is my last post to this community.

Like 'Citizen Kane' when all of the power belongs to one (not many), censorship will always result. Building an alternative network will take a great deal of hard work... but when you look in the mirror you will see a person that belongs to a real online community moderated by community members... not the mask of an online community moderated by one or two people.

Sincerely,

Love for the people,

Editor of The Open Source Classism, Racism and Sexism Project: Hurricane Katrina, the Blogosphere and Corporate Media... "White People Find, Black People Loot" Issue #1 and #2.

[Building Progressive Infrastructure: *Taking Friendster and MySpace Down - Building a Noncommercial Alternative* – by Aaron Kreider, founder of Campus Activism, with a response by historyisaweapon, Peace Guru and many more. By \[Aaron Kreider\]\(#\)](#)

For longterm social change you need a long term strategy. Sure you need to fight the short-term battles (otherwise people suffer and die), but hopefully the left can scrape together some support for longterm institutions.

One example of such a program would be a database of skills and trainers. We need to convince all of the existing social change training organizations (Training for Change, Midwest Academy,

AFL-CIO's trainers, ACORN, various socialist groups, etc) to publish their materials under the [Creative Commons License](#). These materials should be available in large chunks (as books) and broken down into

smaller chunks (chapters or exercises), and available online for free (PDF and HTML) - or in printed form for a charge.

The trainers will still be able to make their money by selling print materials (demand should increase once more people know about them), facilitating trainings (demand should increase due to a national online trainers database), and perhaps from grassroots donations.

The materials could be stored in an online system like the one on CampusActivism.org.

Then we need a trainers database that would have hundreds (thousands?) of people available to facilitate/lead a training on any skill imaginable. We'd want to develop a "core" curriculum of suggested skills for people to learn who want to become activists, and encourage them to learn SKILLS. Part of the problem with new activists is that they get distracted by all the issues and don't manage to focus on one issue long enough to start and win a campaign. Issue speakers should be part of this database, but we should most of what people need is skills.

This trainers database could be based upon the campusactivism.org database -- which I have every intention of revamping and developing a "core" list of trainings. A review or certification system would be ideal, but will take work/creativity to implement.

Eventually it'd be ideal to have a system where people can collaboratively write and improve upon resources.

The sad thing is that these two ideas (sharing resources and trainers database) should be TOP priority among activist groups. New technology, like web services, makes this easy to do. However activist groups are promoting their own resources, instead of focusing on cooperation. A little effort invested in cooperation could lead to a massive reduction in duplication, increased specialization and focus on developing quality resources (once you know what's out there, you'd only create a resource if it was going to be different or better than existing ones), and a dramatic increase in resource distribution.

This is just one thing that I'm trying to do with CampusActivism.org. Unfortunately it's so important that there should be a multi-person organization with a \$100,000+ budget that focuses on Resources or Trainers. Instead you've got me spending about 10% of my time on it, and I think I've got the best online collection of activist resources compared to any other website by a long shot (note: my trainers database is a mess). Imagine what we could do with just one person working on this full-time!!!

If progressives would have only diverted a couple percent of the money wasted on Kerry in 2004, it'd be enough money to start building online tools for progressives that would act as an infrastructure and help all progressive organizations.

Note: CivicSpace, Organizer's database and CivicCRM are

examples of progressive computer infrastructure projects. There are others. Just not enough.

MySpace was recently purchased as part of a \$550 million deal. I think part of its value lies in trying to build profiles of people so that corporations can sell them products and target online advertising.

We need a noncommercial/free/open social network that won't sell out to corporations and that will end the need of having to maintain a profile on separate commercial networks so as to stay in touch with friends.

I believe I have a good idea to make it work. The technical aspects of creating a friendster or myspace is relatively easy. A good programmer or team could crank it out in a year or so. The trick is publicizing it.

Profile Cloner
We need a program that clones profiles. You give it your username and password for one network, and it duplicates the profile on other networks to the extent that the fields overlap. This allows people to only maintain one profile, and when they change it, it will change on all the networks.

The key part about this is to include an option to also include the profile on a new noncommercial network. Thus the user simply needs to check a box, and BANG they are on the new network.

Beyond Cloning - Recruitment
You could have another function that would log them in to their

regular service and post a message or bulletin to invite all their friends to join the new noncommercial service. This might be in violation of some stupid law, which would be unfortunate (but maybe some hackers could create this profile cloner anonymously and do so separately from the team that would create the alternative social

network website). You could also use their nicknames list from Outlook.

