

Evidence

These Truths: How Anarchist Tactics Went Virtually Viral

Is this image known in households across America ?



These men are the first to storm the Minneapolis 3rd Precinct on May 28th, before it burns.



Black Lives Matter activists plead with the crowd not to follow the hype.

The man in the bermuda hat yells, *"This is not what it is."* [VIDEO LINK](#) (21")



An older man holds down the gate for others.

It's called "Direct Action" and it means a coordinated effort to disrupt the system.

Our report compiles visuals from 7 cities in which the tactics used are remarkably similar.

It's no coincidence.

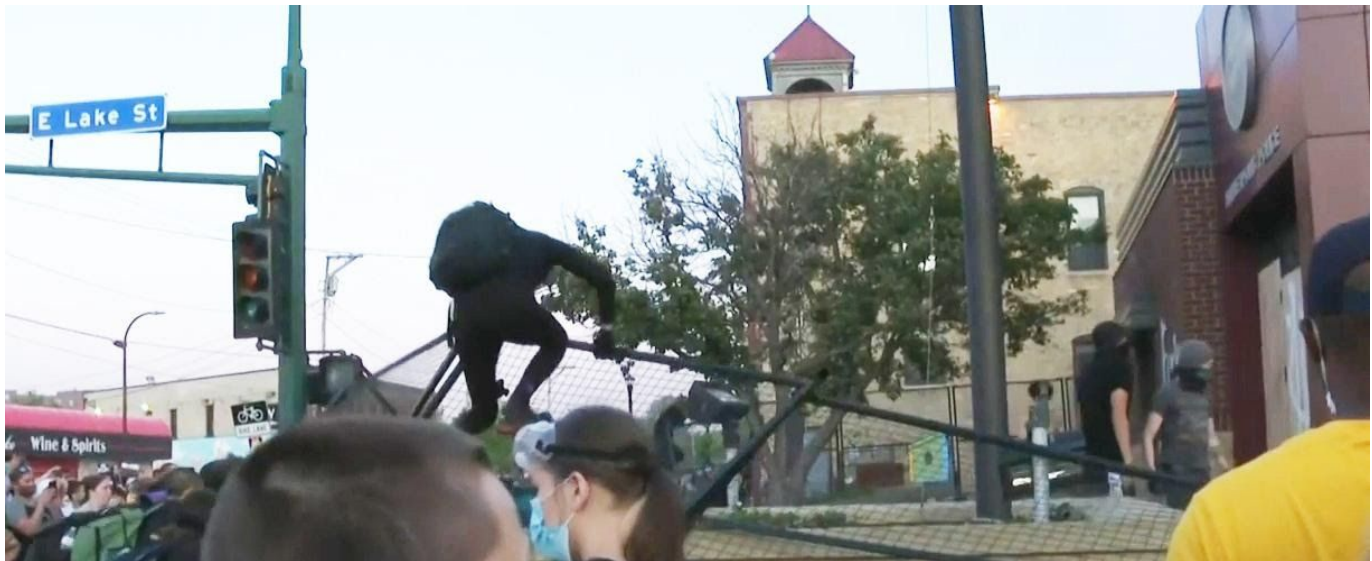
Facebook banned two organizations on August 20th that call themselves "Anarchist collectives, comprised of many cells." This report shows how among others, those two groups from the Pacific Northwest, *CrimethInc* & the *Youth Liberation Front*, have been working for years to get their ideology, talking points & playbook out to the masses.

The Anarchist theoretical endgame is abolition of all police & prisons, the destruction of hierarchy. This is distinct from Antifascist or Antifa groups focused on opposing white supremacy. The two are inclusive to each other but not the same.

Anarchists do not follow any political party or believe in government. This is how they seized upon rioting under the cover of protests with the sole intention of spreading disorder and looting, even before the final week of May 2020.



Seattle 1999, the World Trade Organization protest / riots. "Black bloc" garb appears in the US for the first time.



Minneapolis 2020: Some dress for the occasion. Others are swept into the fray.

The same street intersection, the day before...



Photo brag from CrimethInc: AutoZone was first to burn in Minneapolis on May 27th.

