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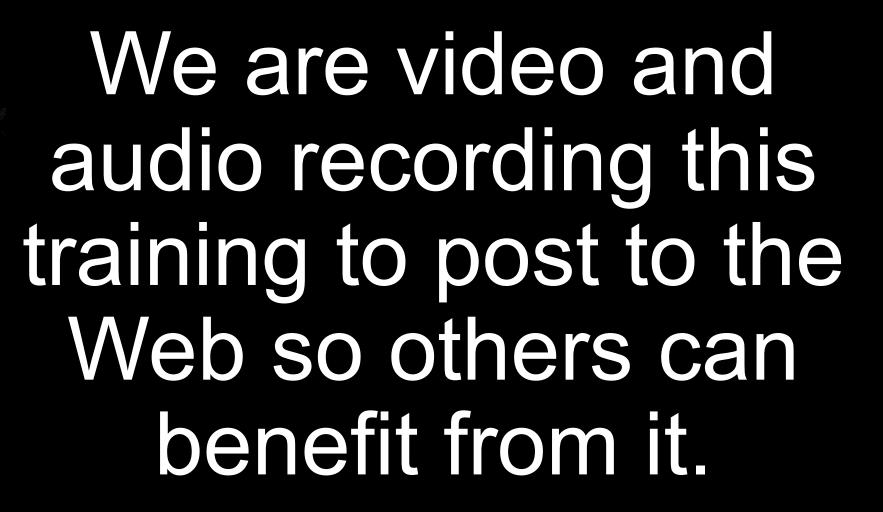
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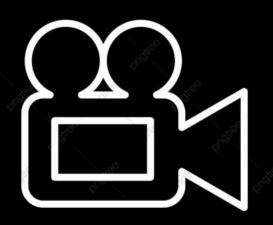


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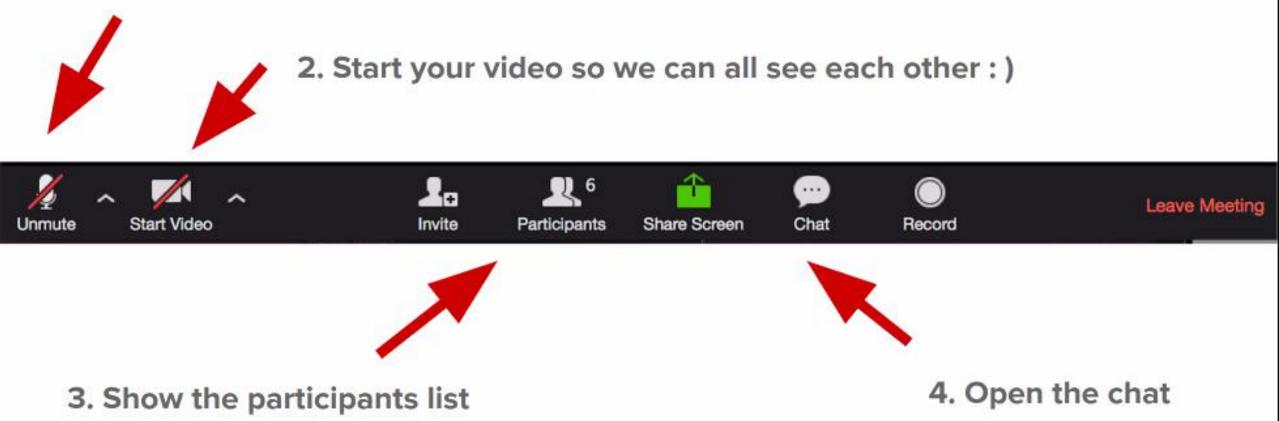






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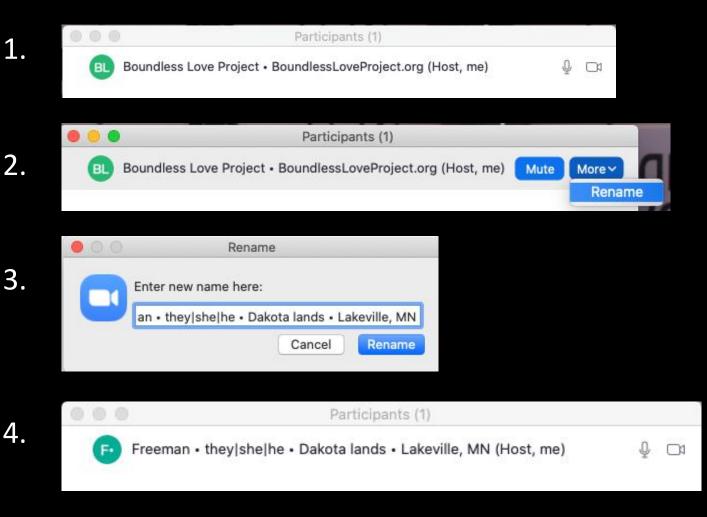
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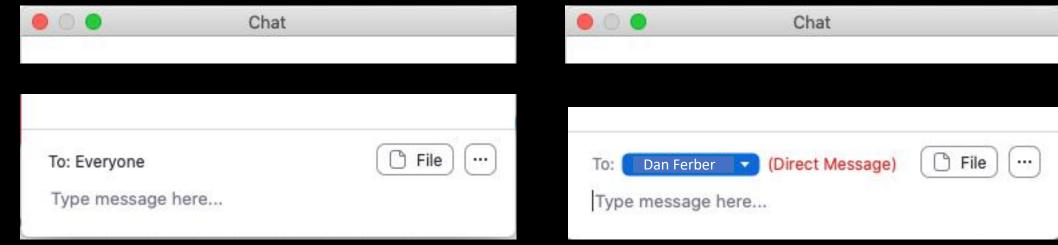
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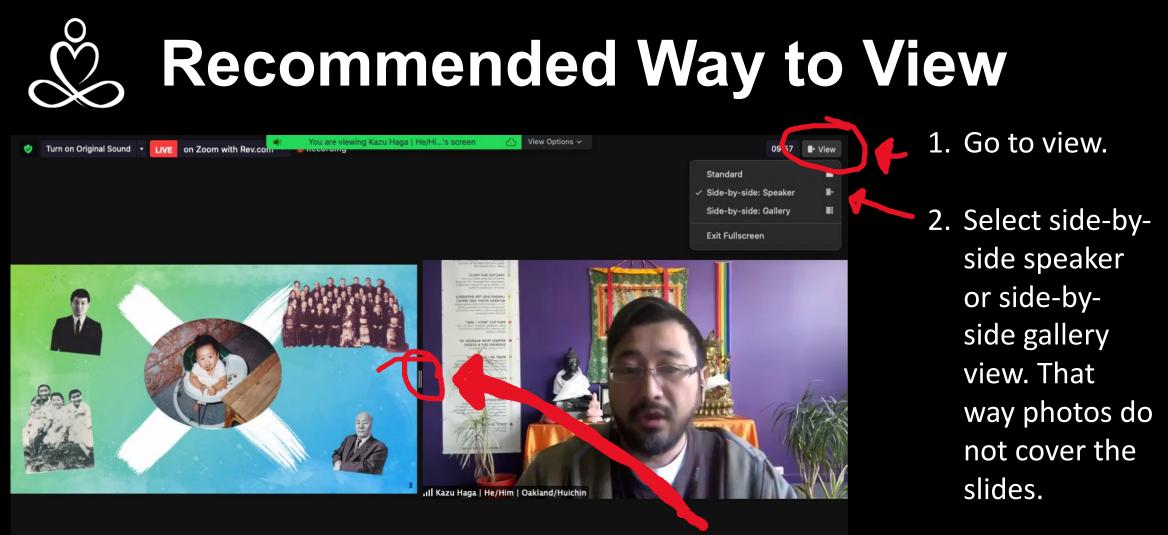


