

Marching Won't Stop Tyranny, Nor Will Rioting, so What Will?

Marching is a symbolic show of force, and rioting a chaotic one. But there is another way. Most workers and civil rights we have come from this form of protest. It's called **direct action**.

What Is Direct Action?

Direct action is using the power of numbers—of people's physical bodies—to prevent injustice from taking place. It is the opposite of symbolic action, it is direct. But it doesn't have to mean getting arrested, it doesn't even have to mean breaking the law.

Direct action requires planning, creativity and strategy. For direct action you need to have a better understanding of the clockwork of injustice. **Who is profiting? Where do those people go to work every day? Direct action targets the source of injustice.** This makes it harder to pin down. It's obvious what a march looks like, but direct action, by its very nature, looks different depending on the answers to these questions.

These complications aren't disadvantages. These are important questions that every activist should be asking about every action they organize.

Forms of Direct Action

Sit-in

Building occupation

Workplace Takeover

Blockade

Boycott

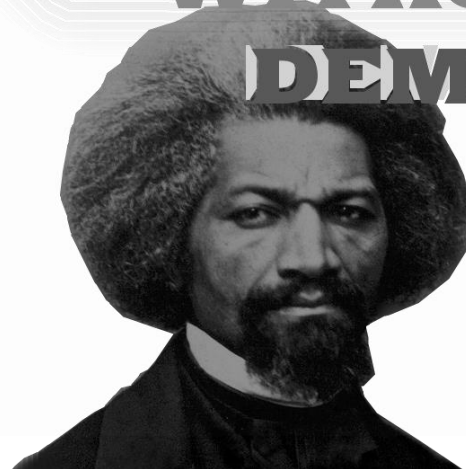
Strike

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Direct Action Is Our Only Hope

If the largest marches in history couldn't bring change, what hope is there? But direct action doesn't take thousands of people. Twenty devoted participants can make change, when that change is direct, rather than symbolic. The public can more easily understand the intent of well-organized direct action, because it is not symbolic and doesn't rely on a middle man, such as a politician, to bring about change. No matter how much money the other side has, money is a symbol and therefore can never be more powerful than the power of the people.

**POWER
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Today we march, but tomorrow we ORGANIZE. It's only through direct action that power will be swayed.

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