

# Youth Liberation

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Research Committee

Workshop Proposal: Youth Liberation

Program Proposal: Youth Struggle Support

The purpose of the New American Movement must be to plan a socialist revolution that will gain power in the United States before the year 2000. The critical question before us is "Who will make this revolution".

We of Youth Liberation believe that the revolution can only be made through a united struggle of all oppressed people. We know that the young are people-- 35% of all American people. This real fact about the make-up the mass of the people in this country is nearly always ignored in strategic planning. We believe that the "movement" is holding itself back by failing to seriously recognize the revolutionary potential of the youth mass.

Out of a total American population of around 210 million over 70 million people are under the age of 18. Fifty-one million people are imprisoned in public schools. They do not have even a vote on the insanity around us. It is from among these people that capitulism and imperialism must find the replacements for their own ranks of managers, workers, housewives, and armies. That is why they find it necessary to force the young into training institutions such as the school and the family. These institutions serve the established order -- they contradict the real interests of young people.

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Of all the people in America young people are the most easily convinced of the need for deep and continuous change. The system has destroyed less of their real selves simply because they have been alive only a few years. Young people already intuitively understand that the world is such a mess that their chances of dying of old age are slim indeed. As this thought begins to hit home more and more young people will begin to realize how really oppressive it is. The next realization must be that we will survive -- the system of death will be brought down.

Young people know that their real interest lies in real changes. Spontaneous rebellion by the young must become a coherent, determined, struggle to decide for themselves what to do with their lives. We must sear one fact into our consciousness-- that if those in power can create another generation roughly like the present generation of adults then there is nearly no hope at all for life on earth. The opposite side of this coin is that if radical youth could truly unify the mass of their generation around the need for revolt we would surely see the revolution before this century is gone.

It is certainly the duty of "the movement" to try to educate and organize the adult mass of women, workers, and the white middle class. Now is the time to recognize that it is equally our duty to serve the revolt of the young in whatever way we can. Very young people in this society are ready to move but they have no power, no rights, and no resources. Are we in fact preparing to help them?

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students. Students must have the right to use school facilities to hold political and cultural meetings, assemblies, concerts, etc. whenever they wish.

4) We want the freedom for all people to form into communal families. We

believe the nuclear family is not in the best interests of young people or anyone else. Young people are now considered property -- to be molded in the image of their parents. In communal families young people can grow in the company of many peers and with the influence of many adults. They can learn the cooperation of community rather than the oppression of ownership. Until healthy communal families are a reality, Youth Communities, run by their residents, must be established for young people whose present condition of life force them to become cultural refugees.

5) We want freedom for the young people in every form of prison for minors.

They did not receive a fair trial before a jury of their peers and the society they offended is itself criminal. Young people must never receive discriminatory treatment before the law.

6) Children must have the right to be economically independent of adults.

If young people decide not to go to school they must be entitled either to work or to unemployment benefits. Child labor laws and extended schooling now force youth into the status of a dependent colony.

7) We must see to it that all programs of the New American Movement work to eliminate adult chauvinism and provide young people with opportunities for self determination.