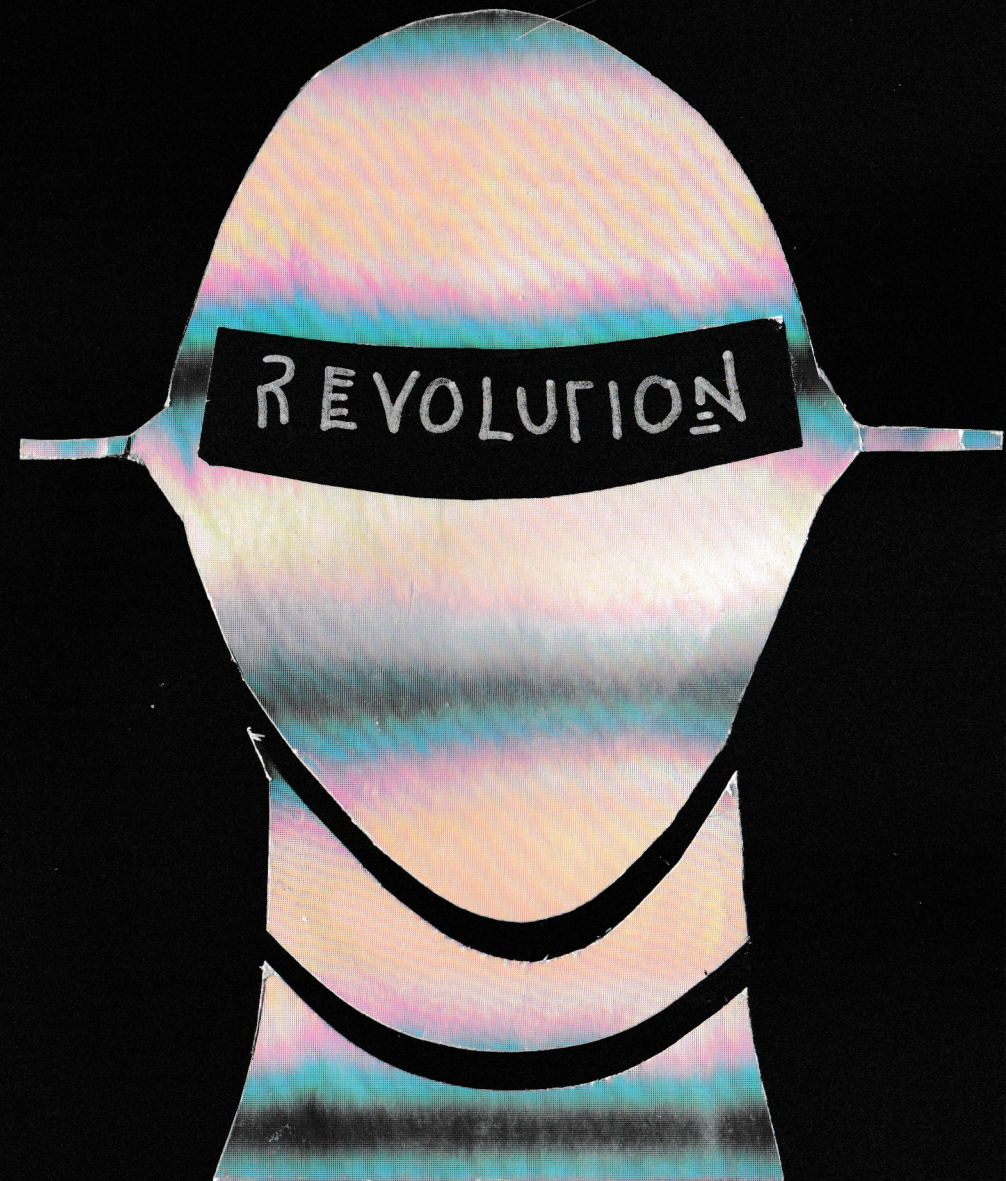


CREATING A  
BETTER FUTURE



A ZINE ON TRANSFORMATIVE  
JUSTICE



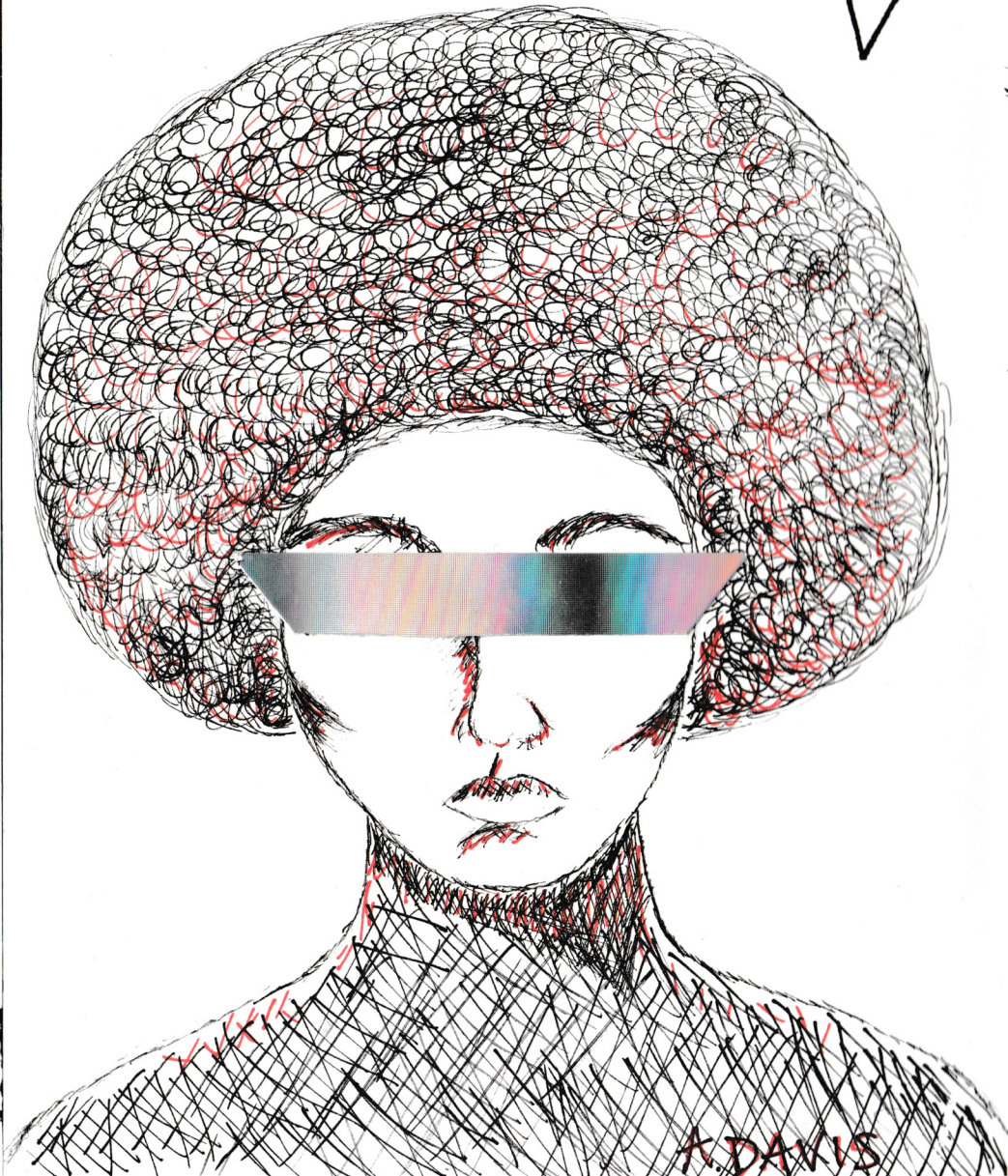
### ABOUT THIS ZINE...

This project is meant for everyone and anyone, including you. This zine is meant to be circulated on its own. I strongly encourage you to pass this zine along to others, leave it where you found it, or place it in another public place so others may have a chance to read it for themselves. It is up to you. I hope this project inspires you to rethink what you have come to know about the world and how it operates, what's "realistic" and what isn't. Although there is much pain, hatred, and corruption in this world, there is also so much love. This love has inspired proponents of progress to create radical solutions to institutional problems that seem insurmountable. You have a part in being the change needed to better this world whether you want to acknowledge it or not. I hope this zine inspires you to do your part in creating a better planet for all.