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StopLine3.org

RESOURCES NEWS MAP

ISSUES TAKE ACTION

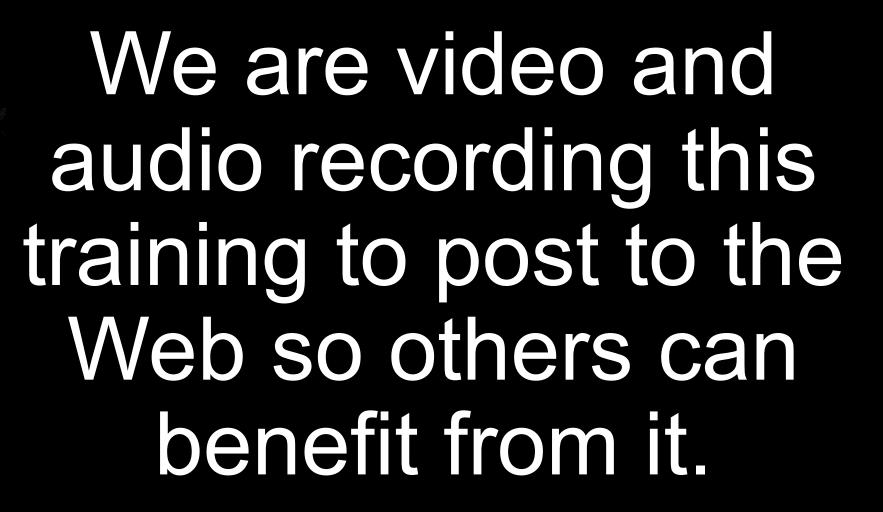
STOP THE LINE 3 PIPELINE

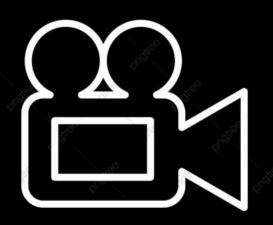


STOP **LINE** 3

For Water. For Treaties. For Climate.

TAKE ACTION







Training Overview

- Invitations
- Introduction
- Presentation: Strategy, Power and the Six
 Principles of Direct Action
- Break
- Presentation Continues
- Q & A
- Closing
- Bump Out (Optional) Socialize, Exchange Info



Invitations

- Be present
- All participation is consensual
- Take care of yourself: content warnings provided
- If possible, keep cameras on
- Exaggerate supportive nonverbal communication (let's practice)



Invitations

- We intend no judgment of you, any activist, or any person
- All activists and people deserve our respect, appreciation, and love as family
- Judgment vs. Discernment
- Be open-minded and curious
- Use what you find helpful
- Set aside what is not useful
- You are responsible for what you do with this info



Freeman Wicklund

Mindfulness Teacher Boundless Love Project

They/she/he

Dakota land/suburb of Minneapolis





Content Warning

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Higgins Pigeon Shoot

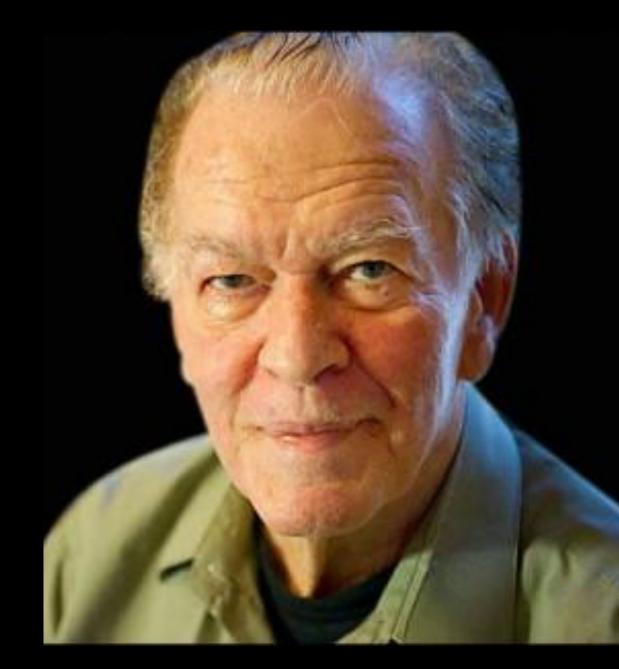




Rescuing Lois







Gene Sharp (1928-2018)

Author of the three volume series *The Politics of Nonviolent Action* and *Waging Nonviolent Struggle*



Strategic Levels of Decision Making



LEVEL	DECISIONS MADE	EXAMPLES
Policy	Goals	Stop Line 3
	Weapon System	Conventional or guerilla warfare, nonviolence
	Sacrifices willing to endure	Volunteer time, donate \$, arrest, injury, death
Operational Plan	Mechanism of Victory	Conversion, accommodation, nonviolent coercion
	Plan (Living, flexible, adaptable)	Get Enbridge to give up or Gov Walz to stop it
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Why Are the Levels Important?