The technique of dressing in all black garb head to toe first appeared in the US at the Seattle WTO conference in 1999 and since then has been taken up coast to coast. We saw it in Ferguson and then Minneapolis. By the end of May 2020 the dress code was adopted nationally both by participating looters and those committed to the Anarchist ideology.

How can one differentiate between the two?

The Anarchists are the ones with no intention of taking things, just breaking them.



A protester throws herself in the way of a man with a hammer at REI in Santa Monica, CA.



An Anarchist casually breaks windows at Subway sandwiches in Louisville, KY on 5/29.

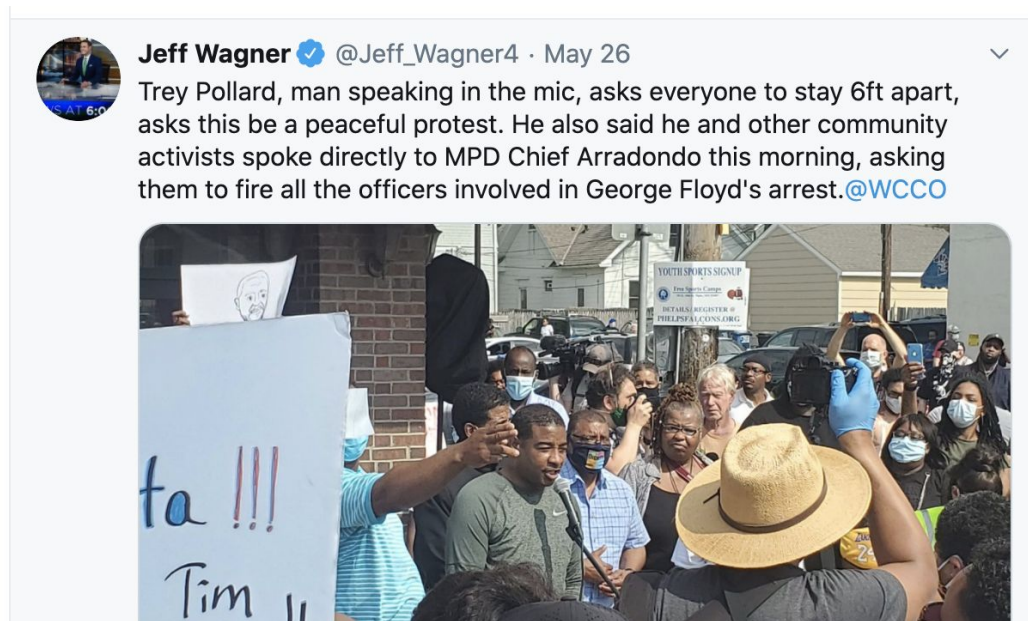


A man pelts the precinct in MN on 5/27. An hour later another umbrella man at AutoZone.

This is how Anarchist Direct Action tactics began going behaviorally viral the day after George Floyd was killed, on a wave of palpable Community outrage.

