matter of fact, the PIC is yet just another arm of the same system that kidnapped Africans and turned them into slaves – I'm against slavery! Of the same system that demonstrated acts of genocide against the Native Americans – I'm against genocide! And of the same system that continues to loot the world's treasures and who are perpetrators of some of the most disturbing crimes of this planet, and yet, these are the same people who try to preach about Law and Order, what a joke! These same scumbags that gain and get fat from human misery and who deny us – "we the people" – decent housing, health care, education, and so much more, want to speak down on us about morality, and dare to talk about democracy! Shit bro, many of us are rendered helpless as our youth mimic and domesticate within themselves the capitalist, avaricious culture of unashamed consumption, practiced by the same people who oppress us. The same people who bring drugs into this country and distributes them into the ghetto and inner-urban cities, and then turn around and wage a war on these poor citizens, and dare to call it the "war on drugs"! Shit, more like the "war on the poor", if you ask me. So that's why I'm cool on all this bourgeois ass-shit, as long as capitalism exists, then I'm always gonna be part of the subversive counter-culture. So yeah, I feel you man.

It's good to be able to do these lessons with you. I appreciate you giving me your time and attention to get on some productive shit with me. I feel that these lessons keep us sharp and help reinforce what we believe and stand for. Hopefully, soon there will be more people in here catching on to this radical shit we're putting down, more cats we can embrace as comrades. That's what I am striving for, I love it when cats are willing to make true sacrifices by shedding their destructive gangster mentalities, only to transform these mentalities into that of an Imprisoned Radical Intellectual. I hope to see the end of these capitalistic prison gangs that keep us divided and conquered in here, as they fight over so-called "power struggles", and the beginning of radical prison groups, prison chapters and revolutionary prison movements, slowly but surely, that's what's coming next!

Thank you for your time, thank you for sharing with me this beautiful piece of your mind, comrade. I have valued every moment of this lesson, and will continue to value this lesson as I transcribe it into a zine, so that I can always read it anytime I want. My solidarity goes out to you, bro. Keep your head up high, with the fire of resistance forever burning in your rebel soul, and with the joy for life and the love for freedom always going strong in your beautiful, warrior's heart, as it fervently beats to the vibrant rhythm of revolution and life. Stay active, stay dangerous!

Solidarity and respects,

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STEEL SHARPENS
STEEL #2:

STARTING UP
STUDY GROUPS
IN PRISON

By, Comrade Coyote &

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Comments from Coyote

If I don't like people, I don't like them. If I don't like their opinions, I don't like their opinions. If I don't like all of the above, I don't like the whole world. I'm going to be as good a parent as I can be, and as long as I'm a parent, I'm going to be as good a parent as I can be. I'm going to be as good a parent as I can be, and as long as I'm a parent, I'm going to be as good a parent as I can be.

People are like that. They are all different, and they are all interesting. Some are funny, some are serious, some are clever, some are dumb. I think it's important to recognize that people have different points of view. I try to understand where people are coming from, and I try to be as sensitive as possible to their feelings.

I believe that it's important to be honest with people, and to be open about my feelings. I try to be as clear and direct as possible in my conversations, and I try to be as direct and honest as possible with my friends.

I think it's important to be a good listener, and to be empathetic. I try to understand the perspectives of others, and I try to be as supportive as possible in my conversations. I try to be as understanding as possible, and I try to be as supportive as possible in my interactions with others.
then the civil rights era. Thus, if any kid was like me back then, I was either asleep or had my attention directed towards better activities. So, I think there should be a "movement" directed towards kids by people like us, focusing on why racism isn’t right, etc. An idea is, we could throw anti-racist or “hate” concerts, where we get local bands to play music and we unite all these kids of different races and pass out anti-racism literature and get all the kids to mingle and what not. You know, pass out “say no to haters” t-shirts and shit. We'd make it something cool to be anti-racist... Anyways, that's just for the young ones though. It's different when they're full-bloomed racial supremacists. As I've said before, some grown folk, struggle with their conscience, and those have a chance at being "saved.

But it's a touchy area, because it wouldn't do for me to just hit any racist up, if they haven't opened up their thoughts to me. That would probably just piss them off. Then, there's the fact that I don't want to even be around any racist. So, personally, I'd be more apt to just bust any racist I come across on the nose, rather than try to play Doctor Phil. Now if they reached out to me first, that would be different. Then I'd try to help them through their struggle. But realistically, in here especially, I think the best thing we can do is pass out and create as much anti-racist literature as we can, and put a "green light" out on all racists (Black, White, Brown or other) and hopefully that will make these haters rethink the choices they're making, as well as discourage any new recruits. Obviously, something needs to be done, and I hope kata start collaborating and can come up with a solution.