Keep lower levels of strategy subordinate to higher levels of strategy.
This helps our actions become focused, powerful, and effective. Otherwise, your lower levels will hamper your success.



Sources of Power



ENBRIDGE

Sanctions

Material Resources

Intangible Factors

Skills and Knowledge

Human Resources

Authority/ Legitimacy

Key Points

- Most power comes from people
- Helps identify our opponent's sources of power and figure which are most vulnerable to nonviolent attack
- Helps us strategize how to undermine their sources of power



Sources of Power

STOP LINE 3

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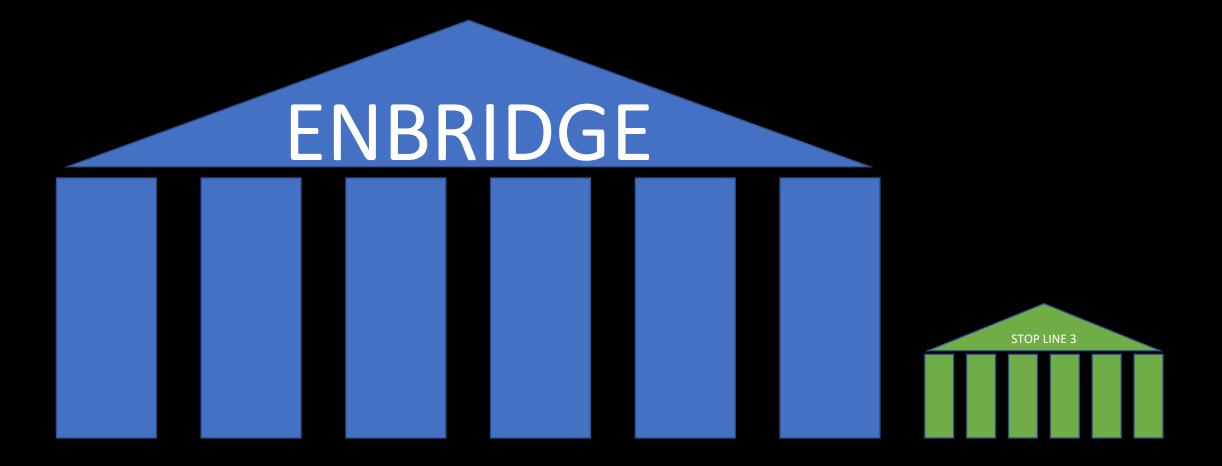
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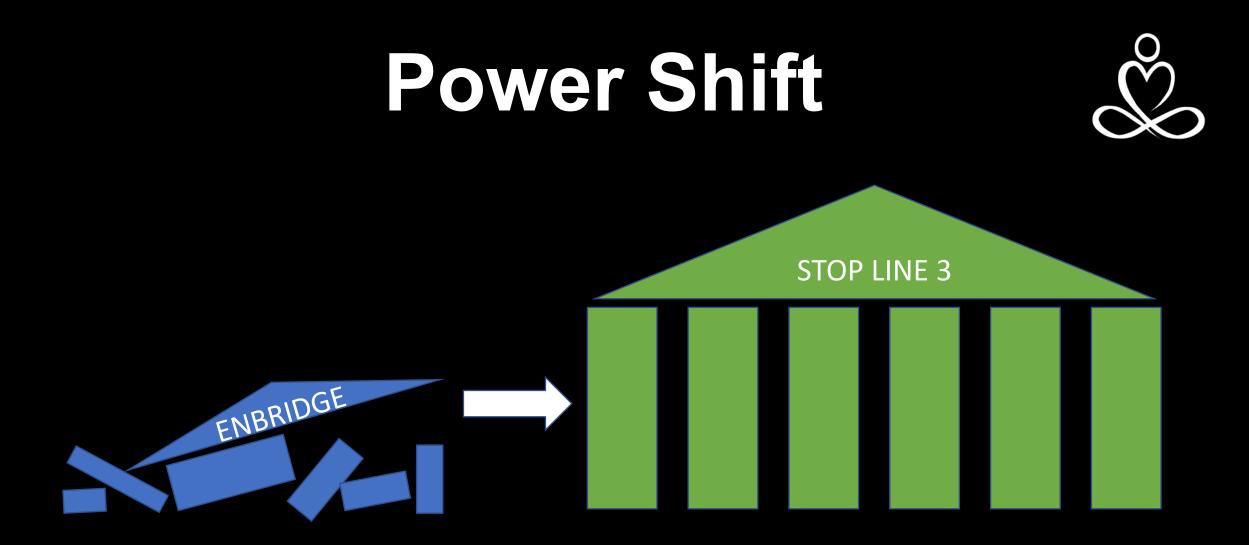
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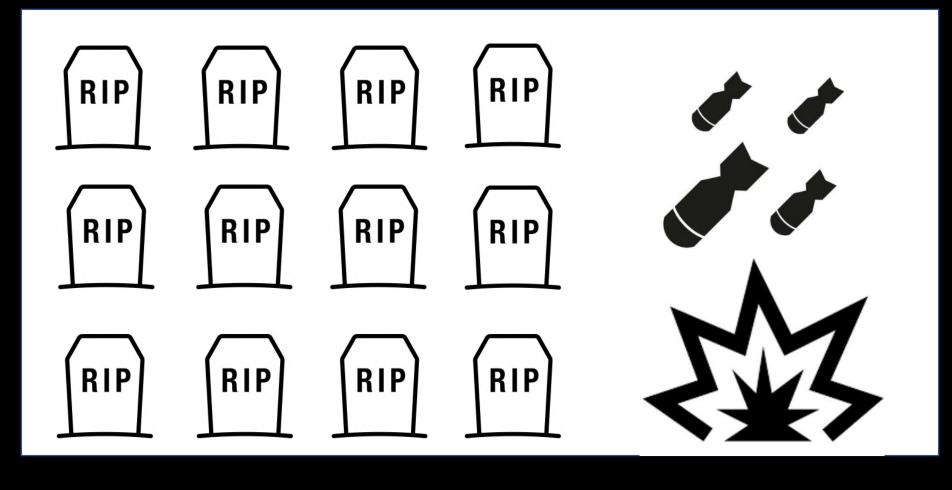


