SCHOOL INFO =

If you are participating in a school WALK-OUT, teachers may be in solidarity with you, but may be unable to be seen with you. Know that you have adult allies though!

→ See ACLU-NC.ORG/YOUTH for detailed info on your rights!

(info adapted from this)

You have the right to EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS at school!

Including:
- wearing buttons, t-shirts, etc.
- posting/distributing flyers
- distributing petitions

→ EXCEPT WHEN:
- it is legally "obscene"
- it is untrue + would hurt someone's reputation
- it would cause students to break school rules (i.e. a walkout)

Doing something that may BREAK THE LAW!
Don't wear a t-shirt with your school name or related org!

If you are skipping school, you are technically truant. Know your district's truancy policy, but you can't be punished more harshly for protesting.

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GUIDE FOR YOUTH PROTESTORS

Here is a simple guide to help you protest safely...

TAKE CARE of yourself + others

USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM! Go with a group + stay together. Make sure people you trust know where you are (+vice versa!)

USE YOUR VOICE!
- Make signs to carry.
- Join a chant — or start your own!

TAKE CARE OF YOUR ~BODY!~
- Bring snacks + remember to eat them. Bonus: if you can, bring some to share!
- Bring water + STAY HYDRATED!

JUST IN CASE...
Write the # for the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in your area on your arm in permanent marker.

Become familiar with

POLICE TACTICS

KETTLING
Police will often force protestors into a contained area, making it difficult to escape if arrests are being made.

THEREFORE:...

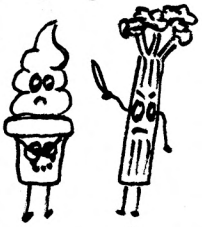
Be on the lookout for possible exit paths — know where to go to get out!

LRADS are not rad, they are sound cannons used by the police to scare protestors + cause panic. Stay calm + don't run or panic!

see also: PEPPER SPRAY, a different chemical with similar effects

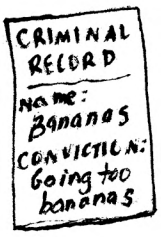
TEAR GAS is a chemical that police use to disperse crowds. It causes your eyes to burn + water and difficulty breathing.

DON'T GET ARRESTED!



Being arrested may cause additional negative consequences.

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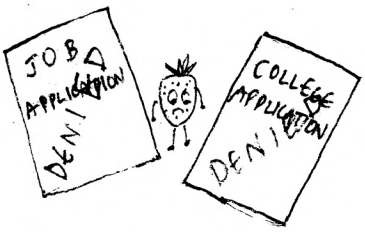


-if you have a prior record



-if you are undocumented

(not to mention the general hostility of police to youth, POC, + gender non-conforming individuals)



-if you are convicted, it can affect your applications to schools / jobs

BUT

or if you have illegal items

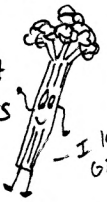
If you do get arrested, DON'T TALK TO THE POLICE!*



I am going to remain silent. I want to see a lawyer.

You must give your name + address, but have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can + will be used against you + your friends.

- by making small talk about things like sports



- by saying they agree with you



HOWEVER, cops will try to get you to talk to them anyway, often accidentally:



- by being a "friendly" officer of the same race/gender as you



- by acting like they will "help" you if you talk



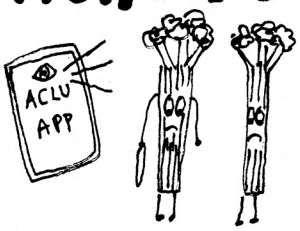
- being silent when someone is talking to you feels awkward

BUT, Once you start talking, it's hard to stop!



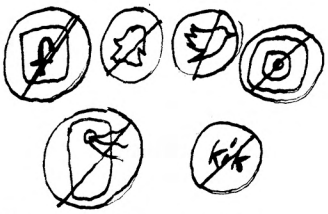
*adapted from disruptj20.org

MORE POLICE TIPS...



RECORD THE POLICE using the ACLU's Mobile Justice app, which immediately uploads footage (you have the right to film!)

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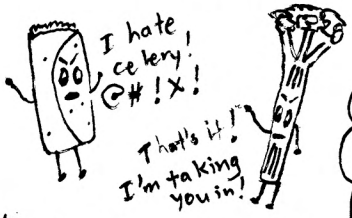


DON'T RECORD PROTESTORS + don't post about illegal activity on social media - this can become evidence!



IF AN OFFICER STOPS YOU, you don't have to talk to them unless being formally detained. Just say the magic words!

HOWEVER



If stopped, RESIST THE URGE to be rude to the officer. It will only make things worse.

OTHER INFO...



I declare this to be an unlawful assembly. You must immediately disperse...

If the police issue an order to disperse, it's a good time to leave. Not only may they begin arresting people, they will likely begin to use LRADS + tear gas

LAST...

Know that you are part of a long tradition in HISTORY of taking a stand against injustice. Be PROUD of yourself for making your voice heard!



WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET TEAR GASSED: *from medic.wiki.com

- STAY CALM. Panicking makes it worse
- Move away from the area
- Blow your nose, rinse your mouth, spit. Don't swallow.
- Remove contacts + throw away
- DO NOT RUB IT IN!
- Flush your eyes first with water/saline, then 50% liquid antacid + 50% water

