



[HTTP://DEFENDJ20RESISTANCE.ORG](http://DEFENDJ20RESISTANCE.ORG)

#DROPT20

END THE REPRESSION

We are demanding that the US Attorney's Office drop the Inauguration Day mass arrest charges and end the persecution of anti-Trump protestors. We are disrupting these trials, and building the political pressure we need to force the prosecution to dismiss these cases.

It is unacceptable for this repression to continue. The prosecution is attempting to establish a legal precedent for the mass arrest of protestors under the truncheon of the Trump regime and in the era of never-ending crises. If the case is permitted to continue, it could define the limits and consequences for "resistance," at a time when new social movements, civil disobedience and dissent are desperately needed to oppose this administration and the state. It is time to organize! Visit our website to learn how!

230 PEOPLE ARRESTED

On January 20th, over 230 people were mass arrested by the DC Metropolitan Police Department during protests against the inauguration of Donald Trump. The mass arrest, or "kettle," cut off an entire street corner and swept up every person within proximity to an anti-capitalist/anti-fascist march.

A critical report released from the Office of Police Complaints details how the arrest was in violation of the District's First Amendment Rights and Policy Standards Act (Title I), in addition to their own Standard Operating Procedures. The OPC report states that without issuing the mandated warning/dispersal orders, and without provocation, the MPD unleashed chemical weapons and concussion grenades ("stingers") as a method of crowd control. Detainees were kept standing for over eight hours without access to food, water, or medical attention; some were forced to urinate on themselves or in the street.

8 FELONY CHARGES, 75 YEARS IN PRISON

A boilerplate indictment was used to charge every person arrested with one count of felony rioting. The charge was not only unprecedented in DC, but a fatal misreading of D.C. Code §22-1322(b). In April, the repression escalated when a superseding indictment charged over two hundred people with eight felony counts: inciting to riot, riot, conspiracy to riot, and five counts of property destruction.

The total maximum sentence for Inauguration Day defendants, if convicted, amounts to over 75 years in federal prison. This number of charges and the specter of decades in prison is an explicit threat from the prosecution, and a means of coercing defendants into accepting plea deals through the trauma of incarceration.

MINIMUM COST OF MILLIONS FOR TRIALS

The trials alone will cost the federal government millions of dollars at least, with court dates running from November 2017 through to October 2018. On top of that, the DC Mayor's Office of Complaints has allocated \$150,000 towards an investigation into police misconduct and brutality. A campaign has been organized to demand that the funds be release immediately so that the investigation may begin now, rather than October when the new fiscal year begins. The last civil lawsuit against the MPD challenged the mass arrest of over 400 people at Pershing Park in 2002, and cost the city more than \$8 million. The ACLU has filed a similar lawsuit in June, which names DC Police Chief Peter Newsham for his role in the mass arrest.

<http://defendj20resistance.org>
defendj20resistance@protonmail.com