Welcome to the DISORIENTATION GUIDE!

Whether you’re new to Flag and the area, you’ve been here before the settlers, or you’re just passing through, we hope that this info will be helpful to you.

We’ve compiled info from radical groups, non-profit community services to underground music scene info & more. While no way comprehensive, hopefully it’s a direction...

(We must note that not at all of these orgs/groups agree with our politics, nor do we agree with all of theirs - & not all consented to be part of this guide... we just put this together.)

The intention of this guide is to connect and build healthy and sustainable community. We have a vision for what that looks like and in many ways folks are doing it, have tried it, or are trying it. From the Flagstaff Activist Network, Food Not Bombs to Copwatch or critical masses to the radical feminist group Wemoo’s Army, Flagstaff has had it or is ready for it (again?)... you can still see the remnants of wheat pasted flyers from when Bush invaded Iraq.

We still share stories of the 25 courageous folks who locked down on Rt. 66 and halted all of downtown during that same invasion... the time 5,000 people marched against war through downtown... or when 1,000 marched to Save the Peaks & for Migrant rights... or the time a group called “FIRE” held a “reverse raid” on an ICE management meeting at a hotel conference room...

But we also share stories of loss and sadness as well...the Greenscare & tragic loss of Bill Rodgers. Or ICE raids that have ripped families apart...

There are histories upon histories in this colonial settlement called “Flagstaff”. For the most part those stories have been carved in blood by missionaries, soldiers, and now business people.

The free market/capitalism/neoliberalism/white supremacy/hetero-patriarchy has guided the narrative. Dine’, Hopi, Havasupai, Hualapai, Yaavapi Apache, the Indigenous of this region, still resist against it. But of course, aren’t immune to it’s contradicting ways.

Many who have lived here all of their lives don’t know that just 2.5 hours to here to the North more than 14,000 Dine’ have been forced by the government from their lands, today the resistance continues. Many don’t know that just north (40 min) communities can’t drink water from their wells because of uranium contamination.

Or just North East of here around the Grand Canyon, nearly 8,000 new permits for uranium mines have been applied for.

So here, where we stand, we believe we can determine our relationships to Mother Earth, our bodies and minds, and each other.

We might have to work hard or fight for it... but look around, we’ve done it, we’re doing it, or... we’re ready to strike.

p.s. Something not listed, correction or concern? Email: info@sho@gmail.com. Didn’t see something you wanted? Start it up! FOR AN ONLINE VERSION: www.taalahooghan.org

In Virginia, for example, 50 rich white families held the reins of power but were vastly outnumbered by nonwhites. In the Carolinas, 25,000 whites faced 40,000 Black slaves and 60,000 indigenous peoples in the area. Class lines hardened as the distinction between rich and poor became sharper.

The problem of control loomed large and fear of revolt from below grew. There had been slave revolts from the beginning but elite whites feared even more that discontented whites — servants, tenant farmers, the urban poor, the property-less, soldiers and sailors — would join Black slaves to overthrow the existing order. As early as 1663, indentured white servants and Black slaves in Virginia had formed a conspiracy to rebel and gain their freedom. In 1676 came Bacon’s Rebellion by white frontiersmen and servants alongside Black slaves. The rebellion shook up Virginia’s planter elite. Many other rebellions followed, from South Carolina to New York. The main fear of elite whites everywhere was a class fear. Their solution: divide and control. Certain privileges were given to white indentured servants. They were allowed to join militias, carry guns, acquire land, and have other legal rights not allowed to slaves. With these privileges they were legally declared white on the basis of skin color and continental origin. That made them “superior” to Blacks (and Indians). Thus whiteness was born as a racist concept to prevent lower-class whites from joining people of color, especially Blacks, against their class enemies. The concept of whiteness became a source of unity and strength for the vastly outnumbered Euroamericans — as in South Africa, another settler nation. Today, unity across color lines remains the biggest threat in the eyes of a white ruling class.

White Supremacy. In the mid-1800s, new historical developments served to strengthen the concept of whiteness and institutionalize White Supremacy. The doctrine of Manifest Destiny, born at a time of aggressive western expansion, said that the United States was destined by God to take over other peoples and lands.

The term was first used in 1845 by the editor of a popular journal, who affirmed “the right of our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole continent which providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government.” Since the time of Jefferson, the United States had had its eye on expanding to the Pacific Ocean and establishing trade with Asia.

Others in the ruling class came to want more slave states, for reasons of political power, and this also required westward expansion. Both goals pointed to taking over part of Mexico.