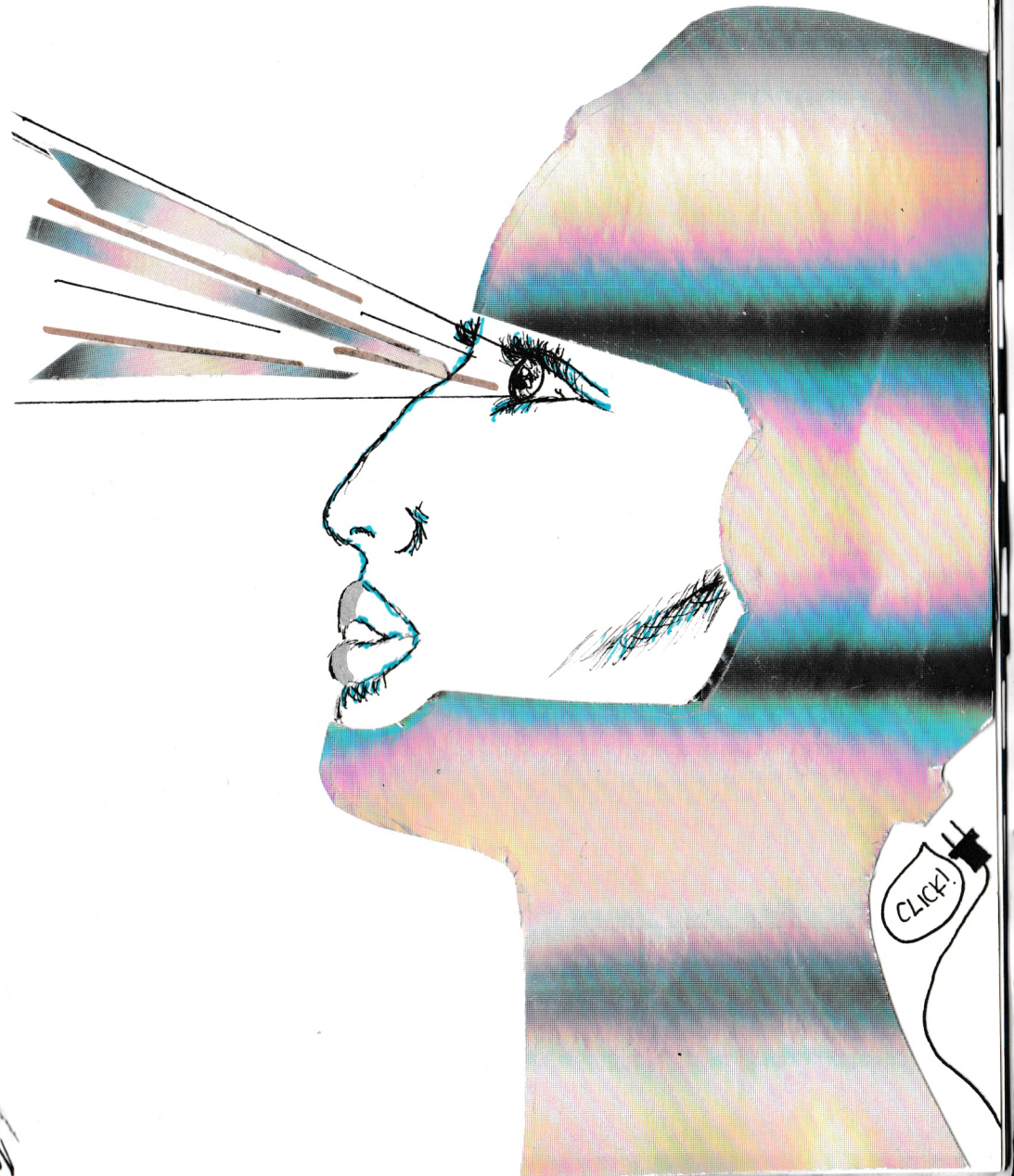
If you'd like to talk more about the context of this zine with me, follow @tjzine on Instagram and reach out. I'd be happy to converse with anyone who is willing to converse with me. Thank you for reading.



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE... AFTER THIS THERE IS NO TURNING BACK. YOU CAN CLOSE THIS ZINE, YOU GO ON WITH YOUR LIFE AND BELIEVE WHAT EVER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE. YOU CONTINUE READING, YOU LEARN THE TRUTH AND WE SHOW YOU ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.



FIRST, WE MUST REVEAL SOME UGLY TRUTHS TO YOU...