Power Shift STOP LINE 3 ENBRIDGE



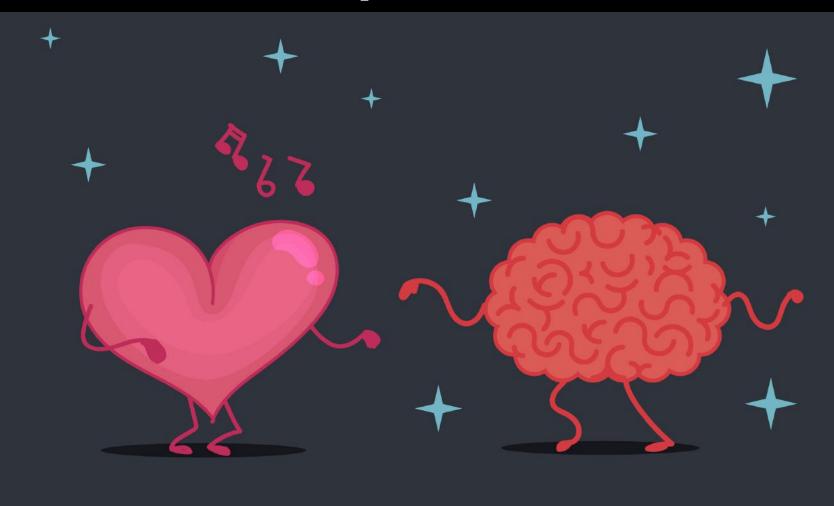
Disintegration

Conventional and Guerrilla Warfare





Principled Nonviolence



Defections: Changing hearts and minds



Defections

- Defections weaken our opponents and strengthen us.
- The more defections the better.
- Need to encourage defections by making them as easy and safe as possible.
- Defections happen on a spectrum.



Spectrum of Defection for Enbridge Construction Worker



Low risk

High risk

How to Encourage Defections

- Build genuine, respectful relationships with workers, police, community members, and everyone
- Share your story, and reasons for protesting to humanize yourself and explain the issue
- To start, ask for small things that are low risk for them (Foot in the Door)
- Friendly lit drops on how they can help
- Maintain Nonviolent Discipline.



Nonviolent Discipline

The self-discipline required to be fearless, persistent, open, honest, and nonviolent, even in the face of violent repression.



Four Mechanisms of Change

- **Conversion:** They agree with us and voluntarily abandon the project.
- **Accommodation:** They don't agree with us, but they stop the pipeline project because the consequences to their power are too much to pay.
- **Nonviolent Coercion:** They don't agree with us, but they lack the power needed to move forward on their plan.



Disintegration: Their sources of power have completely evaporated and they essentially no longer exist.

Key Points

- A mixture of these mechanisms of change will be at play
- Conversion is huge for the public, police, and Enbridge employees
- Accommodation or Nonviolent Coercion is more likely for how we will get politicians
 Enbridge to abandon the pipeline



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What is direct action?



Direct Action

"The strategic use of immediately effective acts to achieve a social or political end and challenge an unjust power dynamic." – Ruckus Society



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Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955-1956





What is Civil Disobedience?



Civil Disobedience*

Violating an unjust law, or a just law unjustly applied, while being:

- 1. Open and honest
- 2. Loving
- 3. Willing to accept the consequences





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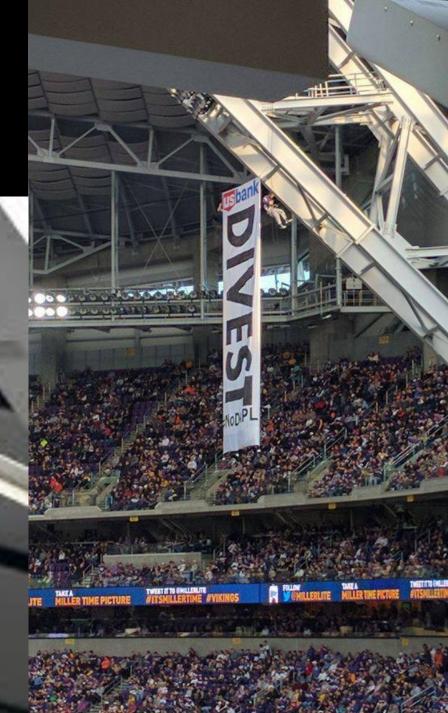
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Banner Hangs







Valve Turners

The TIME is NOW for UNPRECEDENTED and URGENT ACTION



What is Nonviolence?

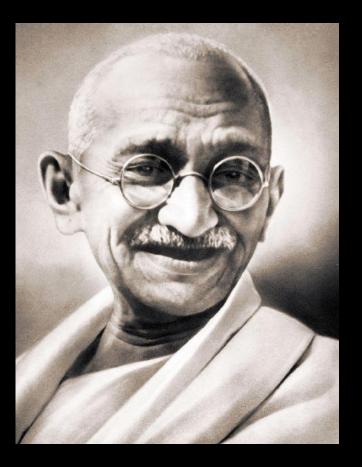




Barbara **Deming's Two** Hands of Nonviolence



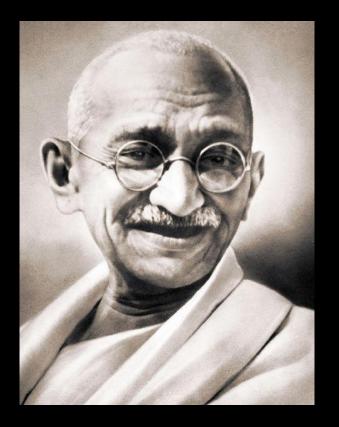
Nonviolence = Do No Harm &...



"Nonviolence means avoiding injury to anything on earth in thought, word, and deed." – Gandhi



Nonviolence = Active Resistance



"Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as it is to cooperate with the good." - Gandhi



Protective Force

The minimum force necessary to stop the harm being done, while not diminishing the person doing the harmful activity.



Protective Force:

- Improves efforts to de-escalate a situation
- Kind/inclusive/welcoming
- Increases defections



Punitive Force

Using power to threaten, intimidate, humiliate, shame, harass, annoy, and otherwise punish the "enemy." * Physically nonviolent tactics may be used to do this.

