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# SPEAK OUT NOW

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## The Earth Is Not Theirs To Destroy!

### Global Warming and Global Climate Change

#### Is Global Warming Real?

**Yes it's real.** There is no question that the overall temperature of our Earth has increased over the past 50 years and continues to increase each year. The world has warmed more than 1.8°F since the late 1800s and the massive expansion of industry. The 10 warmest years have been since 2000, with the exception of 1998. The year 2016 was the warmest on record.

**The Source** is the Burning of Oil, Coal and Natural Gas releasing enormous amounts of carbon into the atmosphere.

#### We are living on a planet under conditions that humanity has never experienced before

#### Climate change is happening now, not in some distant future.

Here are just a few of the impacts:

- Changing rainfall and hotter temperatures are devastating agriculture around the world. In Africa alone, at least 36 million people are facing hunger due to record heat and drought. Famine warnings have now been issued for Rwanda, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Somalia, all of which are experiencing their worst droughts in decades.
- We can expect to see massive crop failures, especially as industrial agriculture has reduced the variety of crops grown.
- In the next few decades, big parts of 400 towns and cities, including New Orleans, New York City and San Francisco are at risk of going under water due to sea level rise.

#### Denial is the Choice of the Exploiters – Not Ours

Trump and those he represents deny the reality of Global Warming and its link to the extreme weather events and environmental impacts. It is a reality that interferes with the system of profiteering that they defend. Obama, didn't take real steps to address the real problem and sources of this climate change, because his role, like presidents before him, was to defend the interests of this system of capitalist production – not the interests of the majority.

#### Our World, Our Choice

We face a choice humanity has never confronted. We either change the system of carbon-based production or face extinction. This system of capitalism has no regard for the Earth and the majority of us. Those in power look at the Earth as a resource to exploit; in the same way as they look at us as labor to exploit.

The scientific knowledge exists and technological solutions can be developed to solve these problems. We have the possibility to reorganize society. It is a huge challenge but if we organize our power and fight, we guarantee ourselves a chance.

**The past may belong to capitalism, but the future can be ours.**

#### *Our Earth Has its Limits*

Life has evolved and adapted along with the environments that have developed on our Earth. Serious disruption doesn't provide choices – it means death. We are already in the midst of what scientists have identified as the 6<sup>th</sup> Mass Extinction of life on our planet.

#### *We have reached our limit!*

*".....Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."*

- Frederick Douglass

#### *What Can We Do?*

**This change is not inevitable.** We can begin to reverse this destruction – if we have the imagination and the will. See the other side for a start.

# Join Us In the Streets!

Trump's election brought millions of people into the streets in opposition to his vicious attacks. And the attacks continue: on healthcare, against immigrants, women, people of color, Muslims, the environment, science and now attacks on Syria and Afghanistan. We cannot afford to be silent in the face of these policies.

In the coming weeks there are three protest marches taking place in San Francisco and Oakland, which give us the opportunity to stand together and begin to organize. We may disagree with Democrats and their supporters who may appear at these demonstrations, pretending that their policies would have been significantly different. But we can join thousands of other people in the streets with our OWN SIGNS and our own POLITICS!

## **April 29 – People's Climate March**

This climate march is more important than in many previous years. The Earth is at stake due to climate change and the attacks of the Trump administration. We need to oppose those who threaten it for their own profit and greed.

**Saturday, April 29**, 11am-5pm @ Lake Merritt Amphitheater in Oakland  
Look for the **Speak Out Now!** banner.

## **May 1st – A Day Without An Immigrant**

May 1st is known throughout the world as International Workers' Day. The day was the result of the struggle for the 8-hour workday and it started here in the US. It is a day where the working class shows who has the power in society. In 2006, it was the immigrants, largely Latinos, who gave the tradition new life in the US with the largest demonstration in U.S. history (until the Women's March this year).

**Monday, May 1**

**San Francisco 11:00am** - Justin Herman Plaza  
(Near Embarcadero BART) &  
**Oakland 3:00pm** - Fruitvale Plaza,  
(Near Fruitvale BART)

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