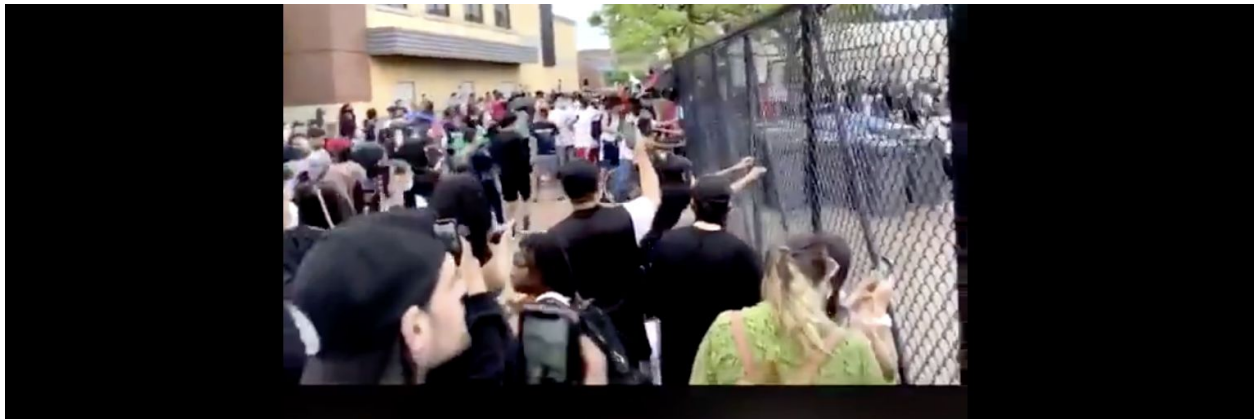
May 26th

Groups in Minneapolis including this member of *Push for Peace* organize [the first protest](#):



Just before 6pm, a cop car is pelted in Minneapolis [VIDEO](#)

Within an hour at 7pm [WCCO](#) & others capture [VIDEO](#) of the first riot accelerationist action breaking into a Minneapolis police car lot.



Several dress in black bloc head to toe to conceal identity.



A group marches on the 3rd precinct. A window is smashed and police cars are tagged. By nightfall on the 26th more Anarchist "black bloc" types are active, as is Community, autonomously gathering at the precinct.



The first evening, May 26th



Police deploy teargas. Milk is distributed to counteract it.

Previously on Nov. 15, 2017 Minneapolis saw riots. The Police Chief said then, "We believe we are dealing with Anarchists based on the flag that we saw." In response to our follow up, MPD wrote us "The participants are still part of our ongoing investigations."



A shopping cart of rocks is dispersed.

Note the media lower third citing “violence.” The Anarchist argument is that violence can not be committed against property, only people. Though in the Northwest, Anarchists currently instigate violence against people or create a law enforcement vacuum where it thrives.

May 27th

Second day of protests: Anarchist website [CrimethInc](#) shares [black bloc dress code tips](#).

Several in black bloc participate in riot actions breaking windows at the 3rd precinct. Some have umbrellas, a suggested accessory to shield rioters from overhead cameras.

Note: Black bloc was also used heavily in Arab spring pro-democracy protests, the umbrella in Hong Kong protests vs. Communist China.



[Rioter, “Umbrella Man”](#) is caught on tape smashing out the AutoZone windows. It is the first building torched. Police write in an affidavit that until the AutoZone burned, protests had been “relatively peaceful.” He is presumed by police to be a Hells Angel.

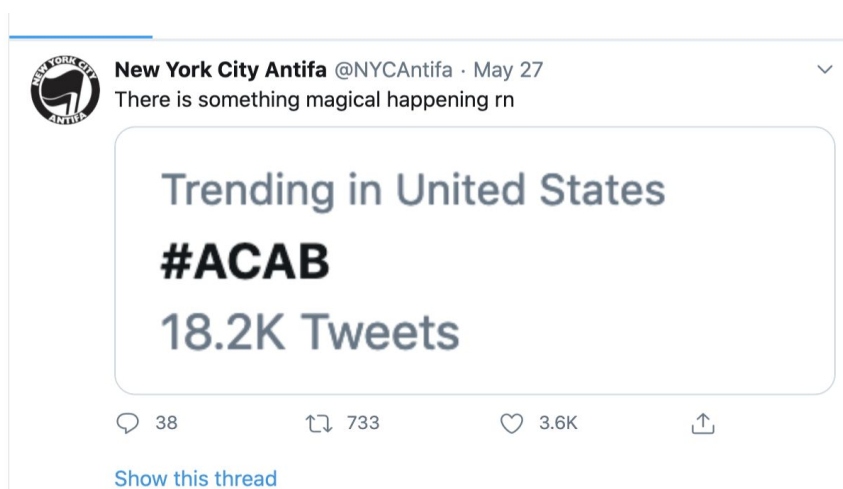
In weeks to come more advanced tactics regarding “ballistics” and using “peaceful protesters as shields” are shared [via CrimethInc](#) to followers.

Only a small group of adherents taking Direct Action can catalyze a crowd as seen in Minneapolis on days two and three. What Anarchists call an [“affinity group”](#) coordinates the first attack on the 3rd precinct May 27th, an hour before AutoZone burns.