**U.S. HOSTS 5% OF THE WORLD'S TOTAL  
POPULATION AND 25% OF ITS INMATES.**

**OVER 2.2 MILLION PEOPLE ARE INCARCERATED  
IN THE U.S.**

**BLACK MEN ARE  
6X AS LIKELY AS**

**WHITE MEN TO  
BE INCARCERATED.**

**BLACK WOMEN**

**ARE 3X AS LIKE**

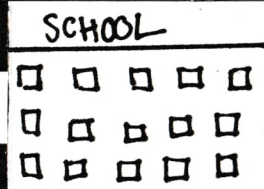
**LY AS WHITE WOMEN**

**TO BE INCARCERATED.**

**21% OF TRANS WOMEN HAVE BEEN  
INCARCERATED.**

**50% OF ALL BLACK TRANS WOMEN HAVE  
BEEN INCARCERATED.**

**MORE THAN 60% OF PRISONERS ARE PEOPLE  
OF COLOR.**



**PIPELINE**

**BLACK MEN HAVE A 1 IN 3 CHANCE OF  
FACING LIFE IN PRISON.**

**LATINO MEN HAVE A 1 IN 6 CHANCE OF  
FACING LIFE IN PRISON.**

**WHITE MEN HAVE A 1 IN 17 CHANCE OF  
FACING LIFE IN PRISON.**

**PRISON INDUSTRIAL-COMPLEX**



**DE-HUMANIZER  
3000**



**PRIVATE CORPS.**

**CCA+GEO**

**THERE ARE MORE PRISONS THAN COLLEGES  
IN THE U.S.**

**OVER 2.2 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE A PARENT  
BEHIND BARS.**

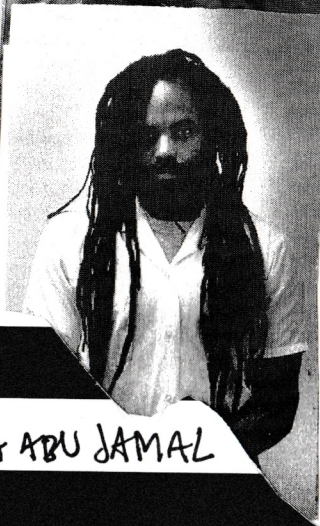


WE CANNOT FORGET THE FUTURISTS

RUN - BOTH PAST

CHELSEA MANNING

ASSATA SHAKUR



MUMIA ABU JAMAL

WE MUST PUT AN END TO

BEHIND BARS AND ON THE

AND PRESENT

FREE ALL

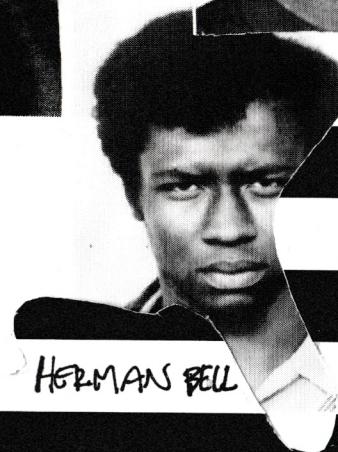
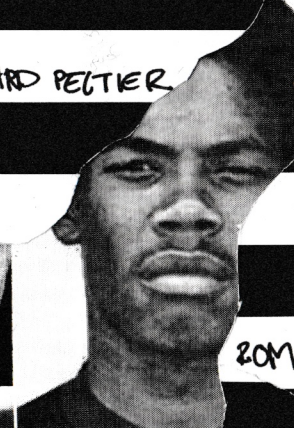
POLITICAL

PRISONERS

ROMAINE FITZGERALD



LEONARD PELTIER



HERMAN BELL

THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

AND WE HAVE A SOLUTION...

