



Dear [name],

Oppression is challenging, as is challenging oppression. And 2021 was no exception, entering the year with white supremacy on full display. In the face of blatant racism within our government and throughout our economy and society, Liberation in a Generation cemented its mission to build a Liberation Economy within one generation.

Leading with the love we have for our communities, this has been an incredible year of growth for LibGen. Growth that would not have been possible without the dedicated support and partnership of people like you. There are many roles that we all play in dismantling systems of economic oppression, and as we enter this season of gratitude and hope, we wanted to extend our sincere thanks to you for how you show up in this space. Your commitment to building our collective liberation is what propels this movement forward, and we thank you for your belief and investment in our work. Besides growing our programmatic and operations staff, below is just a glimpse of all that you helped us achieve in 2021.

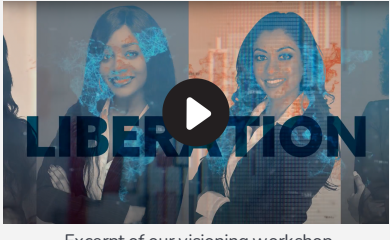


We are thankful for *you*, the team we're building around us, and for the community that we're united with in this work. Thank you, again, for your role in this movement and for [making this work possible](#).

With gratitude,  
Solana & Jeremie

## BOLSTERING GRASSROOTS POWER: SUPPORTING THE LIBERATORY VISIONS OF ORGANIZERS OF COLOR

In 2021, our grassroots team grew and immediately started deepening our relationships with powerful organizations. Job one has been creating a library of offerings to support groups in visioning collective liberation, setting values, and crafting analysis to build power around liberatory policy.



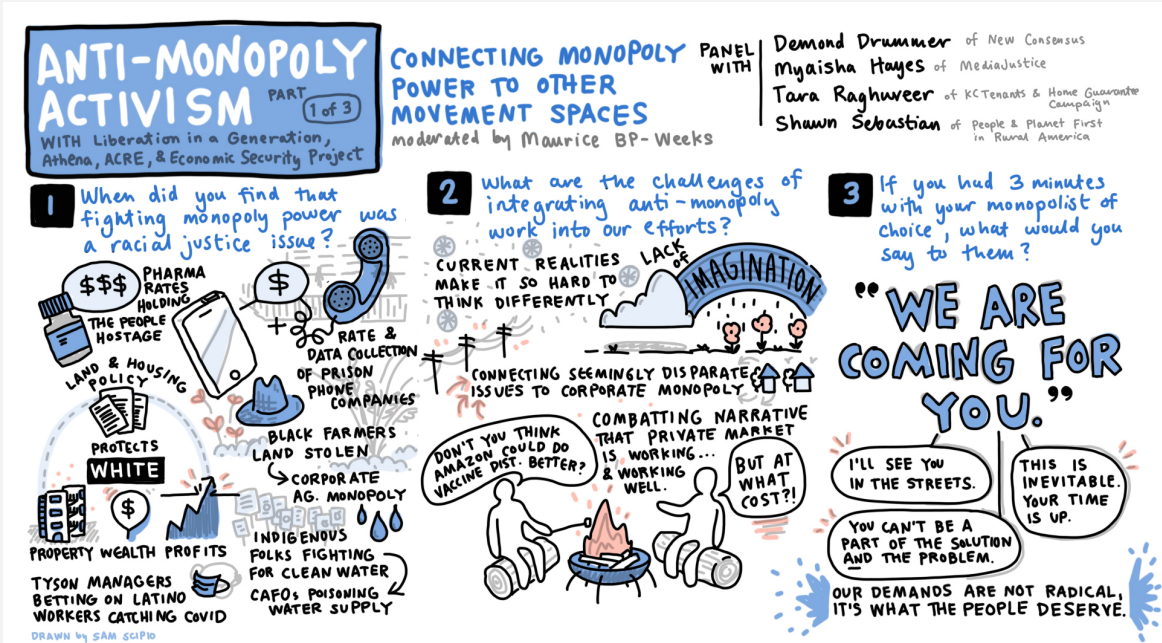
Excerpt of our visioning workshop

- At the local level, we deepened our engagement with organizations in Florida, Ohio, and California, working with forward-thinking organizations, including [Communities for a New California](#), [Live Free California](#), [Ohio Transformation Fund](#), [Ohio Voice](#), and the [Florida Housing Justice Alliance](#).
- At the national level, we are supporting the work of major organizing networks, such as [Community Change](#), [the Center for Popular Democracy](#), and [People's Action](#).

## PLANTING OUR POLICY FLAG: DEMANDING ACTION ROOTED IN ECONOMIC LIBERATION

LibGen grew our policy staff to ensure that we are laying a groundwork of policy ideas to be shaped, critiqued, and even scrapped by the groups we support building power on the ground. These publications help us have those conversations:

- In the spring, we released [Anti-Monopoly Activism: Reclaiming Power Through Racial Justice](#). This report serves as the foundation for future work to co-create a policy agenda to curb corporate power for the benefit of people of color. To roll out the report, we organized three convenings, including a panel with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Acting Chair Rebecca Slaughter. The report was later mentioned on various platforms, including Jonathan Van Ness's podcast, *Getting Curious*.
  - In November, we continued this work by convening a growing community of researchers, policy advocates, and grassroots organizers to develop an antiracist corporate power platform to guide future activism. This committee will continue to meet in 2022 to publish, disseminate, and amplify a research agenda, policy platform, and ecosystem map to guide participants' ongoing advocacy as we push ahead on the path to a Liberation Economy.