Funding

Possibly one or more internet entrepreneur who are interested in open source would fund the project because if it was done effectively it could become one of the most used open source

applications. It'd be a gateway of recruitment for open source. Alternatively you could fund it with a minimal amount of advertising, and as the costs of running the network would constantly fall (due to lower prices for bandwidth and computer power), you'd be able to reduce the advertising over time until it was negligible.

Response to Aaron's Article by HistoryIsAWeapon

I think we don't need another friendster or myspace. We should make something better because I'm not totally concerned if foxnews buys more market research and knows who likes blink 182 or not. I imagine a system we would build would be a combination of friendster and smart mobs. You would sign up, there would be a community aspect (e.g. messaging your friends, pictures and profiles), but the understanding would be is that you would sign up for what issues concerned you. Imagine that Cindy Sheehan's bus was coming to town with a day's notice and was looking for a supportive audience. The system could have people registered both by location and how far they were willing to travel for something and how many days notice they would need. Activester would then send out location specific announcements telling people when and where to show up. On top of this, there could be an option for people to show up for Smartmob-style stuff. Say Kissinger is

sighted at a hotel in New York or Philly. Not everybody could post the warning up, but perhaps "Akreider" would have permission. People would then get a notice both on their Activester account, but we could also set up an automated text messaging on their cell phones. Kissinger goes into the hotel with no fanfare, but has been sighted by a trustworthy activist. His exit is met with a large and growing mob. Obviously this wouldn't be the start date, but several months in, it could be a possibility.

We could identify target campaigns, CIA agent's recruiters on campus, nationally disperse board members of a company that has forced their workers on strike, whatever example people can think of. If someone has signed up for "anti war team" or "labor team," they'd get the call. We don't need another friendster listing our favorite products. We need the next step.

Peace Guru's Response to the Articles By Aaron and HistoryIsAWeapon

In an effort to encourage international discussion about creating an international, progressive alternative to myspace and friendster, On October 12th, 2005, I posted my below response (with a few changes) online. Below my response are some replies that I received. If you would like to respond to these articles on a public Bulletin Board to be considered for

issue #3 please visit either of the below websites:

**www.aworldofpeace.org/peaceforums/viewforum.php?f=49 or
www.peace.forums.dsame.com**

“...any network created that does not have activist interests as well as non-activist interests will actually STRONGLY force people to go to a group like friendster or myspace for their entertainment... and many of them won't come back, since they can integrate their activism there as well.”

-Peace Guru

We must create international networks combining our activist and non-activist interests

Current Music: Talking' Bout A Revolution - Tracy Chapman

Dear friends,

The below article is in reply to the article by Aaron Kreider (founder of Campus Activism) found [above](#). I believe that in order for a movement to be created which empowers the victims of NoLo, and the victims of globalization anywhere in the world, we must create new forms of international networks.

I am very glad that this idea of Building a Noncommercial Alternative to myspace and friendster has come up. Much of the progressive Internet networks are lagging far behind. However, every time they work so hard to create an alternative, by the time it is created it is extremely outdated. So I am very supportive of the idea, yet in the spirit of constructive criticism I strongly must agree that we need the next step.

I also am not concerned if foxnews buys more market research and I also am not concerned who likes blink 182 or not (though I do like their song "I Miss You"). :o)

I also imagine a system in which we would build would be a combination of... livejournal, craigslist, riseup and indymedia.

Livejournal has the feature that enables a person to list their interests and it will automatically place everyone who likes that interest on the same page. This is much like the campus activism "issues" feature. The only difference is that people only

come to campus activism for activism, so when they need their entertainment they must go elsewhere. Thus by default, any network created that does not have activist interests as well as non-activist interests will actually STRONGLY force people to go to a group like friendster or myspace for their entertainment... and many of them won't come back, since they can integrate their activism there as well. A good example is that I read the tent state university organizing model on the campus activism site and it actually recommends myspace as an activist tool!

Thus, the "next step" must unquestionably integrate our social networks and our activist networks. Imagine if campus activism didn't just have one "issues" area, but instead had an area for "activist issues" and "variety issues" where people could link together through a variety of non-activist issues. It is well known fact that true, lasting alliances are not created in the field, they are created during our social time.

