Leading on the Liberation Economy

This July, we’ve been driven by the urgency that there’s no movement for liberation without people of color at the helm. To uplift white supremacy and end its harm in our economy, democracy, and the movement itself necessitates the leadership of Black and brown folks. Last week, the Homes Guarantee campaign reminded us of our collective power, meeting with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Marcia L. Fudge to demand tenant protections amid the ongoing housing crisis. “I know who you are,” she said.

Follow Us on Instagram

This month, we relaunched our Instagram account, reintroducing LibGen on the platform and sharing our vision for a Liberation Economy. We know this isn’t TikTok (though the platform’s trying hard to become so), so we’re aiming to construct our IG as an educational hub for organizers of color. Follow along and stay tuned for what’s to come. In August, we’ll focus on the Oppression Economy and more.

Black Women Best Congressional Briefing

LibGen Senior Policy Manager Azza Altirai joined four other distinguished contributors to the Black Women Best (BWB) congressional report for a policy briefing on the BWB legislative agenda in conversation with Jessica Fulton, Vice President of Policy at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; Helenda Mahabir, Outgoing President and CEO of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth; and Jamila Michener, Associate Professor at Cornell University. The panel focused on BWB via three key policy pathways: labor and worker power, disability justice, and democratic power and participation.

Statehouse Futures 2022

Solana was a featured speaker at Statehouse Futures 2022, a progressive policy and strategy summit pitched toward emerging state policy leaders. Joined by Michael Swerdlow, Anti-Monopoly Lead at Democracy Policy Network, and New York State Senator and Deputy Majority Leader Michael Gianaris, Solana anchored a panel on how states can combat monopolism in order to raise wages, lower prices, and promote economic democracy.

Our NextCity column featured three new pieces in July, starting with Brian Kennedy of the Joint Center on the inextricable link between the birth of this nation and the theft and abuse of Black labor—ultimately elevating the need for a Black Worker Bill of Rights. Camille Kidd of In Our Own Voice: Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda wrote on the post-Roe landscape and why our fight must lead with Reproductive Justice, a framework created by Black women and rooted in Black feminist theory, in tandem with the Black Women Best framework. Finally, Azza outlined the crucial need to end ableism by jointly applying BWB with the Disability Justice framework.

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