Well comrade, I think I've pretty much said what I have to say, on all the topics. Thank you for the opportunity to further exercise my brain and I really enjoyed this study session. Let's keep this shit going!

I hope you dig where I'm coming from on all this, and I look forward to next week's lesson.

In solidarity & with respects,
Your comrade,
Christopher

RESOLVE!

Why does it seem that some individuals are capable of incredible efforts, yet others seem hamstrung, even though they have good intentions? The answer is those people, for example Mumia Abu-Jamal, have developed an unbreakable resolve, that even the harshest conditions cannot break. How is this "resolve" acquired? Each one of us has the innate ability to strengthen and steel ourselves - by ourselves!! Part of "Each One, Teach One" is the most fundamental component of all - each one of us teaching ourselves to become our true selves. We have marvelous minds that can break everything down - and build it all back up the way it needs to be built up. We must overcome our fear of ourselves and our inertia and trust ourselves to figure everything out. We will find our brilliant, humanist selves, once we provide ourselves our own lasting love. #Anthony

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Starting Up Study Groups

For 1st year MD, PhD and DO students. Includes information on the process of starting study groups and strategies for effective study group management.

1. Choose a topic
2. Identify potential group members
3. Set goals and expectations
4. Establish a study schedule
5. Use effective study techniques
6. Encourage participation and accountability
2) Read pages 43-45 of please elaborate 13 (question 13) and tell me your thoughts, your stance and your opinion on what the commodities Anthony is saying here in answer to my question? Do you agree, disagree, or what exactly do you feel in regards to all this?

The question was concerning what type of anarchy gives a nearly a bad name. Well, I definitely agree with Anthony on this one. There are a lot of people who claim to be comrades and their voices are loud, but they don’t ever seem to walk the walk. There’s a difference between being an ignorant know-it-all who does nothing but bitch at others yet shows no desire to lead by example and then being someone who speaks her/his mind, but also takes the initiative to do what they say. Complaining compass nice. It’s the time to find and exercise a solution that turns the average “comrade” into an anarchic guerilla. You know that guy, Anthony mentioned meeting at the monthly forum? The guy who was completely negative, saying that he didn’t agree with Anthony and said that his own “solution” was to sit on his ass and do nothing? That dude sounded completely suspect to me. That last all the descriptions of one of those undercover agents the state uses to stir up mayhem inside the revolutionary community. Me personally I would have kicked that guy’s ass. I’m sure some people would seriously dislike that choice, but no one could say that I am an idle comrade.

3) Give a definition to each of the following words and then write two sentences using each word pertaining to anarchism.

Free association (definition): I’m going to break down each word first...there are many definitions for the word free, but the one I choose for this, is “made or done voluntarily.” “Association” is “the act of associating” or “an organization of persons.” Associate means “to join in companionship or partnership.” So, I would say free association means that a person will be “allowed” to hang out with who they want without any hindrances from others.

(A): In a world of real liberty and equality, all people would have the right to free association.

(B): Because I was only a juvenile when I was sent, I don’t have too many experiences with the “adult” life and thus I only have one memory of not being able to exercise free association. There were many times that my mother tried to get me into better public schools so I’d stay out of trouble or because the teachers at the schools I was already going to, didn’t know what or give a damn about the students. But each time she tried to get me transferred, she would get the answer that I couldn’t attend those schools because we lived in a different district, even though it was the same city. Who knows, maybe if there had been real free association, I could have avoided some of the things that led me into a destructive lifestyle.

Solidarity: “Unity based on shared interests, standards or objectives”.

(A): For anarchists, it is vital that all comrades come together in solidarity, because without a strong foundation, we will crumble under all of the relentless attacks made on us by the enemy.

(B): I commend you comrades for all of the solidarity I’ve seen you show around here. And not just towards your fellow anarchists but towards all the good men here who wish to use this time constructively. Keep it up.

Direct democracy: A decision-making process where “decisions would be made by directly voting on the options and the option with a majority of votes is implemented. Though this is meant to be a “dynamic discussion process” where people talk and try to work things out so that the minority isn’t just voted away. Direct democracy is combined with “free association” so that anyone who does not agree with the voted option, can leave the group and therefore won’t have to abide by the decision.