It was said:

"You would sign up, there would be a community aspect (e.g. messaging your friends, pictures and profiles), but the understanding would be that you would sign up for what issues concerned you."

Look at all of countless networks on the email list that riseup has. The strongest bind that ties them is not advanced technology, (because anybody can see yahoo email groups has far better features..the standard free yahoo email groups comes with "Chat,

the ability to add your links, Database, and even a Calendar. But the corporate ads and yahoo spam is the worst.] The strongest bind that ties them is their ability to speak out against capitalism. Their social contract clearly states "Riseup.net believes in direct democracy, anti-sexism, anti-racism, anti-capitalism, self determination, local autonomy, ecology, and communal economics."

Thus, if "the next step" is to be taken it must enable a way for activists who speak out against capitalism to easily network. Craigslist doesn't do that, campus activism mentions "nader 2004" as an issue, but not post-capitalism as an issue, and no serious activist working for alternatives to capitalism would ever feel entirely comfortable using a myspace page with their overwhelming corporate ads. So riseup.net and the many other post-capitalism sites which they network with continues to grow exponentially... which is very good...yet it also means that the creation of "the next step" of international network continues to be delayed. If you have any doubt at how fast riseup.net is growing print out the page which lists how many email groups they have, save it for a month and take another look at it. Riseup and resist have even just created their own activist search engine.

Personally, I feel the idea of smartmobs is quickly burning out. More and more people are seeing that the amount of energy to use something like smartmobs to organize street protests, in addition to the comparatively low amount of people who use smartmobs does not allow them to

contact massive amounts of people and effect the root of the issue which is capitalism and militarism especially in a heavily networked multinational globalized era. I think the indymedia network, particularly the method in which they use one another's news feeds, is far more effective than smartmobs in order to alert people to protests.

If you place a protest item in smartmobs, is it able to be discovered by the world's most popular search engine or any search engines? No, not that I've ever seen. But if you place the same issue in indymedia to organize people, even after the issues passes, when someone types in a search using google it will still come up. Try it. Type in the name of any protest worldwide and I bet an indymedia website will come up somewhere on the search results.

Why is that so important? Three reasons: #1. Positive Publicity. You said "The trick is publicizing it." Everytime a search engine brings up an issue on an indymedia page that is more publicity for indymedia. #2. Archive. It enables the protest organizing effort to be archived for research purposes. #3. News feed networks. Indymedia newsfeeds with one another. Even Livejournal has news feed ability now. Place the letters rss at the end of any livejournal blog and it instantly becomes a newsfeed. Any new project without rss feed, atom or other syndication ability is a huge step backwards.

That's an international network. I personally spoke to admin at Portland Indymedia and they syndicate from other indymedia sites very often. We must create international networks which combine our activist and non-activist interests, as well as allow people to become the news, not simply networks for one subgroup such as a (no offense) "campus" (campus activism), friends (friendster) or simply post-capitalist activists (riseup.net).

I fully realized this when I began organizing activist events and using craigslist. I always ask new members "where did you hear about us from?" Even though I had announcements published in widely circulated print publications, more people responded "I saw it on craigslist." That is because craigslist has everything: activism, personals, discussion, calendar and more so that's all they use.

And most importantly, in my opinion, the creation of another strictly English network would be nothing more than a large step backwards. Anyone who reads the statistics know that monolingual (non-English speaking, Spanish-language only) Latino population will continue to exponentially grow and needs to be included at every level. If 'the next step' project is called "onetwork dot org" for example, make another domain that also points to the same website called "unodosagua dot org." If any further proof is needed how important

multilingual access is, take a look at how many indymedia branches are in all Spanish, or how many riseup email lists are in Spanish under the "globalization" category. Riseup even sends out all their newsletters in 4 languages. If you leave Spanish speaking people out, you hurt the movement for a better world. The 2000 census just proved that for the first time there are more Latinos than African-Americans in the USA. At the very least have a prominently displayed translation tool near the top on every page.

Again, I agree, that we don't need another friendster listing our favorite products. We need the next step. We must create international networks which combine our activist and non-activist interests, while still allowing us to become the media, through a multilingual platform.

Thanks for discussing this and I apologize if anything I said was rude.

Thank you very much.