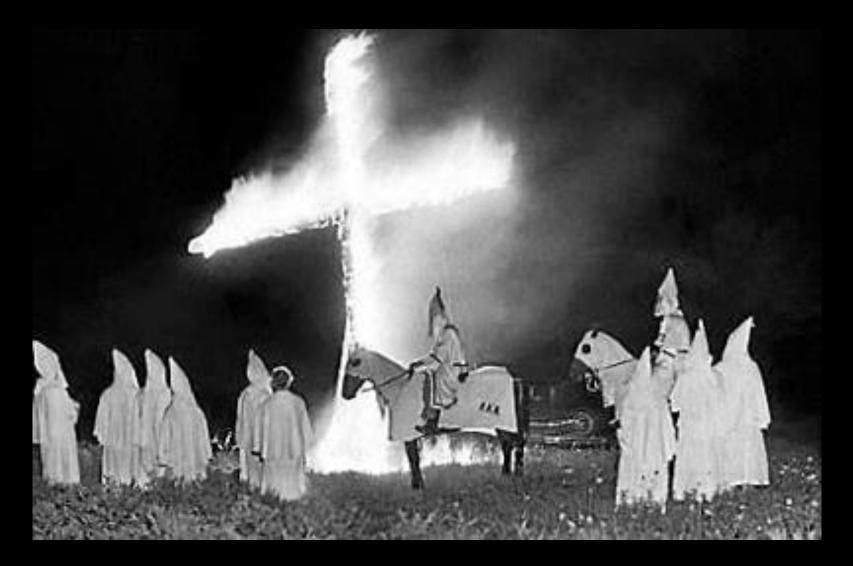


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Punitive Force





Hostility & Judgment as Punitive Force



Ridicule and Hate as Punitive Force





Punitive Force:

 Creates fear and anger which escalate and polarizes the situation

- Decreases defections
- Undermines the effective use of the weapon system of nonviolence.



Physical Nonviolence

- No physical violence
- Punitive force: May use physically nonviolent tactics to threaten, intimidate, humiliate, shame, harass, and otherwise punish the "enemy."
- Asks less of participants, but prevents nonviolence from working to its full potential.

Principled Nonviolence or Kingian Nonviolence

- No physical, mental, emotional, or psychological violence
- Protective force
- Asks more of participants, but has dramatically more results in terms of changing hearts and minds and increasing defections



Strategic Levels of Decision Making

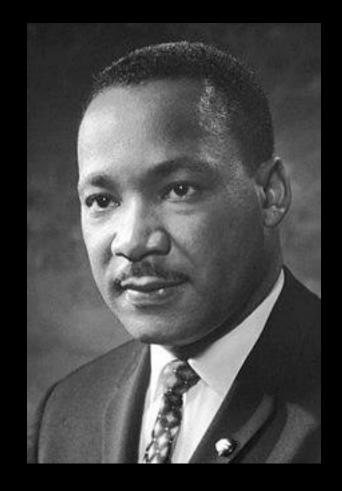


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Let's Be Clear

- Not here to dictate strategy
- I offer love, respect, and best wishes to all people struggling for justice
 Here to show how the weapon system of nonviolence works to best effect
- Increase our effectiveness
- Increase understanding between practitioners and nonpractitioners





MLK's Six Principles of Nonviolence



1. Nonviolence is a way of life that requires courage.

Nonviolent action is love in action. It is not apathy, passivity, or bowing down to threats of violence. Nonviolence moves to protect, heal, and reconcile. In opposing injustice, nonviolent activists will face repression and violence. Some of us may get injured, others may die. Nonviolence requires the courage and willingness to sacrifice in order to stand up to repression and face violence without retaliating.

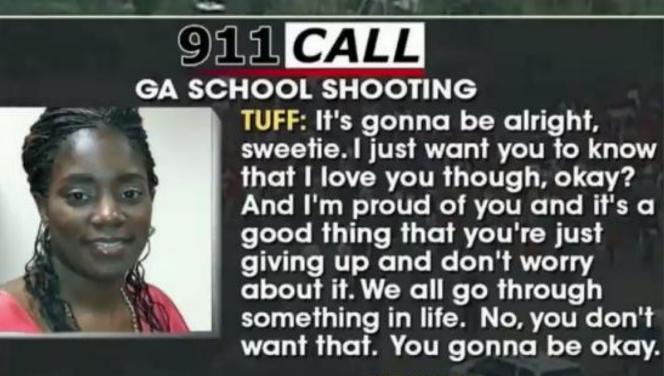


Nonviolence is a Way of Life





Flip the Script: Antoinette Tuff



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Nonviolence ≠ Do Nothing

Nonviolence = Love in Action



Who or What Are You Willing to Die for?





Joshua Jones Kendrick Castillo Brendan Bialy

What sacrifices are you willing to make?







Are you willing to let go of judgment, anger, and hatred?





2. The ultimate goals of nonviolent campaigns are reconciliation and the creation of Beloved Community.

In a Beloved Community, all people, animals, and life forms are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. Disagreements are debated, resolved, or left unresolved without any hatred or violence between the parties. In Beloved Community, we create solutions that help everyone on all sides of the conflict get their needs met. In Beloved Community, we seek reconciliation and friendship with our opponents. To make Beloved Community real, we behave as though it already exists: we treat all life with dignity, we engage conflict without hatred or bitterness, and we seek reconciliation with those who cause social and environmental injustice.



Activity: What Does the Beloved Community Look Like to You? 2 min.



