

Environmental

- In North Carolina
 - The confined animal housing and open lagoons are creating unhealthy conditions
 - Air pollution, water pollution, contamination
- The lagoons are dumping grounds for animal waste for the pork industry in Eastern North Carolina in Black communities
- False solutions in pretty packaging; “clean”, “green”, “renewable”, “reduce”
 - Money insensitive, farmers will now be able to sale energy
- Many lawsuits in place from the Black community (some victories)
 - Swabbing tests showed that the materials from the animal housing is found on and in people’s homes
- Big names in pork industry
 - Murphy Brown and Smithfield
- Farmers are not taking responsibility for waste

Profit Insensitive

- Pork industry is huge and has a great hold on the state
 - 10 million pigs in NC
- This new waste energy industry will build profit but continue to hurt the community with pollution, contamination, and methane gases leading to health risks
- Property value of those communities goes down

Environmental Report-Out

What kind of power?

- Disruption, break “business as usual” cycle
- Take it to the street, demonstrate outside of controlled spaces because civil disobedience has become symbolic
- We need to be high profile, more visible
- Build our own alternatives
- Our Black representation needs to have a shared outlook, groom them
 - Change the balance of power
- Adaptability
- Build (independent) financial wealth
- When we have Black faces in power, we need to stay hands on and supportive
- Build cohesion, share resources
- The black middle class has political responsibility
- Predict and rebuff counter attacks - with Black success comes attacks, don’t blink

Why do we need black working class women in power?

- Let’s build a forum of strong women
- Women are nurturing/ does not destroy but to rebuild and remodel - are resourceful
- One day we’ll have to move a whole community yet remain grounded and whole

Why connect youth with working class?

- How else will the youth know the battle?
- How will we pass on the knowledge if they are not in the room with us
 - They are our next leaders
- Creates spaces for even younger students (middle and high school)
- Engage parents, especially immigrants
- Create family spaces
- Teach all to challenge, political education
- Junior colleges, 2 year programs
 - This is where working class is learning! These schools are more affordable and we forget those spaces
- Prepare ourselves for climate change crisis, girl scout type program for survival skills (hunting, camping, bunkers)
- Create a youth space so they can surpass, they will face a different reality

Notes for Manifesto

- Condense text
- Lots of masculine language → Battle, fight, struggle
- Make it more attractive to those with other approaches
- Be aware of those who have never been in this arena
- Explain symbols