Love for the people,

Sincerely,

-Peace_Guru
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"True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice."

by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr,

 [chapeve](#) [Київ, The Road, Ukraine]
2005-10-12 06:37 am


are you intellectually able to create a kind of an Indyjournal site? If so, I'm ready to join. To help as well, though I don't know programming :)



 [wigglymelon](#)
2005-10-12 16:06 pm


Who the hell cares about indymedia??? They're one of the worst news services out there. If I had a nickel for every time 10 seconds of research proved their story wrong, well, I'd have a shit load of nickels.



 [hoolifan](#) [New York]
2005-10-12 13:15 pm

I love this idea in principle, I can't believe that there's nothing like this out there.

Might also be good to deploy in French, also have to keep in mind French speakers from Africa, the Carribean, other former French colonies...


 [t3knomanser](#) [Albany, New York]
2005-10-12 11:18 am UTC

Gawddamn I hate most anti-capitalists. I almost stopped reading right there.

The future isn't *another* walled-garden social networking service. The world is already chock full of them, the market's diluted, and you'll never get the user base to do anything well. The next step is meta-networking services. Taking RSS and FOAF and SOAP and pulling that all together to map the existing social networking services; in conjunction with an Identity 2.0 type scheme, you'll be able to bring your account from Friendster into other sites as well.

And *gasp* you can make money doing it! I know, heresy, but that's Capitalism 2.0 for you- making money by giving stuff away. By sharing information.




 [kittyofthesea](#) [California]
2005-10-12 15:53 pm
What if you're not actively against

capitalism, but you're more mixed economy?

[caelidh](#) Responds



 [caelidh](#) [Ohio]
2005-10-12 10:29 am
I agree.

A friend turned me on to LJ in 2003? I really like it. I like that it isn't so advertiser driven.

Yesterday I got a wild bug up my you know what though and was curious about all this hype about MY SPACE. I wasn't impressed the first go around. I thought it exuded shallowness. BUt I thought.. well it does look like it had some cool features.. So I thought.. what the hell and did a semi fake registration.

As I went through the process I realized very very quickly that this wasn't designed to bring folks together more than trying to find consumer information. It really really put a bad taste in my mouth. I am going to delete it. Luckily I put only my junk email address I used for such activities..

I started out on the Internet when it first had it's birthing pangs back in the early 90's. Our school had just gotten on the internet.. I saw the transition to graphic based websites instead of just the text WHOIS and other types of connections.. When I got my first browser I was blown away by the "surfing" ability.. I was also on a closed network called PRODIGY... then earlyAOL.

I agree that there should be more cool networks. I like LJ because I have found more progressive folks on here. BUt there are some features that it would be nice to have.

Thanks for posting...keep up the dialogue...

I hate the fact that the Internet has become a wasteland of commercialism that gunks up and creates a dangerous place with Viruses and hackers.. Such a f*** waste. Something that was supposed to bring us together has instead allowed consumersim to flourish.

I am glad there are still those who care about the technology and how it can still bring us together.

Thanks for your support.

Yeah.. I am such an idealistic wanker.. :>P

I believed in a time when the Internet was supposed to bring us together and create a more equal society where folks would have access to education, information, we would be equalizers as we couldn't see race or gender.. I even did my Senior Project on this.. (for college) Now it is just a place to sell things and porn .. bloggers.. one kind of cool thing is now being targeted by those who find that threatening. You can see who holds the power in this land. The Internet COULD be a great equalizer. If folks were not so afraid and allowed that crap go by the wayside. we could have something really cool.

but no. trolls and racists, and hate mongers and perverts and corporate greed is ruining it. UGH!!!
-caelidh

New Orleans: Leaving the Poor Behind Again!

By Bill Quigley. Bill is a professor of law at Loyola University New Orleans where he directs the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center and the Law Clinic and teaches Law and Poverty. Bill can be reached at duprestars@yahoo.com

They are doing it again! My wife and I spent five days and four nights in a hospital in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. We saw people floating dead in the water. We watched people die waiting for evacuation to places with food, water, and electricity. We were rescued by boat and waited for an open pickup truck to take us and dozens of others on a rainy drive to the underpass where thousands of others waited for a bus ride to who knows where. You saw the people left behind. The poor, the sick, the disabled, the prisoners, the low-wage workers of New Orleans, were all left behind in the evacuation. Now that New Orleans is re-opening for some, the same people are being left behind again.

When those in power close the public schools, close public housing, fire people from their jobs, refuse to

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WE have to FIGHT for our little place...”

-[caelidh](#)

WE have to FIGHT for our little place...

