



should have brought us “The Revolution”. There is an ever apparent atmosphere of stagnation and standstill in our political landscape. In order to understand why we must examine our symptoms in order to find the root of this issue.

At almost any protest in 2020 one will find there is an anti-social behaviour which hampers or more often eliminates outright the ability of these protests to move past protesting, to blossom into genuine movements, for people to organize with their communities and friends. People will bring themselves or a set of associates and, like middle school children, stick to their cliques seemingly afraid of any contact with their fellow peers (other protestors). Not unlike middle schoolers, the average protestor, if not simply just going home, will only talk to their “teacher,” or in this case the protest organizer, only to know when to head to the next protest. To put it simply, people are hesitant and unwilling to intermingle with their fellow protestors. While participating in collective action to create a message with their voices, strength in numbers but only as far as the protest will walk. The sociability stops at the message uttered out of a megaphone, no one is willing to socialize out of fear of talking to their fellow protestors. These people who are already connected don’t seize the opportunity to make further connections or even communicate with others. This lack of sociability is the main symptom which persists throughout the current moment we find ourselves in and never allows us to properly form a movement with teeth. It is why there is no change, and it is why we can go 100 days of constant protest and still find ourselves as oppressed as the day George Floyd died.

Protests and riots have their place, as MLK said ‘rioting is the language of the unheard’; in America today the message of BLM has surpassed its exposure since the protests for Micheal Brown. But that is all, they are a message, they don’t build communities, stop police brutality, inhibit the destruction of the Planet, nor liberate the third world countries which suffer from wars our Countries wage. We must do more. We need real foundations for a movement not just social media posts. Look at CHAZ/CHOP in Seattle; spontaneous yet short, nothing came of it after the fact, and, while certainly being a place of platforming, it failed to move past the protest.

### **Why CHOP Isn’t The Goal.**

Nearer to the start of the George Floyd Protests, word came out that a section of Seattle declared themselves an autonomous zone, denouncing the local department and their actions, and declaring the area a no-cops zone. The goal of the founders was to make a platform where Black and other oppressed voices could be spotlighted, and a place where cops could not simply roam around, defining a safespace.