In [chapter 3](#), *The Public Report* details how men in Minneapolis drop water bottle bundles off to be used as projectiles, metal barriers & stopped a BLM peace activist from calming the crowd. The skull logo seen in this *Direct Action* is a 3 Percenter militia insignia.

On the 27th CrimethInc also shares its [“Break Windows”](#) article from Ferguson 2014 justifying vandalism and looting as acts of protest. Other groups communicate horizontally including NYC Antifa (50k+ followers presently).



The MLK quote from *60 Minutes* “A riot is the language of the unheard” begins to be passed around on social media omitting King’s conclusion in the clip “I hope we can avoid riots because riots are self defeating and socially destructive.”

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BLACK BLOC TACTICS

allow demonstrators to take action without fear of immediate identification. If you choose to wear a mask, do it right:

- * COVER UP**
It's not enough to cover half your face. Even if you get away, the police may use photos or video to charge you later. Cover your hair, face, arms, and hands. Cloth gloves are best. Take out piercings. Make sure there are no identifying features on your clothes, shoes, or backpack. If you bring any materials with you, wipe them down with rubbing alcohol first to get the prints off. Don't bring anything you don't need.
- * STAY TIGHT**
If possible, come to the demonstration with a small group of people you trust. Choose your crew based on shared intentions, not just friendship. You are there to have each other's back in the street and follow up if one of you gets arrested or hurt. Strangers need to protect each other too. Stay physically close, not spread out, so that if police try to enter the crowd, you can "accidentally" get in their way. The front of the march might need to slow down while the back catches up. Stay moving, through a tight, mobile crowd is difficult to surround or disperse.
- * PLAN YOUR EXIT**
Always wear "civilian clothes" under your hoodie so that you can de-bloc and blend in with a crowd or smoothly walk away. Keep an eye out for danger zones and escape routes. If things heat up, stay calm and act decisively. Commit to your exit when you decide you're done. Sometimes you have to sprint and hide; sometimes, you just step onto the sidewalk and remove your mask. You can de-bloc in the middle of a friendly crowd if you're sure you are well screened.
- * KEEP IT QUIET**
Bragging and storytelling are natural, but they're easy to use against us. If you have to talk, choose someone trustworthy who was with you in the streets. Don't post anything on Facebook that you wouldn't show a cop. The same goes for Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr. Remember that police will read your texts and call-log if they arrest you.
- * NEVER, EVER SNITCH**
If you are arrested, invoke your right to remain absolutely silent. Name, address, and no more.

Aside from twitter, CrimethInc literature is available on Amazon or passed around free online in memes or pdf format. Other groups circulate similar themed memes.

The Northwest based "Youth Liberation Front" gives this advice to its Gen Z followers not to get caught up filming illegal acts, a talking point that persists today.

PNW Youth Liberation Front @PNWYLF · May 27
YOUR CAMERA IS A COP

Vitalist International @VitalistInt · May 27
Do not take pics of ppl making or throwing molotovs
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Do not take pics of ppl making or throwing molotovs
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May 28 CrimethInc, after the AutoZone & Target ransacking, calls for solidarity.