Peace

provide access to affordable public healthcare, and close off all avenues for justice, it is not necessary to erect a sign outside of New Orleans saying “Poor People Not Allowed To Return.” People cannot come back in these circumstances and that is exactly what is happening.

There are 28,000 people still living in shelters in Louisiana. There are 38,000 public housing apartments in New Orleans, many in good physical condition. None have been reopened. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimated that 112,000 low-income homes in New Orleans were damaged by the hurricane. Yet, local, state and federal authorities are not committed to re-opening public housing. Louisiana Congressman Richard Baker (R-LA) said, after the hurricane, “We finally cleaned up public housing in New Orleans. We couldn’t do it, but God did.”

New Orleans public schools enrolled about 60,000 children before the hurricane. The school board president now estimates that no schools on the city’s east bank, where the overwhelming majority of people live, will reopen this academic school year. Every one of the 13 public schools on the mostly-dry west bank of New Orleans was changed into charter schools in an afternoon meeting a few days ago. A member of

the Louisiana state board of education estimated that at most 10,000 students will attend public schools in New Orleans this academic year.

The City of New Orleans laid off 3,000 workers. The public school system laid off thousands of its workers. The Archdiocese of New Orleans laid off 800 workers from its central staff and countless hundreds of others from its parish schools. The Housing Authority has laid off its workers. The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office laid off half of its workers.

Renters in New Orleans are returning to find their furniture on the street and strangers living in their apartments at higher rents – despite an order by the Governor that no one can be evicted before October 25. Rent in the dry areas have doubled and tripled.

Environmental chemist Wilma Subra cautions that earth and air in the New Orleans area appear to be heavily polluted with heavy metal and organic contaminants from more than 40 oil spills and extensive mold. The people, Subra stated, are subject to “double insult – the chemical insult from the sludge and biological insult from the mold.” Homes built on the Agriculture Street landfill – a federal toxic site – stewed for weeks in floodwaters.

Yet, the future of Charity Hospital of New Orleans, the primary place for free comprehensive medical care in the state of Louisiana, is under furious debate and discussion and may never re-open again. Right now, free public healthcare is being provided by volunteers at grassroots free clinics like Common Ground – a wonderful and much needed effort but not a substitute for public healthcare.

The jails and prisons are full and staying full. Despite orders to release prisoners, state and local corrections officials are not releasing them unless someone can transport them out of town. Lawyers have to file lawsuits to force authorities to release people from prison who have already served all of their sentences! Judges are setting \$100,000 bonds for people who steal beer out of a vacant house, while landlords break the law with impunity. People

arrested before and after the hurricane have not even been formally charged by the prosecutor. Because the evidence room is under water, part of the police force is discredited, and witnesses are scattered around the country, everyone knows few will ever see a trial, yet timid judges are reluctant to follow the constitution and laws and release them on reasonable bond.

People are making serious money in this hurricane but not the working and poor people who built and maintained New Orleans. President Bush lifted the requirement that jobs re-building the Gulf Coast pay a living wage. The Small Business Administration has received 1.6 million disaster loan applications and has approved 9 in Louisiana. A US Senator reported that maintenance workers at the Superdome are being replaced by out of town workers who will work for less money and no benefits. He also reported that seventy-five Louisiana electricians at the Naval Air Station are being replaced by workers from Kellogg Brown and Root – a subsidiary of Halliburton

Take it to the courts, you say? The Louisiana Supreme Court has been closed since the hurricane and is not due to re-open until at least October 25, 2005.




While Texas and Mississippi have enacted special rules to allow out of state lawyers to come and help people out, the Louisiana Supreme court has not. Nearly every person victimized by the hurricane has a price-gouging story. Yet, the Louisiana Attorney General has filed exactly one suit for price-gouging – against a campground. Likewise, the US attorney has prosecuted 3 people for wrongfully seeking \$2000 FEMA checks.

No schools. No low-income apartments. No jobs. No healthcare. No justice. A final example? You can fly on a plane into New Orleans, but you cannot take a bus. Greyhound does not service New Orleans at this time.

You saw the people who were left behind last time. The same people are being left behind all over again. You raised hell about the people left behind last time. Please do it again.


Letters to the Editor - Feedback about Issue #1, (1st and 2nd edition) and Issue #2, (1st edition) – Email: [info@atsymbol OpenSource.dsame.com](mailto:info@atsymbol.opensource.dsame.com)



 [purejuice](#) Thank you for your post to  [pauper](#) about the katrina zine. would you consider making a post about it, and your involvement, and your vision, to  [poor planning](#)? thanks so much. marie loves you.

