



Across the country, organizers and activists are calling their cities to defund the police in their budgets. Schools districts are ending contracts with police. [Tech employees](#) and even [mathematicians](#) are calling for an end to providing data and analytics to police departments. One step toward equity is ensuring that our budgets reflect our values, especially that Black lives indeed matter.

The latest Senate budget for coronavirus relief is also a clear demonstration of values. Clearly, authors of this latest package value strengthening the military and police state with billions of dollars for new [fighter jets](#) and a new [FBI building](#). Meanwhile, it decreases unemployment insurance, provides [no protections against evictions](#), and repeats the folly of the Payment Protection Program for small businesses. This is to say nothing of the 100% tax deduction for business meals while the postal service is left to wither on the vine.

As Maya Angelou said: “When people show you who they are, believe them the first time.” Despite the clever acronym, the HEALS Act is a clear commitment to racial economic oppression in the face of a global pandemic. It is a clear statement that Black, brown and other marginalized people do not matter in the eyes of the authors.

However, we know that this will not deter you or us from pursuing a vision of Liberation in a Generation. In fact, we should take courage in setting an agenda for restructuring that indeed centers the economic liberation of all marginalized people of color.

Updates:

- **Check corporate concentration:** We are fired up about joining the [Anti-Monopoly Fund of the Economic Security Project](#). So timely as the CEOs from Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon testified to House Judiciary Antitrust Subcommittee. Color of Change and LibGen submitted [a letter of record](#) calling out the devastating impacts of corporate concentration on Black communities.
- **Kristin Urquiza** has been pivotal in supporting LibGen policy research this year. She tragically lost her father to Covid-19 in June. Resolved to hold elected leaders accountable and provide support for people who have lost loved ones, she started [MarkedbyCOVID](#). Check it out and support; LibGen is tremendously grateful for her leadership.

ICYMI:

- **LibGen's Jeremie Greer** joins Tara Raghuvier and Maurice BP-Weeks on [Off-Kilter](#) to dive into the [rise and fall of racial capitalism](#). They are dope, [take a listen](#).
- **Back when we could gather**, Jeremie told a compelling story of a liberation economy with Interrise: https://youtu.be/tKcBn_04Dbk
- **We celebrated Juneteenth** with [Firelight Media](#)
- **20+ economic justice advocates of color demand anti-racist Covid-19 agenda**. [Check it out and clap it up](#).
- **LibGen a year later**: [LibGen's Solana Rice](#) catches up with Power Station's Anne Pasmanick to talk about the work of LibGen a year after [Jeremie's appearance](#).
- **The [Racial Capitalism edition of The Forge](#)** features fantastic interviews and articles.

Upcoming:

- **Netroots Nation**: LibGen's Solana Rice will be moderating: [Guarantees for a Good Life: Income, Housing, Jobs and Family Care](#).
- **Stay tuned** for our next collaboration with Inequality Media and Groundwork Collaborative

What we're reading:

- [Centering Blackness, the Pathway to Economic Liberation for All](#). A framework for taking on anti-Blackness by Anne Price, Jhumpa Bhattacharya and Dorian Warren
- **Dream Defenders'** [defund the police and rebuild our communities toolkit](#).
- [Defund Police Toolkit](#) from Interrupting Criminalization: Research in Action
- **PolicyLink** released a [new version of the National Equity Atlas](#), featuring a new racial equity index.

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