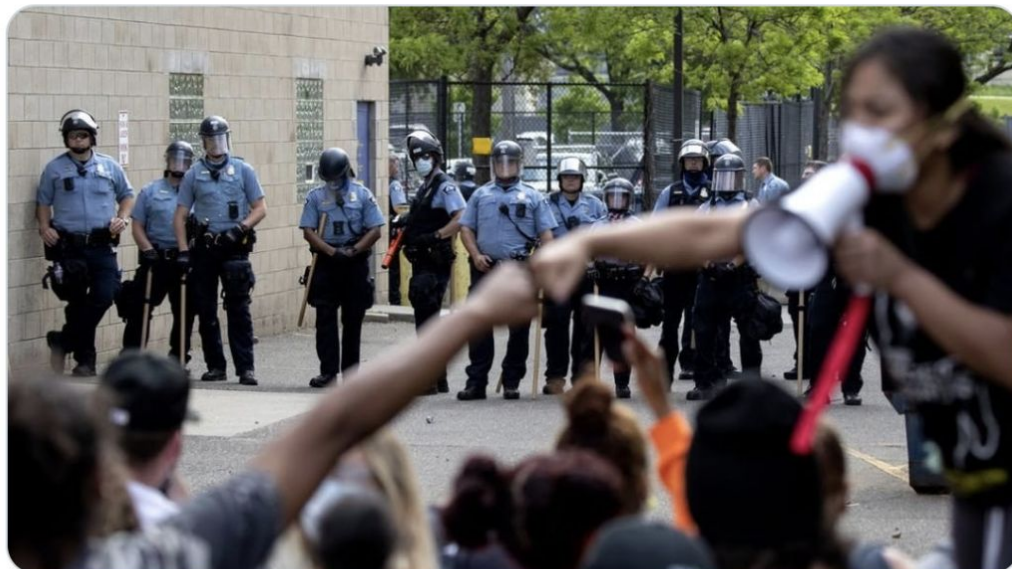
CrimethInc. @crimethinc · May 28

We are assembling a list of solidarity demonstrations around the world in support of the [#Minneapolis](#) uprising and in remembrance of [#GeorgeFloyd](#).

crimethinc.com/2020/05/28/min...

Please respond by posting any demonstrations that you are aware of here!
Thank you!

[#icantbreathe](#)



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CrimethInc on May 28th composes a [Solidarity List](#). CNN Center, Atlanta is included.

Many smaller groups of 1-3k across the country follow CrimethInc on Twitter.

CrimethInc follows nobody.

This shows plausible deniability. Individuals would have to make connections outside of CrimethInc, connecting with alternate twitter accounts or on other platforms.

On their twitter page bio, Crimethinc writes “many cells” are involved but never reveals them. CrimethInc has had instagram & facebook pages, both allowing direct messaging.

CrimethInc.
@crimethinc

The CrimethInc. Ex-Workers' Collective (CWC) is a decentralized anarchist collective comprised of many cells that act independently in pursuit of a freer world.

📍 Everywhere 🔗 crimethinc.com 📅 Joined May 2008

0 Following **33.5K** Followers

On the May 28th list, CrimethInc does confirm that the Pacific Northwest Youth Liberation Front has “announced” Portland’s action to Occupy the Justice Center.

CrimethInc is already using its past experience in Ferguson preemptively to dispel the characterization of Anarchists as “outside agitators” circulating this take on observations made by CNN:

CrimethInc. @crimethinc · May 28

Before conspiracy theories start circulating about who was responsible for the vandalism and looting in #Minneapolis, let's remember how the strategy of divide and conquer was used against protesters in Ferguson:

cwc.im/agitators

#icantbreathe #GeorgeFloyd



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The 3rd precinct goes up in flames. CrimethInc declares *the social contract obsolete*.

CrimethInc. @crimethinc · May 28

The police have lost control of the third police precinct in Minneapolis. Demonstrators have entered it, come out with police riot gear, and set fires inside.

The social contract is obsolete. Solidarity with everyone in resistance. 🇺🇸
🔥

cwc.im/MinneapolisRev...