[Editor's Note: As requested, I posted information to the [poor planning](#) community after becoming a member. I discovered that [poor planning](#) is a blog community, officially titled "Marie LeVeau," with over 130 members. Purejuice is the community moderator. The subtitle of this community is as follows: "**Were the Poor of New Orleans Left to Drown? No Evacuation Plan for You.**" The website address of this community is as follows: www.livejournal.com/community/poor_planning



 [bluestocking7](#) - [Saint Petersburg, Florida, United States]
2005-10-13 13:58 pm

It looks really interesting, thanks! I am currently printing Issues 1 and 2.[first edition] What types of submissions are you looking to put in issue 3?

Thanks for printing. You are the ones making a difference! People willing to print and circulate this zine, makes it happen. Cover page has submission topics. Hope to hear from you soon. Love for you! -Editor



 [piratemoggy](#) -[Aberystwyth, United Kingdom]

2005-10-13 11:54 am Thank you for linking to this- I particularly like your idea of adding your own page 20, I'll certainly be printing this off and leaving it around anywhere I see a coffee table/noticeboard/spare inch of surface. :)

Thank you everyone for letting the world know about this injustice! Love for you! -Editor

UPDATE: Within 24 hours after I published my "**Open Letter To Zine_Scene Community**" in issue #2, first edition, (found on page 9) I received large amounts of feedback from the Zine_Scene Moderator (yes, the same one who repeatedly censored me and has nothing good at all to say about me). I clearly don't have the space in this issue to publish them all. However, as stated on the about page (page 2) The Open Source Classism, Racism and Sexism Project Zine was created to "change the way in which information is circulated so that progressive activists need not rely upon those who censor information." Therefore, in order to give you the readers an uncensored view of what the moderator has to say you can read all of the comments uncensored and uncut here:

www.livejournal.com/users/loveandequality/1822.html

Glossary

In [internet terminology](#), a **priviledged troll** is a person who posts inflammatory messages on the internet, such as on [online discussion forums](#), to disrupt the discussion or to upset its participants by posting comments declaring news items to be "old" or not worthy of to be read by an entire internet community.

Common priviledged troll phrases: "everyone, everywhere has already read this" or "this is old and of no use to anyone everywhere." The word troll, or its variant, "priviledged trolling", is also used to describe such messages or the act of posting them. The word "priviledged" is also based on the idea that they have self-appointed themselves as

an elder and speaker for everyone, even minorities and financially disadvantaged people who don't have the privilege of such frequent access to the internet.

The contemporary use of the term "privileged troll" first appeared in Rough Draft, Issue #1 of "The Open Source Classism, Racism, and Sexism Project: Hurricane Katrina, The Blogosphere And Corporate Media... "White People Find, Black People Loot. It was created to accurately describe people who discourage the continued circulation of information which disproportionately effects minorities and financially disadvantaged people who don't have the privilege of such frequent access to the internet.

The term was a modified version of the troll definition described below: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_troll

The troll is almost always a male figure, and so may parallel the [mythological](#) figure of the [witch](#). The use of these labels for people, as opposed to mythological characters in stories, may have its origins in the conflicts between [Christianity](#) and the [pagan religions](#) in the [Middle Ages](#). People who continued to practice the "old ways" were often isolated, and identified as dealing with dark forces — as "witches", and perhaps also as "trolls".

Special Thanks

I would like to thank my mom for her inspiration and Mary M., for making me laugh during the sometimes stressful creation of this issue (due to so many negative comments and racial slurs) and I want to thank, C.F, and Joe M. and his kids, Cody and Natasha for their inspiration as activist and I thank activists of all ages for continuing to work for a better world.. I would like to say special thanks to everyone who said something positive regarding the article. I would like to say thanks to those who submitted constructive criticism because you enabled me to respond your common responses. I would like to say thanks to the many moderators of internet communities who did not succumb to the pressure of people who would rather ignore classism, racism and sexism articles. And I would like to even thank those people who read the article without saying anything negative. I would also like to thank the community members and moderators of all the communities who spoke up against people who try to dismiss this issue as "old."

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"It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality...Those who hoped that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. ... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges."

"But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Excerpt from the "I Have A Dream" Speech

Page 20 is to be added by you or your activist group.