

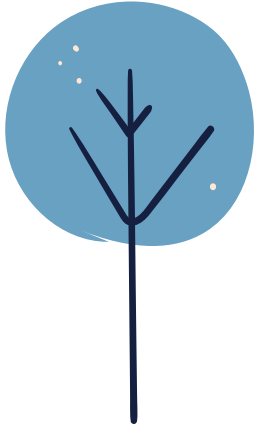
Mutual Aid

“Survival Pending
Revolution”



What about Reform?

- Does it provide material relief?
- Does it leave out an especially marginalized part of the affected group?
- Does it legitimize or expand the system we are trying to dismantle?
- Does it mobilize people, especially those most directly impacted, for ongoing struggle?



Why Mutual Aid?

1. We need these programs to **survive** because the **systems are failing us**
2. Participation is **generative**; this shared experience builds community and individual skills and understanding (ex: consensus, conflict resolution, etc.).
3. Collective care is **radical**

“...alternative ways of relating to each other that are based on humanity and generosity, rather than self-interest and greed.” Spade 2020 pg. 147

Mutual Aid Is...



Self-determined and community guided

It is not governed by the rich, the gov, the elite, or a charismatic individual



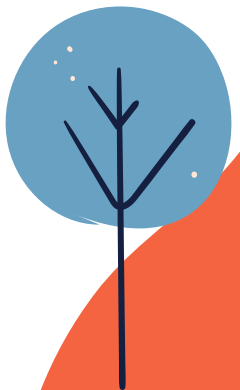
Holistic

It is not a siloed program the excludes



Solidarity

Nonprofits/charities are not mutual aid: they legitimize and empower the systems of oppression



BLACK PANTHERS



Free Plumbing & Maintenance Program



People's Free Medical Research Health Clinics



Free Breakfast for Schoolchildren Program



People's Free Ambulance Service



Landbanking



People's Cooperative Housing Program



Free Food Program



People's Free Pest Control Program



People's Free Shoe Program



People's Free Clothing Program

West Virginia Teacher Strike 2018

Collective

Feb. 22:
Every School closed



Wildcat Strike
on February 28



Solidarity

Community based
support



Collaborative

Digital Activism,
Occupation,
Demonstration, and
Walkout



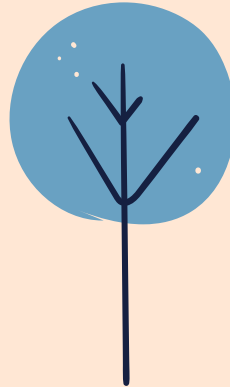
Participation:

Socialist Equality Party
(SEP) Broaden the strike to
include teachers/workers in
other states as well as other
WV workers



Mobilization

Inspired others teachers
unions to do the same
along with other school
personnel strikes.
#REDFORED



From Survival to Revolution

Racial Capitalism

Ruth Wilson Gilmore,
Jackie Wang

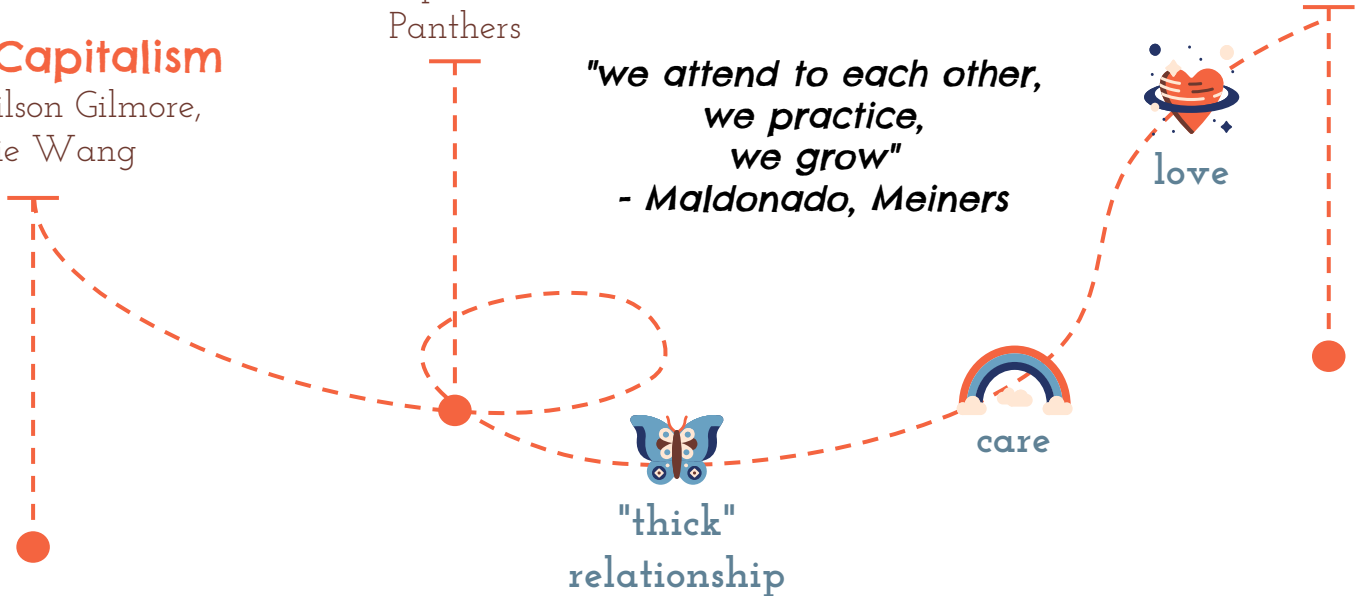
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Panthers

*"we attend to each other,
we practice,
we grow"*
- Maldonado, Meiners

Abolition, Liberation

Mariame Kaba, David
Maldonado, Erika Meiners



"thick"
relationship





Thanks!



Do you have any questions?



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