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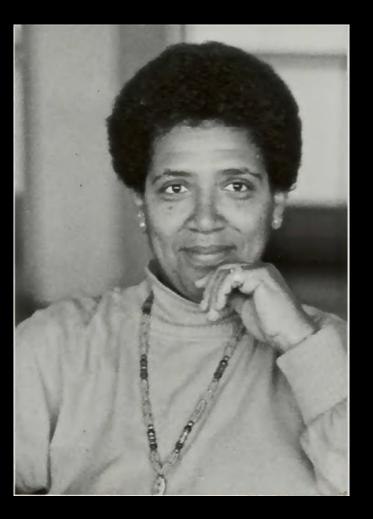
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Creating a Powerful Vision

- Share what we want, not what we don't want
- Share a vision that inspires you and others
- Share a vision you are willing to sacrifice for
- A powerful vision increases the power in our Intangible Factors pillar



Creating Beloved Community



"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives." Audre Lorde, Black, vegan, lesbian, womanist. (1934-1992)

Inclusive & Anti-Oppression

Respect for Indigenous Cultures

- No racist sports logos/gear
- No appropriation of Indigenous cultures
- Don't do the "war whoop"
- No white people with dreadlocks
- Don't bring magic or "witch" practices to
 - the Indigenous camps



Inclusive & Anti-Oppression

Respect for others:

- No prejudice towards women, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, elderly, etc.
- No misgendering others
- No microaggressions
- Recognize the difference between intentions and impacts and make amends for harmful impacts



For More Info



Learn more about this inclusive, anti-oppressive framework in our Mindful Direct Action Training Handouts PDF found at BoundlessLoveProject.org



As we plant seeds, are we amending the soil? Planting seeds = Stop Line 3 work Amending Soil = Beloved Community work We can do both at once (requires letting go of greed, judgment, and falsehoods).

3. We oppose the forces of harm, not the people who cause harm.

The forces of harm that we oppose are the infinite ways that greed, judgment, and falsehood arise. Rather than defining people who do harm as "bad" or "evil," we recognize them as suffering. They are trapped by the forces of greed, hatred, and falsehood. Trapped by these forces, they suffer fear, hatred, and confusion. Acknowledging their suffering, we offer them compassion and seek to save them from these forces. Even when people do great harm, we still recognize their inherent worth, value, and potential for goodness and offer them our goodwill and love. They are not our enemies, rather they are family members who have strayed from our nonviolent community.



What does this mean at the strategy, tactics, and logistics levels?



No Hostility/Punitive Force

- No insults or name calling
- No aggression
- No attempts to humiliate, shame, punish, or annoy our opponents
 No property destruction or vandalism (unless done openly, lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the consequences)





Be Friendly and Respectful





To encourage defections, people need to feel safe and like they will be welcomed and appreciated by our movement.



By Any Means Necessary

Breaking the law is inherently polarizing



Civil Disobedience*

Violating an unjust law, or a just law unjustly applied, while being:

- 1. Open and honest
- 2. Loving towards all
- 3. Willing to accept the consequences



*MLK, Jr definition

Secrecy and Deception

- Increases paranoia, fear, and mistrust among activists
- Increases fear and mistrust in opponents
- When discovered, polarizes and escalates the situation, and undermines our authority
- Decreases defections
- Undermines the effective use of the nonviolent weapon system



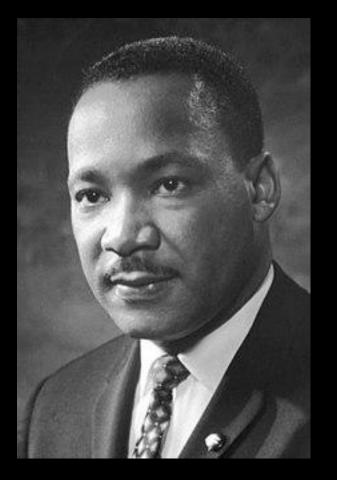
Openness and Honesty

- Empowers activists
- Opens lines of communication
- De-escalates a situation
- Kind/inclusive/welcoming
- Increases defections
- Maintains our integrity and authority



Accepting the Penalty





"An individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Open, Loving, Accepting Consequences

- Helps maintain our integrity and authority
 Helps minimize polarization and fear in us and others
- Sets boundaries that prevent excessive lawlessness on our part -- you can damage property, if you do so openly, lovingly and with a willingness to accept the consequences.



Nonviolent Discipline

The self-discipline required to be fearless, persistent, open, honest, and nonviolent, even in the face of violent repression.



4. We willingly accept suffering without retaliating to trigger political jiu-jitsu and benefit our cause.

As we effectively work for justice, our friends who oppose us will respond by punishing us with repression. When we publicly face this repression without retaliating in violence, we trigger political ju-jitsu (Also known as "backfire" or the "paradox of repression"). Political jiu-jitsu is when the public witnesses unearned repression, and withdraws their support and cooperation from those who repress, while giving their support and cooperation to those being repressed. The greater the contrast between our opponent's selfish violence, and our selfless, courageous, nonviolence, the more we transform hearts and minds, and the greater the shifts in power that result. Therefore, we do our best to maintain a courageous and loving attitude at all times, especially in the face of violent repression.

Content Warning

The next three slides show: 1. A white mob attempting to humiliate and degrade civil rights activists. 2. Youth protesting for civil rights being hit with a high power water hose. 3. Police beating civil rights activists with batons.



Political Jiu Jitsu





1963 lunch counter sit in for integration.

Gently notice how looking at this picture makes you feel.

Political Jiu Jitsu



Youth protesting for civil rights blasted by high-pressure

Gently notice how looking at this picture makes you feel.

water hoses.

Political Jiu Jitsu





Civil rights marchers encounter police.

Gently notice how looking at this picture makes you feel.

Content Warning

The next two slides show:

- 1. Police spraying pepper spray on seated protesters.
- 2. Police aiming a semi-automatic at men praying.





Political Jiu-Jitsu



An officer pepper sprays Occupy Oakland activists.

Gently notice how looking at this picture makes you feel.



Political Jiu-Jitsu



Men engaged in spiritual practice get arrested during the police raid at camp Oceti Sakowin.

Gently notice how looking at this picture makes you feel.

Political Jiu-Jitsu

When repression is witnessed, and the witnesses withdraw cooperation from the repressors and give their support to those being repressed.



Two Vital Aspects of Political Jiu-Jitsu

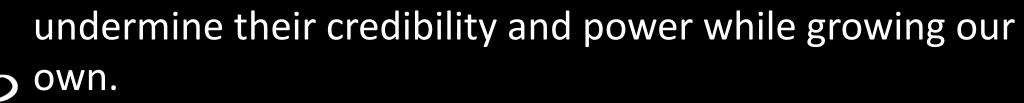
1. Contrast: The greater the contrast of violence by the repressor and nonviolence by the repressed, the greater the change of heart and mind it causes in the witnesses.



