



## WORKS

playground to show off how woke you are, or how much you care for minorities or whatever. There is work to be done here; this the first step, making your, and by association other people's, voices heard, and to bring attention to a given problem or set of problems. Around you, you will find that there are many others who have come here to represent themselves and others that share your ideals and your drive. As said previously, we have seen that many refuse to associate with those at these protests even as they march elbow to elbow towards a police line. We must remedy this behavior; we must communicate to each other, get to know each other, and become a well organized group(s), a movement. Find those who come from your area -- you're bound to find two or more folks from your spot -- and from there, trade contact information, or if you're hesitant to do so, plan a follow-up meet somewhere at home or nearby. Once you have attempted that, attempt to connect with other protestors regardless of where they come from.

The oppression we face is systematic, and built off of our collective backs; we destroy it by determining for ourselves collectively that it must be dealt with, and so physically destroy it as a community. Our power is our numbers, as we have seen in Portland, Minneapolis, and Kenosha. These people, your fellow protestors, do you not see them as your allies? You may feel anxious or nervous but understand that if what is said, that they are your friends and allies bi-proxi, is true; then you should make an attempt to connect and communicate. To get over your anti-social behaviour is to break the binds of your oppressive upbringing, in a system that sees you as a number. Our tasks are great and we have a responsibility to work towards a better future; communication is the smallest challenge in the road ahead.

We all must take risks, and it is understood by these authors that there are people amongst us who aren't here with the best intentions. Whether it be undercover police, creeps, or people with problematic behavior, we all should exercise caution when meeting new people, but don't use this as an excuse to isolate yourself. In all senses of the word, we are fighting on borrowed time, we understood this when we walked out into the streets to protest. We understand that we either *come together and free ourselves*, or we *die*; in that understanding, I think we all know that we must not fear an uncomfortable conversation and a few shared numbers. But even for the protestor with no companions it is possible -- Simply talking to the person marching next to you can be the start of a blossoming community and organization. Basic communication skills found on self-help websites are not resources exclusive to the lonely guy at work. The commonality already exists between you and the person next to you, you just have to use it. Starting a social media page, an encrypted platform, or even just a collection of phone numbers is enough to grow something positive. Community Projects, mutual aid groups, etc are started by groups of friends and acquaintances who want to make a difference.

