

GLOBALIZATION VS THE COMMONS

CAPITAL/STATE (today, via World Bank, International Monetary Fund)	NONCAPITALIST (women-led movements across the globe, especially the Global South) COMMUNITY DEFENSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imposition of commercial crops • Removal of wealth from localities to (Northern) centers of capital • Using land, forests, water for capital • Commercial logging • “Structural Adjustment” • Flood markets with imported food (and thereby destroy local production) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsistence agriculture • Community defense • Construct food and land base for resistance: labor strikes, political protest • Defense of forests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploitative • Globalizing market • Price Hikes • Frozen Wages • Wide unemployment • Cuts in social services • Market prices decide who lives and dies • Construction of Industrial Zones • “Urban Development” displacing subsistence • Destruction of history and culture • Mass urbanization hides food production process and mass exploitation/ poisoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonexploitative • Autonomy from market • Regional self-sufficiency • Start with needs of women, widows, children, elderly • Food security • Maintain economy based on solidarity/ refusal of competition • Provide local social services as a local community • Oppose urban development • Retain history and culture • Turn even urban areas into subsistent, food-producing regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate all land and resources for global capital • Destroy all local subsistence • Enter all resources into global capitalist economy • Seize commons, either right away or after the community has built them to a sufficient/useful degree • All institutions = top-down • Atomize community • Integrate all with global war machine, intelligence networks, prison industrial complexes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reappropriate land/forest/water • Boost subsistence farmers • Noncommercial use of natural resources • BUILD COMMONS: “prefigure a cooperative society” • Community credit associations • Create collective forms of living • De-link from global market • Disentangle from war machine and prison industrial complex

STRUGGLE BETWEEN NEOLIBERALISM AND WOMEN/THE COMMONS, for example:

- Bangladesh: Landless Women's Association: Land occupations
- Paraguay: Peasant Women's Commission
- Uganda: Kawala Neighborhood of Kampala: vs. urban development project
- Abatiken Residents' Committee forces World Bank withdrawal
- India: National Alliance for Women's Food Rights
- Build direct producer-consumer alliances
- Garhwal: Chikpo Movement
- N. Thailand: vs. Eucalyptus Plantations for Japanese paper manufacturing
- Africa: Green Belt Movement
- Niger Delta: Mangrove tree swamps vs oil
- NYC 1970s – 1990s: urban gardening movement
- Appalachia vs. Strip Mining
- Maine for access to fishing/ water

Selma James on Austerity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfGojvfqH0Y>

BLM police abolition

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjlEZf8Skx4>

Uttar Pradesh Chipko Movement (Northern India)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl0oQxBTrL8>

Wetsuweten vs Oil and State (Canada) (8:30-15)

Submedia: Fighting Where We Stand

<https://sub.media/video/trouble-14-fighting-where-we-stand-struggles-for-autonomous-spaces/>

Appalachia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDFmtH6kD5s>