

# CHARLOTTESVILLE

## *The problem: Racist attacks*

**What happened?** The most racist forces in society armed themselves and gathered in a Southern city to protect a statue of Southern general Robert E. Lee: the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, and others. **Police allowed them to attack** the non-violent counter-demonstrators with baseball bats and picket signs as others stood by holding rifles. One racist drove his car into the crowd, injuring many and killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer. All this on national television.



**What does it mean?** This attack is a symptom of a deep problem: a rotten and dangerous system. Racism captures poor white people. They turn on Black people instead of the real enemy: the billionaires and fats cats who profit from their misery. The racists are a dangerous and violent force. But behind them are **the Wall Street banks and the government, led by Donald Trump.** These

puppeteers rule by fear, beat us down by force, and silence masses of people. Some in the ruling class disavow the racists. But low wages, poisoned water, poor health care and education, police murder, and segregation remain in place.

**What do we call it?** Just one word captures the rising political climate we face: **fascism.** It's an American version of Adolf Hitler.



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## *Our response: Black unity*

**What to do?** In every instance, we fight back. Charlottesville is a national moment, but in every city police are killing people in cold blood. So the fightback is multiple. The racists called for a unity of the right. We're focused on something different: **Unity to rebuild the Black liberation movement.**



**The tools?** Get a hold of the draft **Freedom Manifesto**. Activists and social justice groups nationwide are taking it up. Join the discussion so we can get it right. And go online for the weekly **Bulletin** for more news and information to carry the struggle forward.

**The plan?** The next step is a **National Assembly** of Black liberation forces. United, we can meet the enemy and win. **Local assemblies** can unite forces at the local level. We know we can win, but it takes unity, moving as a mighty force. Call, email, or visit us online at: <http://bit.ly/2vC3GNH>

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