



it's the action taken by those brave souls in Minneapolis. The discourse is a little different, that's not to say these people have been pushed all the way radical but the conversations in Seattle – early on, it was oh this is kinda like Occupy except all the conversations are good.

*TFSR:* [laughter]

*D:* You know, you're not banging your head against some person stuck in their liberal politics or whatever.

*TFSR:* Or jet fuel burned down the third precinct or whatever.

*D:* Yeah. I think it's worth nothing that, and it's understanding that the Black community is definitely not monolithic. Nuance is very important, but people have changed, this has changed people to some degree and it's worth acknowledging that. So even though you might have a past history with a certain group, the dynamics have changed so the conversations are going to be different than they might have been in the past, at least in the context of Seattle. I think in terms of following Black leadership I think you're always going to hit that contradiction like you were saying of the person whose voice is most amplified is probably going to resonate with the same logic of the people who govern over us. So it's going to be difficult to navigate that, but I think there was initially at least, hopefully it's still there, an underlying hostility that's bubbling to the surface. I think things are different, people are different. I think it's important that formations like John Brown Gun club or any anti-fascist formation or any anti white supremacy formation need to be clear about their politics and what they're doing, especially when confronting people who are white supremacists or known fascist. And willing to share simple ideas with people they find around them, like: bring an extra t-shirt and if you do something wearing that shirt get rid of it, no souvenirs.

That kind of stuff. I think people are really open to hearing it if you just tell them. I think one thing we could have done better is help the people we've seen on the ground organize themselves in non-hierarchical ways and faster. I think that would have been very useful. It sucks because it happens but it's an anti-police uprising and it sucks because there are still some liberals who say we need to dialogue with the police. Or will try to become the peace police, but in Seattle there are a lot less than there used to be. I don't know in other places how they're dealing with or facing that. I know personally for me every time I met a Black person who was like, "we need to be peaceful," it was really easy to be like, "You want to abolish the police, right?" and they're like "Well, yeah." To get them to acknowledge that policing is bad in some way, and then to be like "Well, look at Minneapolis. This