follow @UR_Ninja

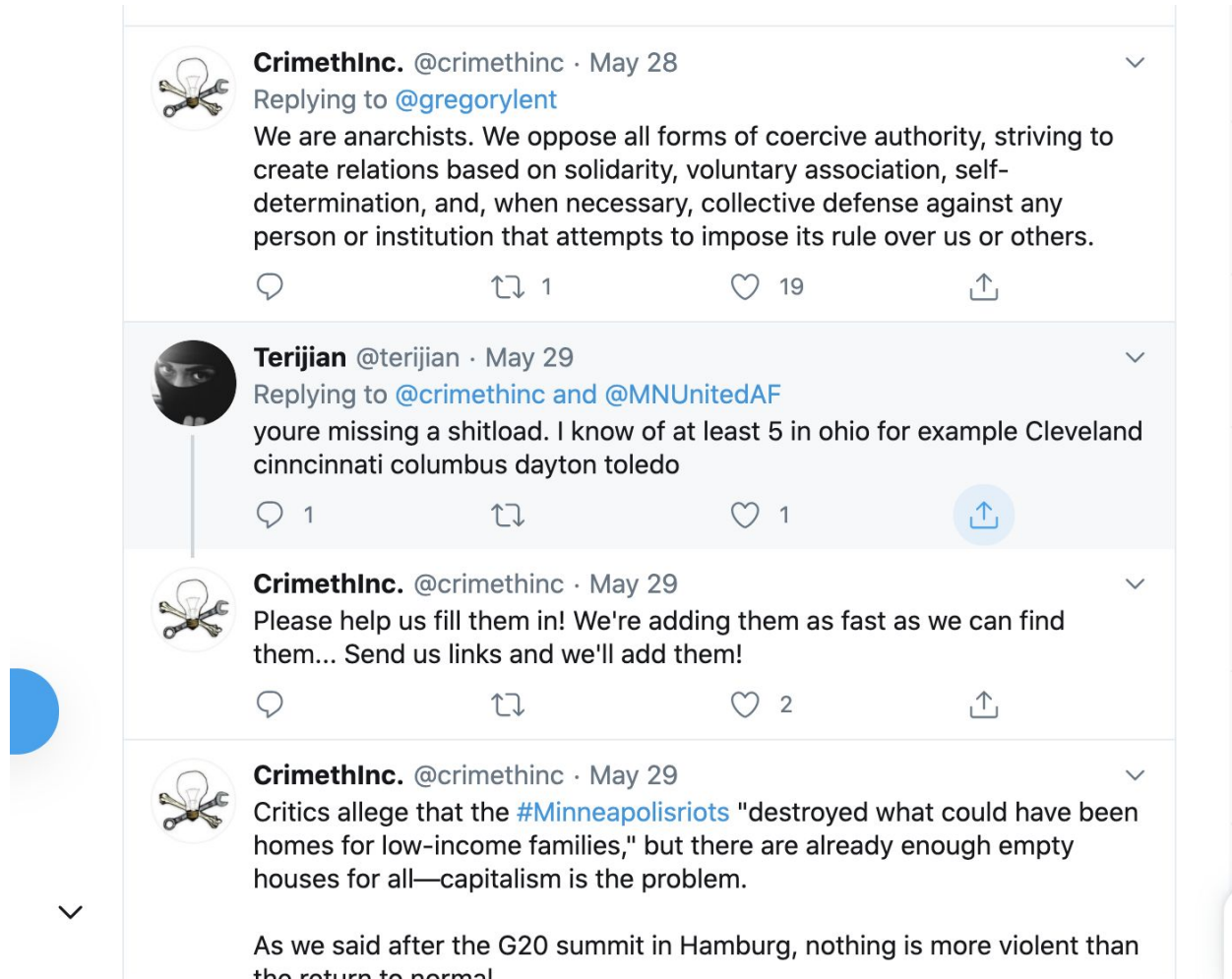


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May 29th

Coordination continues. Tweets show back and forth between Antifa Atlanta and Community in Atlanta, confirming the date of the CNN Center protest of May 29th.

Online engagement continues to network alliances between CrimethInc and like minded groups.



Images of the CNN Center's destruction roll out nationwide. Most see the images of the BLM and Mexican flag hoisted atop the letters.

Little attention is given to the men who broke the first windows.



Two men break the first complete window pane. One of the men wears a mask.



The other doesn't.



