



## WORKS

is what they're doing and their city council is already trying to figure out how to disband the police. So the simple fact is burning a precinct works."

I kept going back to that a lot, in my conversations with Black people. I'm also Black so I don't know how that would work with white people engaging with liberal Black people. I would say maybe don't do, maybe find people whose ideas are resonating with you and figure out how to move together and be effective and safe.

**TFSR:** I really, really appreciate that. When you said "Burning a precinct works" makes me think of this artist in the Bay Area who, I was still living out there when the Oscar Grant riots were happening. They put out a poster, just black and white stark, this was their style, with a picture of that cop that killed Oscar Grant behind bars. It just said "Riots Work" in big letters on it. This Overton window, shit is shifting like you say, and without people pushing on it it wouldn't shift. Sorry to speak over you.

**D:** Oh, no, no, you're fine. I was just gonna reiterate what you were saying, like, "Hey, this tactic works" whatever it is. That it's rioting, burning a police precinct, whatever. It's something the state does, the state knows that. I once went to a talk during Occupy times. It was shortly after that May Day that the courthouse got hit, that Niketown and some other businesses got hit, and banks got hit.

**TFSR:** It was 2012.

**D:** Yeah, I think it was 2012. I went to a talk and there was this person called Connie Rice who's actually first cousins with Condoleezza Rice, and her job is to basically go to different towns and help them, I dunno if she still does this, but at the time her job was to go to different towns and basically sit in a room with the cops, the fire department, city officials and Uncle Toms and Aunt Sallies and other Black recuperative forces, and explain to them what their job is and how they need to move to recuperate the energy. One of her big lines was "A million dollars of damage," like once a million dollars of damage is hit you have to concede certain efforts and once that point is made it's the job of the Uncle Toms to get involved instantly, to immediately be there with the politicians who are making the concessions. That was her thing, they do that, they know that. They know that at a certain level of damage they have to give concessions, and that if the Uncle Toms and Aunt Sallies are there the concessions can be very minimal, and that's all they need to do to quench the fire, or at least that's all they used to do to quench the fire. But now it's a little different, I think. We could use that on our side, at least, explaining to especially Black and Brown folks, "Hey, look, this tactic works, we get what we need, we could live a better life if this happens." I think specifically