Maintaining Nonviolent Discipline = Increased Contrast

• Our hostility "evens" the playing field, and legitimizes their violence against us in the eyes of others. They will always be able to outpower us in violence.

- When we maintain nonviolent discipline, their repression looks monstrous and we gain from political jiu-jistu.
- Political jie-jitsu helps us use their best weapon to



Two Vital Aspects of Political Jiu-Jitsu

2. Amplification: The more who witness the repression in video, pictures, and stories, the better.



Ways to Amplify

- Alert the media and alternative media to your actions
- Document your actions and share on social media
- Keep the story of repression and injustice alive in movement communications





Content Warning

During the next slide, we will be discussing details of the death of George Floyd.



George Floyd and Black Lives Matter



CONTRAST

- Floyd was unarmed, subdued and laying on the street, pleading for breath, calling out for his mother.
- Police were cold, calm, and matter-of-fact, while upstanders pleaded for them to stop killing him.

AMPLIFICATION

Seventeen-year old Darnella Frazier
videotaped the entire excruciating incident.
News stations broadcasted it everywhere.





Content Warning

The next slide will show a dog attacking an Indigenous Dakota Access Pipeline protester



Dog Attacks at Standing Rock



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5. We purify our minds of hatred, greed, and falsehood while embracing unconditional love for all life.

None of us are immune to the forces of harm: judgment, greed, and falsehood. Therefore, we engage in regular practices to help us purify our minds of these forces so we can relate lovingly to all people, animals, life forms, and situations, regardless of the harm they may cause.



Doing the Inner Work





"The master's tools will never dismantle the master's house." -- Audre Lorde (1934 - 1992)

Learn to See with Eyes of Love

Judgement/Anger/Hatred

- 1. Provides energy to take courageous action
- 2. Sees perpetrators as responsible for their acts
- 3. Judges perpetrators as bad, unworthy, and deserving of punishment
- 4. Demonizes and vilifies perpetrators
- 5. Seeks to punish, harm, disgrace, or humiliate perpetrators
- 6. Creates a hierarchy of life forms, some deserving, some not
- Leads to burn out, ill health, self-judgment, shame
- 8. Causes us to behave unskillfully in a way that harms ourselves and others

Compassion/Love

- 1. Provides energy to take courageous action
- 2. Sees perpetrators of victims of their environment and the forces of harm
- 3. Sees perpetrators' suffering
- 4. Recognizes perpetrators' humanity
- 5. Seeks perpetrators wellbeing and the wellbeing of all life
- 6. Egalitarianism between life we are one
- 7. Leads to greater self-control, more effective actions, and more defections
- 8. Allows us to be skillful in a way that serves all life simultaneously

Insight Meditation &

If accessible, try therapy





DIRECT ACTION STRATEGY TRAINING (via Zoom)

Love All Life Stop Line 3

> REGISTER https://tinyurl.com/vdast

Photo credit: UnicornRiot.ninja

SAME TRAININGS, DIFFERENT TIMES Sat, Nov 7 at 1-3:30 PM (CT) Sun, Nov 15 from 3-5:30 PM (CT) Mon, Nov 16 from 6-8:30 PM (CT) Construction on the Minnesota section of Enbridge's Line 3 tar sands pipeline may begin in November, violating Anishinaabe treaty rights and endangering our water, land, and climate. This strategy training supplements other trainings with new info.

Nonviolence Trainings







Nonviolent Creed



" ...to resist without bitterness; to be cursed and not reply; to be beaten and not hit back." - MLK





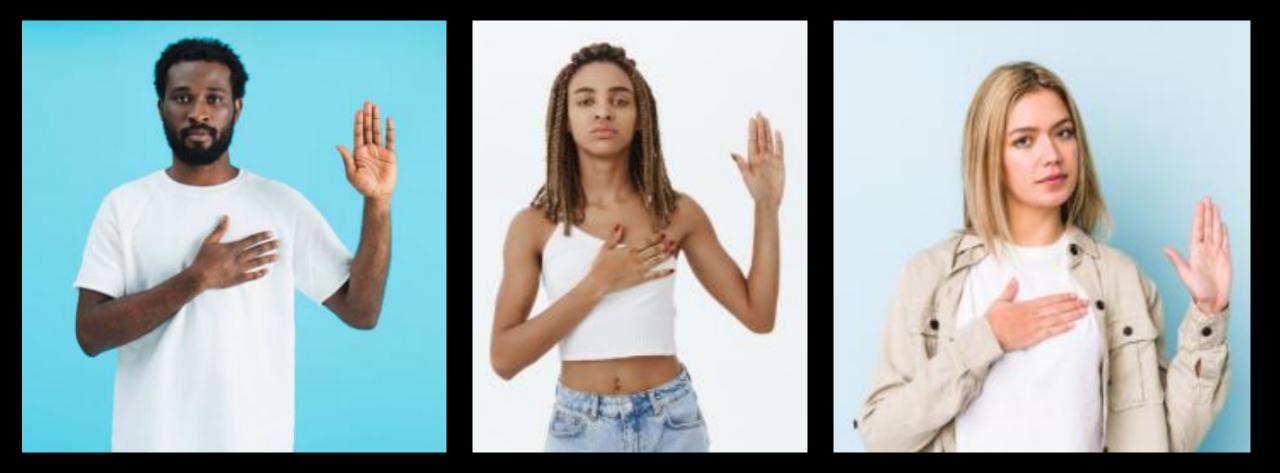




Role Playing Debrief



Oaths/Agreements/Pledges/ Codes of Conduct/Etc.



Singing Freedom Songs



6. The universe is lawful and on the side of love and justice.

In this lawful universe, we reap what we sow. If we want to reap peace, justice, love, and compassion we need to sow seeds of peace, justice, love, and compassion. The ends do not justify the means, as our means must be as pure as the ends we seek. We confidently assert that the universe is on the side of love and justice, because love brings health and healing to the body, while committing or witnessing acts of violence often causes our brains to suffer post-traumatic stress disorder. We confidently assert that the universe is on the side of love and justice, because all life forms want to be safe, peaceful, happy, and healthy.



Keep hope and faith alive.