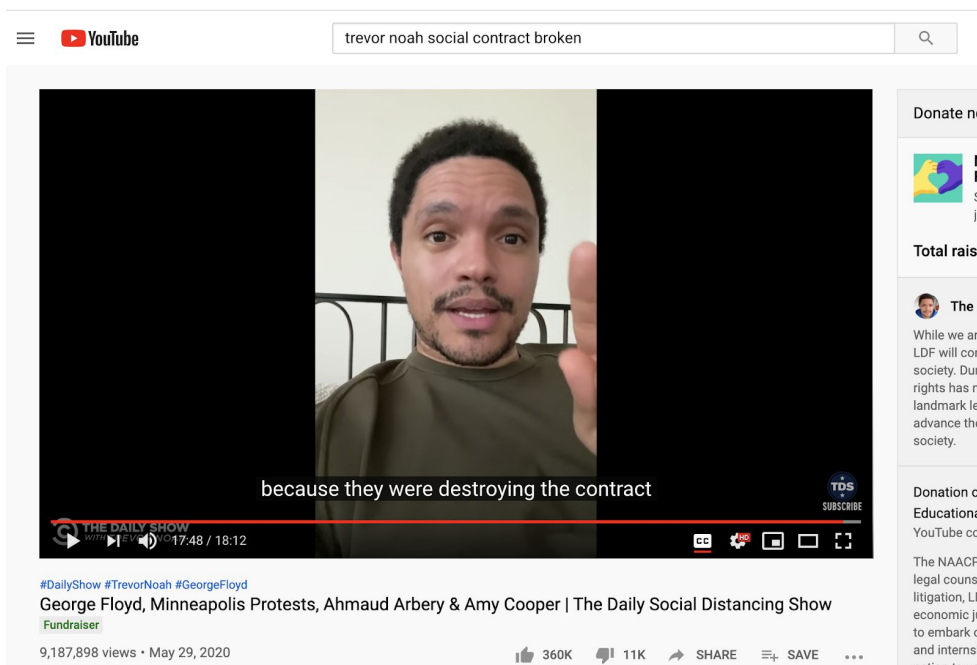
[The floodgates open VIDEO](#)

Other groups, like the mostly white Youth Liberation Front in the Northwest, are being questioned as to whether or not they are coordinating with Black community groups.

Their story is somewhat inconsistent.



An hour after the CNN Center Riot on May 29th, Trevor Noah in a viral video on *The Daily Show* Youtube account, reiterates the talking point that the “social contract” is obsolete which Crimethinc tweeted a day before. Noah’s video has been viewed 9 million times.

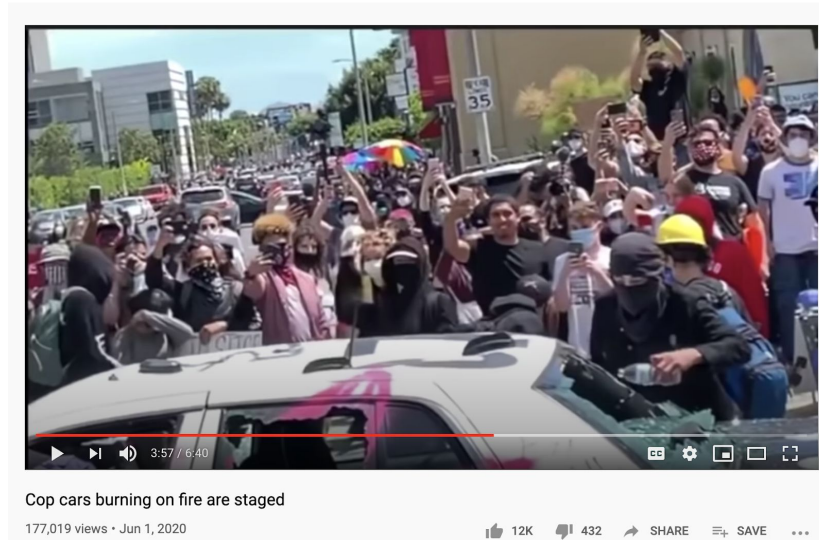


This point will later be reiterated & referenced famously [by Kimberly Jones](#) in a viral video that weekend. The video is viewed over 2 million times on Youtube alone.

May 30th By the end of Friday night and into early AM Saturday May 30th, groups like the Youth Liberation Front check in with members regarding dress code.



On Saturday the 30th, rioting is widespread nationwide with clear examples of Anarchist tactics coordinated near protests, like this instance outside CBS Television City in LA.



