

Leading on the Liberation Economy

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



Follow Us on Instagram

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



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LibGen Senior Policy Manager Azza Altiraifi joined four other distinguished contributors to the <u>Black Women Best (BWB) congressional report</u> 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; Michelle Holder, 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. <u>Stream the recorded panel here</u>.

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, <u>Solana anchored a panel</u> on how states can combat monopolism in order to raise wages, lower prices, and promote economic democracy.



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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 <u>theft and abuse of Black</u> <u>Labor</u> — ultimately elevating the need for a Black Worker Bill of Rights. Camille Kidd of In Our Own Voice: Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda <u>wrote</u> 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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