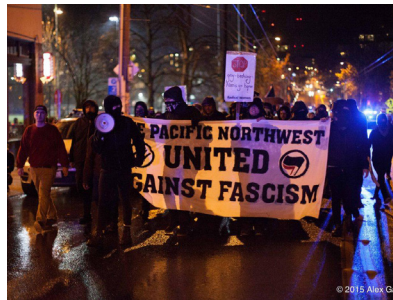


WHAT DO WE DO? - - - - -

When fascists come into your community, they never leave their ideas at the door. It takes everyone's contribution to keep their racist, nationalist, and patriarchal violence at bay. They might present as "respectable" or aggrieved in order to gain sympathy, but no matter the case, it is never enough to simply ignore fascists.

On August 4, 20 Proud Boys, Washington 3 Percenters, and Operation Cold Front members livestreamed a series of attacks against Seattle Sounders fans to their YouTube and Twitters. Some armed, they tried to demand entry to a private event at Fuel Sports bar. They yelled slurs and angry rants at those in line at the stadium. Finally, they found a random fan heading to the match with an "Iron Front" three arrows t-shirt who they cornered and beat down as a group.

Sounders supporters groups had previously formed "#AUnitedFront" with counterparts from Portland to combat fascism, racism, and other forms of oppression in the stands, perpetuated by the league and now reinforced by right-wing thugs. The movement spread to groups in Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and dozens of other cities. By September the league had capitulated to supporters' demands to lift the ban on the Iron Front symbol and work with supporters on redrafting the Code of Conduct.



The same groups behind August 4 threatened a march on Capitol Hill during Trans Pride in June. When hundreds turned out as a decentralized, community-based security force, the fascist march stayed trapped downtown. We expect that they will attempt to escalate their presence in our city, and will be prepared as a community to respond!

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STAND UP FIGHT BACK!



KICK THE FASCISTS OUT!

A Brief Guide to the Right-Wing Groups Organizing in your Neighborhood!

Proud Boys

The Proud Boys are a violent misogynist, "Pro-Western" fraternity. They get their kicks by going to protests to fight left-wingers and assault queer folks and people of color, then hopping bars in neighborhoods like Capitol Hill to cause trouble. They have also taken to holding their own demonstrations in cities like Portland. They are a nationwide organization founded by the disgraced co-founder of Vice, Gavin McInnis.



Are Proud Boys Nazis?

The Proud Boys' confused ideology could certainly be considered a form of fascism, even if they are not specifically Nazis.

Is every chud a Proud Boy?

Proud Boys love sporting MAGA hats and American flags, but their uniquely organized brand of hatred distinguishes them from your average bro. Watch for them traveling in groups with their trademark black and yellow Fred Perry polo.



Fun Fact!

The official Proud Boy orientation involves a bizarre hazing ritual where a prospective member must recite the names of breakfast cereals while being beaten! Behold the dignity of Western Culture!

Militiamen

Right-wing militias like the Oathkeepers and the decentralized “3 Percenters” have forged strong ties with the alt-right in the age of Trump. They increasingly act as an armed presence at right-wing street demonstrations, and have shown up in armed opposition to anti-racist, anti-ICE and other struggles.



Patriots

Groups like Joey Gibson’s Patriot Prayer and their offshoots like “Washington Patriot Alliance” have served as cover for more explicitly bigoted friends, often acting as a superficial host and hype for rallies attended mostly by Proud Boys and more overt fascists.



Grifters

A number of livestreamers and “provocateurs” exist within the alt-right, such as Andy Ngo and Saleem ‘n Dion. They often go into the community to film “prank videos” to provoke “libs,” queer folks, or people of color for their audience. They also accompany groups like Patriot Prayer and the Proud Boys when attacking people, and their footage is used for propaganda and to identify harassment targets. They hope to monetize their views and fundraise if any of their attempted victims lash back in self defense.

Neo-Nazi Skins

Crew 38 is a part of the notorious Hammerskins white power gang. They have deep roots in the region and actively recruit around the Puget Sound. In 2015 they threatened to march on Capital Hill until hundreds of community members turned out and they were too scared to show up. Some of their members were involved in assaulting a black DJ at the Rec Room Bar and Grill in Lynnwood in December, 2018.



A community coalition, Tacoma Against Nazis, has formed to protest a Crew 38 run tattoo shop that serves as a hub for their operations in the South Sound. Regular picket lines and public pressure has already forced them to change locations, and seriously disrupted their ability to organize.

Safe Seattle

A growing right-wing network is organizing around the homelessness crisis in Seattle, pushing for an extension of the war on drugs to all homeless people. The Facebook page Safe Seattle has been a key radical voice in this “Seattle is Dying” crowd, going so far as to call for vigilante violence to be taken against homeless folks, while spreading blatantly false and dehumanizing propaganda. These groups also have overlap with organized alt-right groups. Stop the Sweeps. Be kind to your homeless neighbors.