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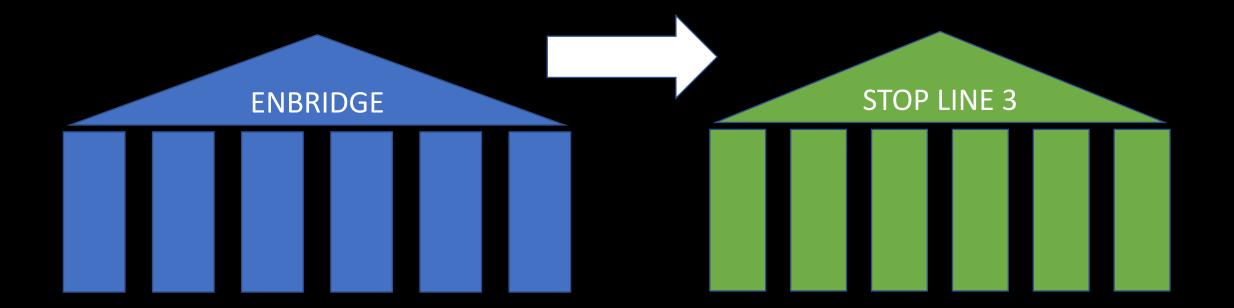


Increase Defections





Shift and Grow Our Power While Weaking Enbridge



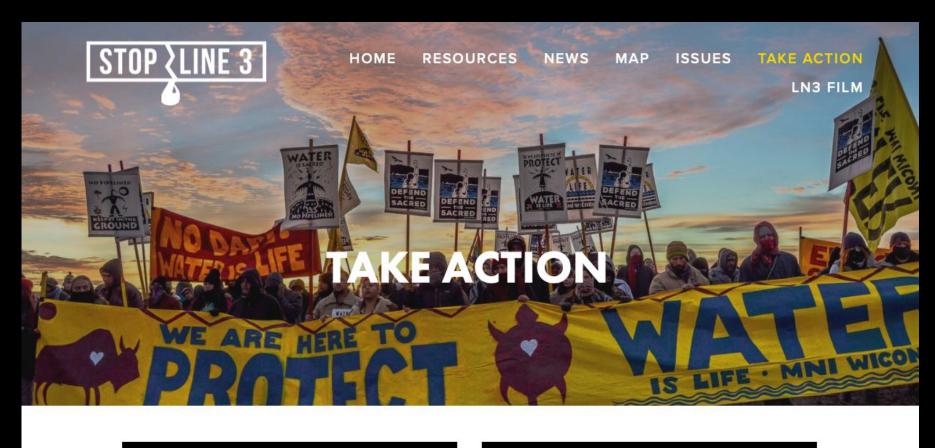


Integration

- 1. Be the change. Lead by example.
- 2. Model principled nonviolence in all interactions.
- 3. Advocate for principled nonviolence in a kind, polite manner.
- 4. Join or create an affinity group that uses principled nonviolence.
- 5. Treat everyone in the movement with love and understanding.
- 6. Work together when you can. Work apart when you can't.



1. Visit StopLine3.org/take-action





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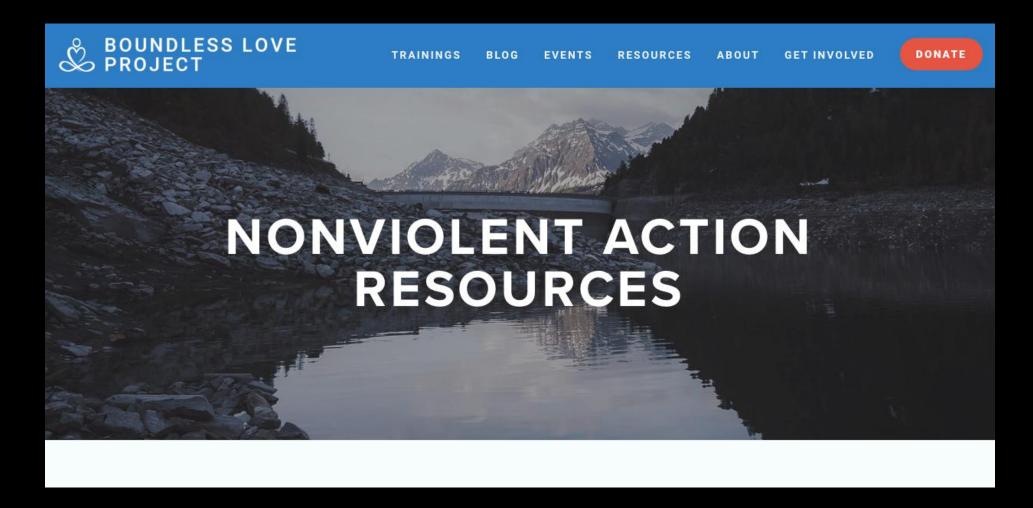
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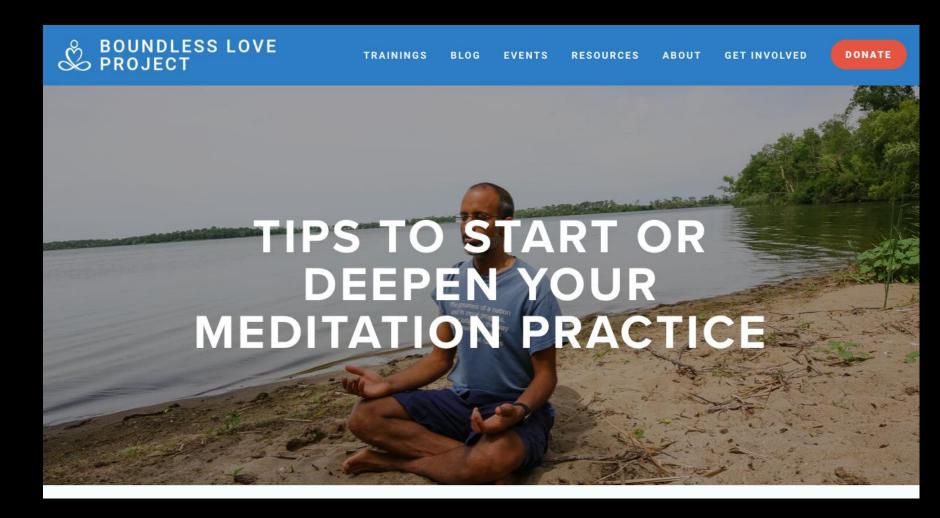


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