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Black Armed Joy **Anon** **(2022)**

This essay is dedicated to the memory of our revolutionary elder, theorist, and warrior Russell Maroon Shoatz.

This essay was inspired partially by one of our comrades while we were discussing the failures of non-violence as a tactic and philosophy. She said something along the lines of "I was raised by radicals from the 1960s and 1970s. If you were a Panther and you got caught, you were doing something wrong." The zine is a product of a variety of conversations among Black anarchists in the post-George Floyd rebellion although many of these strands of thought have existed prior to this moment. We have three questions we hope to address in this zine.

What would an insurrectionary anarchist position thoroughly rooted in black radicalism and black revolt mean? How does the current white insurrectionary anarchist milieu fail? How can Black revolutionaries extend the insurrection?

What is Insurrectionary Anarchy?

To those who are unfamiliar, "anarchism" does not mean "chaos" nor does "insurrection" mean "mindless destruction." Anarchism is the concept of social self-rule etymologically translating from "anarkhos" in Greek meaning "no rulers." Therefore, In the words of Elder Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, "Anarchists are social revolutionaries, who seek a stateless, classless, voluntary, cooperative federation of decentralized communes-based upon social ownership, individual liberty and autonomous self-management of social and economic life." When we discuss insurrectionary anarchism, we are discussing a tendency within the anarchist movement that focuses on insurrection as the primary revolutionary practice. Insurrection meaning, the social phenomena of unmitigated rebellion; the forceful redistribution of private property, land, and justice by the unsettled masses. The concept of attack and constant conflictuality with hierarchical forces is central to insurrectionary anarchism. Insurrectionary anarchists do not believe that we can simply "dual power" or "vote" our way to freedom. The institutions which currently uphold racial capitalism and all other forces of domination must be smashed. There can be no revolution without revolutionaries who must be engaged