Observer breaks down LA Tactical Anarchist direct action (2:55) [VIDEO](#)

CrimethInc continues making call backs to Ferguson which are detailed in the [Conclusion](#) of

this report. We also describe how Anarchism is an umbrella for the disaffected on either side of the political spectrum, realized only once the disenfranchised reach critical mass.

The Department of Homeland Security issues a bulletin to law enforcement by May 29th warning that extremists on either side would use protest rallies to their own end.



While media has focused on interpreting BLM, it has given little attention to these men, who like others working in coordination, succeed with small group acceleration tactics. (5/28)

As a result, fear & disdain still sweep our nation from Minneapolis to St. Louis-- to small cities like Walnut Creek, California. It is this fear that leads a man and his wife on Portland Place, St. Louis, to meet protesters entering a private community with immediate screams of "Get Out!" and armed threats.

It is a fear that to this day has many in the town of Walnut Creek believing their community was ransacked by Looters from nearby inner city neighborhoods without orchestration.

Street fights and assaults persist across the country.

May 31st

This figure in the balaklava walked quickly away from the newly smashed entryway of Solstice Sunglasses in Walnut Creek.



Previously this tall figure led a team of looters into a Macy's. Here is [VIDEO](#) of their exit.

A Bay Area News Group photojournalist on scene identifies the individual in red and black as the crowbar wielder, opening entryways for the squad of roving youngsters.



They were headed back to Macy's. The figure in red signals the Looters after opening the sunglasses store.

One of them calls out, "What's going on?" :23

The figure walks away swiftly, the crowbar stashed in the oversized bag according to the eyewitness.

[VIDEO LINK](#)



Those on crowbar detail usually wear gloves. This person does not.

At :29, look for the young man in army camo pants on the far right quickly turning from the camera, looking like he's from a demographic clique than the others. The age of the participants and casting matches that of the Youth Liberation Front in Portland. Within an hour, a Bay Area cell tweets this:



This twitter account is abandoned in June as the NWYLF carries all the engagement.



Most in Walnut Creek saw the headline that one looter from the inner city shot another but were unaware of collaboration across demographic lines.

Few federal arrests since have yielded affiliations, with the following two notable exceptions:

The man accused of leading the attempt to tear down Andrew Jackson's statue identified himself on facebook as progressive and "Antifa" (Anifascist groups that align within the self described Anarchist movement). His profile shows he was a prankster who previously attended CPAC handing out small Russian flags emblazoned "Trump."

The man who killed 2 officers in Northern California self-identified as a Boogaloo supporter and partially scrawled the word in blood after a Santa Cruz shootout killing a Sheriff's deputy. He was active duty in the Air Force.

Neither men are Black.

These days with enough preparation, any group can impersonate the other by wearing their helmet, colors or clothing style of choice. Are supremacists showing up as black bloc “leftists”, or are Anarchists dressing up as militia militants? Or both.

Or neither: people simply come as they are as Anarchists don’t discriminate.



All we can say for certain is these men were first to break in before the precinct burned.

Anarchists we spoke to say it doesn’t matter what kind of group takes autonomous action.

“We don’t care who’s fucking shit up, as long as they’re fucking shit up,” an Anarchist wrote us.

Law enforcement has been mum. As the nation continues to convulse and reckon with itself, we wait with these truths at arm’s length from us. We know accelerationism was at play.

Yet, we are left studying clothes, helmets and insignias from hours of online video footage, wondering when the authorities or our political leaders will acknowledge what by now appears to be self-evident:

Anarchist tactics in the USA are widespread.

Anarchists follow neither political party.

Anarchists have had it their way.



A helmeted man, previously hyping up the now dispersed protest crowd, runs into frame towards a man in black bloc. He waves at a law enforcement figure atop the precinct roof.

Sunset was just before 9pm. Last police vehicles abandoned the precinct after a 9:53pm evacuation order before the precinct burned.

[Conclusion: Anarchists in The USA \(in depth\)](#)



CrimethInc. @crimethinc · Jun 26

Tonight marks a decade since anarchists outmaneuvered a billion-dollar effort from global law enforcement to protect the 2010 G20 summit in Toronto.

We've been fighting police, **capitalism**, and the state for a long time.

History:

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