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communicate and move together pretty rapidly. And just recognize face-to-face communication is so much better than any kind of text thread or email chain or signal group, and meeting people where they're at and realizing the people are a little bit more open than they've been in the past to typical anarchist talking points.

TFSR: Actually I did think of another question that I didn't script out, and if you don't want to tackle it it's totally fine. One of the things people had passed for me to bring up, was I had written down 'liberal co-optation' and that kind of felt covered by the talk of the bureaucracies coming in the mornings and looking for representatives to talk about the demands of the community, or sort of chipping away at the edges of it. I don't know if you have any views you want to share about the call for taking Black leadership. I know there's this conflict around this idea of monolithic Black leadership or any kind of community representation and people, like well meaning white folks wanting to be allies or accomplices or whatever word they want to put on it, showing up for things and then in some instances the loudest voice or the voice that has the most amplification from power as it exists, as in institutional power, gaining the mic and directing folks. Do you want to say anything about this?

D: Yes, man, that's a heavy question. I think it's important as a Black anarchists who are up in the city and who has been pretty active mostly for like the last 12 years. I've seen people who I grew up with who regularly sit down and are in a negotiation with the city and other projects like that, specifically Black capitalist milieus and the Black church and a lot of those people who I know intimately, who I grew up with, who are typically positioned to suck the energy from any Black radical uprising or divert the energy into what they're doing. When they abandoned the precinct they came up to me and were very congratulatory, like "Good job, keep it up," things I would never expect to hear from these people. We're all for Black liberation but our understandings of how to get there are in opposition to each other and we both know it, are now saying "Good job." They've been pushed a little more radical or at least is an opening for them to be amenable to these more radical things happening. I think there's examples of that of some of the discourse between the civil rights movement and the Black Power movement, but I've never experienced that in my lifetime. I think that's something that's important to understand now, that the terrain's different, especially with the recuperative measures from the Black bourgeoisie class or the Black Popular class or whatever you want to call it, and I think for specifically white radicals and white anarchists it's important to understand that these so-called allies are coming out because they saw a precinct burn. In their mind they're saying it's for Floyd, which it may be partly, it may be in their heart. But they're also responding to a precinct burning it's not just the death of black bodies that's bringing people out,

