



BALTIMORE
RESISTANCE
TO
ELECTORAL
CONVENTIONS

**An Introduction
To What
We Does
AKA Parachute Games**



WHO?

YOU?

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Is a lot of things. We are a group of individuals bent on opposing electoral politics. We want to facilitate discussions and actions that will catalyze the world we dream about. By dispelling the illusions of electoral politics we hope to empower us all to take direct action over our lives.

We are also actively organizing to protest both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions in St. Paul/Minneapolis and Denver.

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- Voting is not effective or worthwhile.
- As anti-authoritarians we oppose representational politics where the power of everyone is consolidated into a couple candidates.
- This is a turning point in our movement. If by summer 2008 the war is still going on, we will know that passive marches and electoral politics can't alleviate our issues. That we have to take action for ourselves.
- Checking a box every four years is not applying political power effectively. By using direct action and organizing within your community you can achieve much faster and concrete results.
- Baltimore is some sick shit. If we stick it out and remember that were in this together things will change.
- The power needs to come back to where it originates. The people.
- Politicians only have power because we give it to them.
- People in general are disenchanted with politics **ON SOME level.**
- By organizing early on, Baltimore can represent itself in mass at the conventions. We can show that we aren't just some post industrial wasteland. We're more like a giant anarchist play ground.

These are the rules:

1. Know the area. Come early, come often. Or if you can't do that, study up from home (Al Gore invented the Internet for a reason).
2. Respect local communities, develop your knowledge of local background, and remember that, good or bad, the effects of your actions endure long after you've left town.
3. Strategize: Be smart. Be creative. Get a sense of what other organizing is going on.
4. Take initiative.
5. Keep your privilege in check. Recognize socialized systems of domination, and work to undermine them.
6. Respect. Respect. Respect. Where it's due. But no capitulation, and do what you have to do.
7. Keep the bullshit to a minimum. Elitism is not security culture. No vanguardism, no unnecessary infighting, no loose lips.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

from Denver Unconventional Action dncdisruption08.org

On Aug. 24th- 28th we will hold the Democratic Party accountable for promoting unjust policies: environmental degradation, the enforcement of arbitrary borders, attacks on the poor, complacency in war, and racist policing. We will expose to the nation that the Democrats and Republicans are two sides of the same coin, both parties funded by the same corporations and upholding the same unjust political system which fails to meet the needs of the vast majority of people.

Using space reclamation, street theatre, direct confrontation, positive action, and a broad array of other tactics, we will force the national media to question the Democratic Party's failures, hold Democratic candidates accountable for their abuses of power, and engage in direct actions that reflect our ultimate goals of joy and liberation through creativity and confrontation.

BALTIMORE
NEEDS
TO
UP
THE
HUSTLE

WE LIVE IN CRAZY TIMES.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE WAGING WAR AGAINST PEOPLE WE'VE NEVER MET OVER THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND TO MEET THE DESIRES OF THOSE THAT DON'T CARE ABOUT US.

THE WORST PART IS THAT WE FEEL WE MADE THIS DECISION. BY TAKING A PART IN ELECTORAL POLITICS WE FEEL THAT WE'VE CHOSEN THIS PATH AND WE NEED TO STAND BY OUR ELECTED CANDIDATES.

FUCK THAT.

BALTIMORE SPECIFICALLY IS A POST INDUSTRIAL WASTELAND. THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 30,000 PEOPLE. ON THAT POINT THERE ARE ALSO THOUSANDS OF HOUSES THAT ARE ABANDONED. THEY ARE RIPE FOR TAKING OVER WITH THE USE OF DIRECT ACTION. MOST OF THESE BUILDILNG ARE OWNED BY EITHER THE CITY OR JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY WHO USE POOR DISENFRANCHISED DEMOGRAPHICS AS GUINNY PIGS TO THE WEALTHY PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

OUR LIVES SEEM BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

BUT THEY AREN'T.

**WE NEED TO REMIND OUR ELECTORAL CANDIDATES,
POLICE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT
WE GAVE THEM THE POWER THAT THEY WIELD AND
THAT WHEN THEY ABUSE SAID POWERS, WE WILL
TAKE THEM BACK.**

**BALTIMORE I IMPLORE YOU
COME WITH US
TO EMPOWER
OURSELVES
AND FIGHT FOR
OUR NEEDS.**

THE CONVENTIONS

Every four years, in two very lucky cities, big money gets thrown around while look-alikes from opposite ends of a closed circle step up to their podiums and spout nonsense. RNC. DNC. Whatever. The point is that once the conventions are over, once November is come and gone, once the inauguration is only an unpleasant memory, people across this stolen land find themselves in pretty much the same place as before: a bad one.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

from RNC Welcoming Committee nornc.org

On September 1-4 of 2008, the Republican Party is coming to Minnesota to celebrate their latest conquests in global domination and exploitation.

We'd like to offer up a movement- some real, tangible change. Unfortunately, the reality is that we're rundown at best, hopeless at worst, and though we see liberation shining off in the distance, we don't know how to get there.

But we want justice, and we want freedom, for life everywhere. And we're tired of spinning our wheels in this rut.

From September 1st through 4th , 2008, the Republican National Convention will be held in St. Paul, MN. You can expect the usual: sign-holding, protest marches, rhythm-less chants, false raid scares at the convergence space.

But damned if the resistance stops there.

As residents of the Twin Cities, as anti-authoritarians and anarchists, we, the RNC Welcoming Committee invite folks from all over the country to show up and make something happen. Pull this movement out of its rut, or start something new. Let the up-tops know that we could give a shit about their suits, their speeches, their money. Bring your (A)-game, cause 2008 is ours.

We're calling for:

1. Whatever skills you've got: medical, food-prep, legal, soap-boxing, circus tricks. You name it, we wanna see it.
2. Intelligence gathering. Seriously.
3. Big numbers: your presence makes a difference, even if you aren't doing anything but sending good vibes our way and bad vibes to the RNC.
4. Decentralized actions: both coordinated and independent; these cities are a playground, and you wouldn't want to miss all the fun.
5. Surprises: Republicans, cops, starry-eyed youth- everyone likes a surprise.



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THANKS FOR UPPING THE HUSTLE!!!

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BARRAGE BAND ORCHESTRA, BALTIMORE FOOD NOT EX-
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CHARM CITY ART SPACE, THE FRISBY HOUSE, BALTIMORE
PIRATE RADIO/RAT RADIO, RED EMMAS, QUEER MILITIA,
MAKE TOTAL FUCKING DESTROY BALTIMORE, GLAMR,
PROJECT FTW AKA HUSTLE HOUSE, ANARCHO KNIT NIGHT,
CHARM CITY CRAFT MAFIA, BALTIMORE ART OFFENSIVE,
DYSPHORIA, HAMILTON ARTS COLLECTIVE, 2640, WHAM
THAT CITY, TEAM SPORTS, DAZZLE STORM, THE WOBBS
THAT READ, BALTIMORE INDYMEDIA, FORREST STREET
GARDEN, RADICAL LIBRARIANS EVERYWHERE, NOWARE-
HOUSE, BALTIMORE DUMPSTER COLLECTIVE, BALTIMORE
ALGEBRA PROJECT, EVERYONE MAKING THEIR OWN ART
AND MUSIC, BALTIMORE SDS**

**SEE YOU IN THE STREETS AND UNDER TEMPORARY
AUTONOMOUS PARACHUTES....**

**LOVE, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD ANAR-
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