(A): I believe it’s important to have some kind of order and organization, yet I don’t agree with any type of laws that restrict people’s freedom of choice, or that put fear of punishments on a person who should they “break” those laws. Because of this, I believe that direct democracy in anarchism is sound, because it allows people to voice their opinions and then agree in solidarity what should be done about matters; and for the really stubborn comrades, they can disassociate from the group if a decision really bothers them or they can continue to go along with the others while trying to persuade others to change their vote.

In order to create study groups and have study sessions, sometimes this requires for all members to have a good supply of books, tapes, literature, reading and reference materials. Anyone who’s willing to participate in the study group should each be asked to contribute and provide materials, if they can. There are different ways to acquire reading materials from comrades and friends on the outs, you just have to learn how to be resourceful (to learn more on how to be resourceful and get organized within behind enemy lines, read my “Building Your Own ABC Political Library” also from Anthony Broun at P.O. Box 207, Homewood, Illinois 60430). By being resourceful and by being organized, I’ve been able to get books on the outs read in all kinds of materials in to me, download stuff off of the Internet for me, Xerox copies of books for me, I’ve even gathered materials from other prisoners and sent them back out to be copied, and them had these copies sent back to us so I could pass these copies out. I’ve taken notes from books that I’ve read and sent these out to get typed up and then copied so I could pass them on and to other prisoners on my tier. I’ve brought articles from newspapers and magazines and I’ve sent these out to be copied, turning whatever I can into an empowering piece of literature (even writing my very own literature) to be passed out to others on whatever one I’m on, because there are powered tools in raising awareness around here, in this unwieldy world of slavery. I’ve burned my own tins to raise consciousness, I’ve burned my own to be a teacher and someone who cares.

In these are just some ideas I’m thinking out there, things that I’ve done that have worked for me. Anyone who’s trying to get study groups going where they’re at can use these ideas, build and improve on them, or they can be creative and figure out ways that will work best for them. But either way, I just hope this idea inspires more prisoners to get things going where they’re at. Let’s raise consciousness, let’s keep the fire of resistance burning, let’s do what we got to do to keep the struggle up.

Solidarity Requests

- Coyote

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How to Get a Study Group Going

There are many ways to get study groups going, you just have to be creative and figure out the best methods that work for you and your comrades under the existing conditions, and you have to have the necessary reading materials, books, newsletters, newspapers and literature on hand.

Here is an example of a basic format for how to get a study program going for you and your comrades (see below). There are many different ways to do it, like I said, but this is just one idea that I know works.

Basicly, what you do is you and your study partner or study partner(s) are going to pick a subject, like “anarchists”, or “solidarity”, for example. You guys are to write the definition and a couple of sentences about that subject, but each sentence must consist of 50 words. Then you guys will write a paragraph, or a page, or even an essay (whatever you decide) on what “archists”, or “solidarity” (or both) means to you and how you can apply it in your everyday life. And then after that, you guys will write a summary on what you've learned from this endeavor (study sessions). Here is an example:
Hey Coyote, respects are sent!

I really enjoyed reading your answers to this lesson comrades. Your summary was great! The way you opened it by using all the underlined words in the lesson was ingenious. I was definitely feelin’ your definition of an “anarchoguerrilla” too. Good shit. And for your answer to the word “conquer”, I couldn’t agree more. I was interested in seeing what you had to say about that and I’m glad you wrote what you wrote. The only thing we should wish to conquer is our own lives. I have no problem with using force to gain my freedom!... As to the quote, though, I hear where you’re coming from, but I don’t believe the writer of that quote (John Lee Anderson) meant it in the way you’ve perceived it. His choice to use the word “conquer” instead of simply “win” or “gain”, was a poor one for sure, but here’s what I feel he was trying to express... It’s none too difficult to accumulate arms and then go and use them. This country has the largest gun owner population in the world and there is no end to the targets we have here. Politicians, judges, D.A.’s, police, etc. So while fighting a war is most certainly harsh, it’s really not hard to start one or jump in the middle of one. But it’s a little different when it comes to winning over the people. For they (we) have been brainwashed for years beyond years, and still we have the oppressors whispering in our ears the idea that here are still people with poisoned doctrine, so it is that when we come along with the words of truth, the people automatically struggle with using their common sense, better judgement, etc. Either out of fear or out of habit or both. So it is not a battle with the people, but a battle with those who preach to them the sermons of the state and its laws. The victors of this battle receive the minds and hearts of the people for better or worse, as the “prize”. And since there is no revolution without the people, I feel that is the one goal to gain their acceptance. That’s why it’s so important for us to raise awareness and consciousness... anyway, that is just my take on it.