- In July 2021, we published our [first-ever federal policy brief](#) on guaranteed income. Guaranteed income is the first of a slate of economic policy guarantees that will serve as the foundation for our [Liberation Economy Policy Platform](#). In November, we also released our policy brief on [guaranteed housing](#). These are just two of the guarantees from our slate that we believe, when enacted, are crucial for economic liberation.
- Our team supported Jeremie in [testifying](#) before the House Financial Services Committee about the biases within the credit reporting system and the need for reform. We also submitted congressional statements for the record: ["Wall Street vs. Workers: How the Financial System Hurts Workers and Widens the Racial Wealth Gap"](#) and ["Justice for All: Achieving Racial Equity Through Fair Access to Housing and Financial Services."](#)



Hearing on "A Biased, Broken System: Examining Proposals to Overhaul Credit Reporting to Achieve Equity."  
- June 29, 2021

## SAYING WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID: CALLING OUT RACISM AND TELLING AN ECONOMIC STORY WITH PEOPLE OF COLOR AT THE CENTER

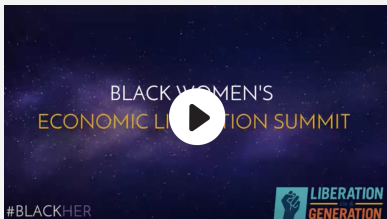
In 2021, we've injected our worldview of dismantling the Oppression Economy and building a Liberation Economy into an array of widely consumed communications platforms.



Pod Save the People Podcast

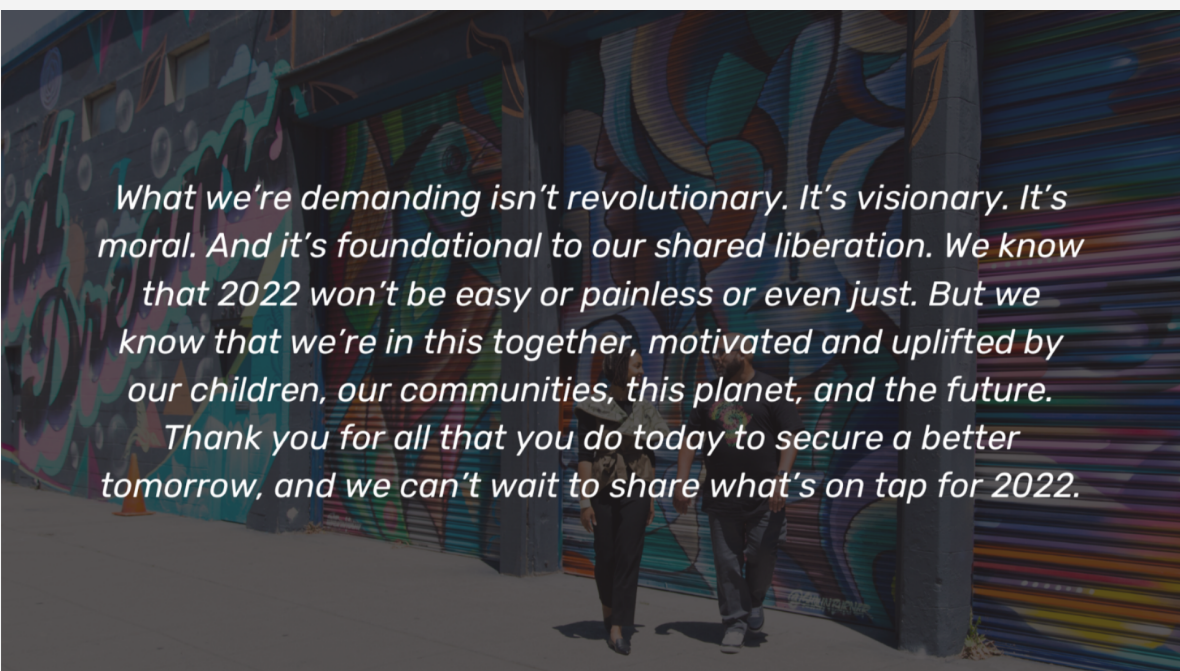


Independent Sector Panel



Black Women's Economic Liberation Summit

- As LibGen co-founders, we participated in more than 40 diverse speaking engagements, including [Independent Sector](#) and [Pod Save the People](#).
- With [Black Visions](#), we guest edited and published a [special issue](#) of *The Forge* to look back at the uprisings that took place in the summer of 2020, reflect on the longer movement to defund and abolish police and prisons, and make space for farsighted visioning.
- Partnering with [NextCity](#) since May, we launched the [#HearUs4Justice column](#), an ongoing series featuring experts of color and their insights on issues related to the economy and racial justice. Read the introductory essay by Kendra [here](#). Within this series, Jeremie shared why we should [make the Child Tax Credit \(CTC\) permanent](#) in a piece he co-authored with Katrina Gamble.
- In observance of Juneteenth this year, and in partnership with [BlackHer](#), we co-hosted the [Black Women's Economic Liberation Summit to \(Re\)Imagine and Advance Financial Freedom, Inclusion, and Equity](#), featuring two panel discussions on the pathways to structural change that are necessary to advance wealth-building opportunities for Black women — and for us all.



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