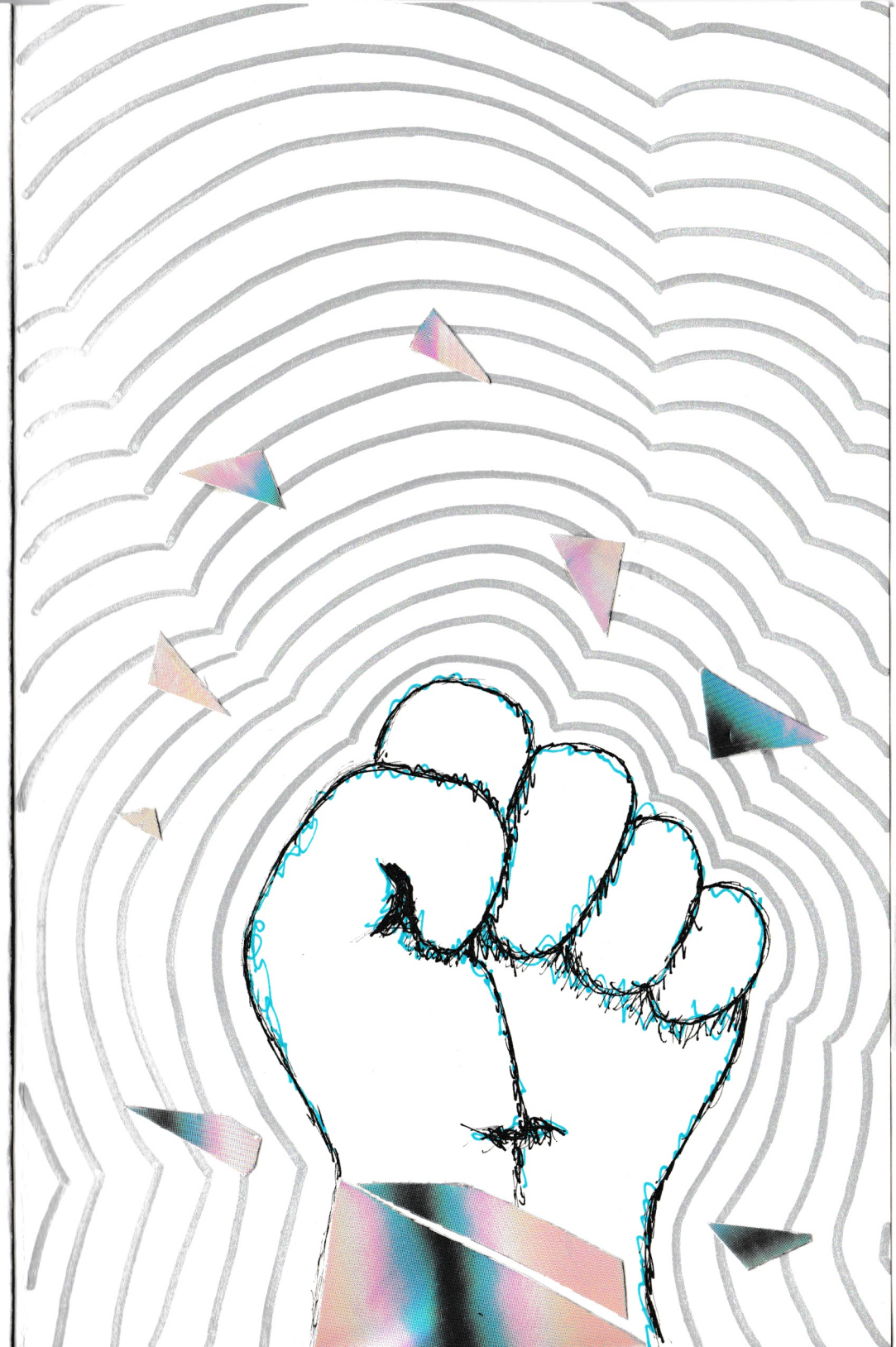


# WHAT IS TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE?

1. Transformative Justice stresses that notion that the current criminal justice system in the U.S. separates the victim and the offender, which re-victimizes the victim and changes the offender into a victim of the state.
2. Transformative Justice is based on prison abolition.
3. Transformative Justice brings issues of identity back into the realm of justice by addressing socio-political injustices toward women, people of color, gays, lesbians, trans and queer, poor, immigrants, people with disabilities, and other oppressed and marginalized groups.
4. Transformative Justice believes that "crime" is framed by the state and not by the community.
5. Transformative Justice believes in de-institutionalization (empowering people, rather than institutions, to make decisions).
6. Transformative Justice is against violence and punishment.
7. Transformative Justice believes in the value of mediation, negotiation, and community to transform conflicts.
8. Transformative Justice values conflict as an opportunity for growth, progress, and social justice.
9. Transformative Justice identifies crime as conflict. Consequently, social structures and the government are identified as potential offenders.
10. Transformative Justice is for total liberation and the end of all systems of domination.

\* 10 principles of transformative justice gathered directly from:

<http://savethekidsgroup.org/defining-transformative-justice/> \*





In my own words, transformative justice is about:

- Restoring our humanity
- Reframing justice in a way that is more conducive to creating a safer planet
- Understanding that humans are capable of changing and growth
- Recognizing that our mistakes are not all that we are and all that we' ll ever be
- Recognizing how institutions and systems of domination influence the decisions we make
- Love for one' s community and for future generations
- Ingenuity, imagining a world without prisons takes creativity
- Challenging you to rethink what you have never thought to question
- Redefining what is "realistic"
- Ending state violence





**This zine is dedicated to:**

- All "futurists" who are working toward creating a safer, cleaner, more just world
  - Political prisoners across the globe
  - Future generations
- Our predecessors who have worked so hard to get us this far
  - And you, dear reader

**For your own reference:**

- adrienne maree brown: an author and social justice organizer, whose idea of advocates being "futurists" inspired the concept of this project
- *When We Fight We Win!: Twenty-first-century Social Movements and the Activists that are Transforming Our World* by Greg Jobin-Leeds & AgitArte: a helpful resource where most of the stats concerning the prison industrial complex came from
- *How Nonviolence Protects the State* by Peter Gelderloos: a resource that will challenge your beliefs (free PDF online)
- *The Struggle Within: Prisons, Political Prisoners, and Mass Movements in the United States* by Dan Berger