All in all, your work was grand and I wish we had longer to study together. But we’ll probably be around each other again in a couple of months.

Stay up & Stand strong

Christopher

Comments from Christopher

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Let’s get organized, let’s get ourselves together! Stand for freedom, be about action! Be for the people and keep that revolutionary love in your heart.

Lesson 1 (Coyote)

Comrades: Allow me to open by saying that I appreciate your willingness and eagerness to participate in this study. As you know, it is crucial that we keep our minds active while being held in this lockdown environment. What’s more, is due to the fact that we are anarchoguerrillas. We must strive to acquire all the weapons we can and make sure that we learn to use them so that we can apply them at the right moment.

Words can hurt and knowledge is dangerous: "Combat is absolutely necessary, but this political work, where the guerrillas conquer the hearts and minds of the people, is the war's real battle ground." This being the case, these study sessions are meant to grease the gun barrels of the mind and help keep our "scopes" in focus. I hope that you can benefit from the following exercises and I look forward to reading your work.

In solidarity

Your comrade Christopher 1.30.1
Organization: When like-minds do like-things, you have organization.

(A): An anarchist organization is an organization without hierarchical order or coercive demand, an anarchist organization is built on self-determination, free association and voluntarism.

(B): Anarchism is a libertarian organization, where each individual depends not on leadership, but instead relies on his/her own strength, and relies on solidarity, individual initiative and is made up of free-thinking individuals. It is an organization that gives the minority rights in the process of decision-making.

Struggle: To make strenuous efforts against opposition while striving to uplift and liberate ourselves and each other.

(A): As an anarchist, my struggle is the struggle of the people, whatever impositions they're struggling against, you can believe I'm right there struggling with them!

(B): The struggle for liberation, the struggle for equality, and the struggle for autonomy, these are just some of the things I struggle for, these are the struggles that I live for and these are the struggles that I'm willing to die for, if need be.

3) Answer the following questions.

1) Do you agree with the statement that winning the hearts and minds of the people is the real battle ground? Please explain your answer.

Well, it depends on how you mean it, bro. I agree that it's necessary to raise consciousness in the hearts and minds of others, so that they can break the shackles of their minds and begin to learn how to think for themselves rather than letting others -- the majority, those in control, etc. -- to do the thinking for them. I believe that once our minds are liberated, once we've become efficient at thinking for ourselves, then it's only automatic that we start taking control of our own lives. This is definitely something we can do every day and we can start by refusing to let others make our choices for us. All we have to do, really, is start making our own choices, based upon what's right and wrong to us, as individuals, and reject the "right and wrong" that's imposed upon us by those in control, or by the majority, otherwise we're not really making choices for ourselves, but rather we are letting the so-called powerful dictate our lives, and we all know that the people in power never have our best interests at heart. The only power anybody has over us is the power we give them, but we can take all this power away from them by making our own choices, living out our own dreams and refusing to place our freedom and our lives and our destinies in the hands of others. I'm a firm believer that most people are more confident in themselves to decide what they should do and should not do, more than they are confident in allowing any authority to dictate it to them.

It's important that we raise consciousness and propagate anarchist theory, yes. I believe that once people really understand what anarchism really is and what it's really about, that they will be inclined to embrace it on their own accord, whether they want to call themselves anarchists or not, it doesn't really matter. But even if people decide not to listen, and not to embrace anarchist thought and theory, it doesn't stop us from being anarchists or living as such, because we can and will continue to be what we are and do what we do, no matter how limited we are. So with that said, no, I don't necessarily agree with the statement that winning the hearts and
The main idea is that there are different ways of looking at the world, and these different ways influence how we think and act.

For example, if you are a biologist, you might focus on the observable aspects of the world. However, if you are a sociologist, you might focus on how people interact with each other.

This can lead to different conclusions about the same event. A biologist might see a bird flying away as simply a result of the bird's natural instincts. A sociologist might see the bird flying away as an example of how animals can form social structures.

In conclusion, the way we look at the world can influence how we think and act. This can lead to different conclusions about the same event.