The first step was Texas, which was acquired for the United States by filling the territory with Anglos who then declared a revolution from Mexico in 1836. After failing to purchase more Mexican territory, President James Polk created a pretext for starting a war with the declared goal of expansion. The notoriously brutal, two-year war was justified in the name of Manifest Destiny. Manifest Destiny is a profoundly racist concept. For example, a major force of opposition to gobbling up Mexico at the time came from politicians saying “the degraded Mexican-Spanish” were unfit to become part of the United States; they were “a wretched people... mongrels.” In a similar way, some influential whites who opposed slavery in those years said Blacks should be removed from U.S. soil, to avoid “contamination” by an inferior people (source of all this information is the book _Manifest Destiny_ by Anders Stephanson, Hill & Wang, 1995).

Earlier, Native Americans had been the target of white supremacist beliefs which not only said they were dirty, heathen “savages,” but fundamentally inferior in their values. For example, they didn’t see land as profitable real estate but as Our Mother. The doctrine of Manifest Destiny facilitated the geographic extension and economic development of the United States while confirming racist policies and practices. It established White Supremacy more firmly than ever as central to the U.S. definition of itself. The arrogance of asserting that God gave white people (primarily men) the right to dominate everything around them still haunts our society and sustains its racist oppression.

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That process must be called genocide, and it created the land base of this country. The elimination of Indigenous peoples and seizure of their land was the first condition for its existence.

The United States could not have developed economically as a nation without enslaved African labor. When agriculture and industry began to grow in the colonial period, a tremendous labor shortage existed. Not enough white workers came from Europe and the European invaders could not put indigenous peoples to work in sufficient numbers. It was enslaved Africans who provided the labor force that made the growth of the United States possible. That growth peaked from about 1800 to 1860, the period called the Market Revolution. During this period, the United States changed from being an agricultural/commercial economy to an industrial corporate economy. The development of banks, expansion of the credit system, protective tariffs, and new transportation systems all helped make this possible. But the key to the Market Revolution was the export of cotton, and this was made possible by slave labor.

The third major piece in the true story of the formation of the United States as a nation was the take-over of half of Mexico by war -- today's Southwest. This enabled the United States to expand to the Pacific, and thus open up huge trade with Asia -- markets for export, goods to import and sell in the U.S. It also opened to the U.S. vast mineral wealth in Arizona, agricultural wealth in California, and vast new sources of cheap labor to build railroads and develop the economy. The United States had already taken over the part of Mexico we call Texas in 1836, then made it a state in 1845. The following year, it invaded Mexico and seized its territory under the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. A few years later, in 1853, the United States acquired a final chunk of Arizona from Mexico by threatening to renew the war. This completed the territorial boundaries of what is now the United States. Those were the three foundation stones of the United States as a nation. One more key step was taken in 1898, with the takeover of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam and Cuba by means of the Spanish-American War. Since then, all but Cuba have remained U.S. colonies or neo-colonies, providing new sources of wealth and military power for the United States. The 1898 take-over completed the phase of direct conquest and colonization, which had begun with the murderous theft of Native American lands five centuries before.

Many people in the United States hate to recognize these truths. They prefer the established origin myth. They could be called the Premise Keepers.

III. What does it mean to say that White Supremacy is a system of exploitation?

The roots of U.S. racism or White Supremacy lie in establishing economic exploitation by the theft of resources and human labor, then justifying that exploitation by institutionalizing the inferiority of its victims. The first application of White Supremacy or racism by the Euro-Americans who control U.S. society was against indigenous peoples. Then came Blacks, originally as slaves and later as exploited waged labor. They were followed by Mexicans, who lost their means of survival when they lost their land holdings, and also became wage-slaves.

Mexican labor built the Southwest, along with Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and other workers. In short, White Supremacy and economic power were born together. The United States is the first nation in the world to be born racist (South Africa came later) and also the first to be born capitalist. That is not a coincidence. In this country, as history shows, capitalism and racism go hand in hand.

IV. Origins of Whiteness and White Supremacy as Concepts

The first European settlers called themselves English, Irish, German, French, Dutch, etc. -- not white. Over half of those who came in the early colonial period were servants. By 1760 the population reached about two million, of whom 400,000 were enslaved Africans. An elite of planters developed in the southern colonies.
PLAHA VIEJA BIKE BIKE CO-OP
Contact: redpatcher@riseup.net  Location: 823 W. Clay Ave.
Mission is to provide bikes and bike repair knowledge to our neighborhood and the Flagstaff Community.

PEAKS PRIDE
Web: www.peakspride.org  Contact: info@peakspride.org
The MISSION of PEAKS Pride is to provide dedicated volunteers for service projects to the Flagstaff and Northern Arizona communities, and its residents, thus Promoting Equality through Acts of Kindness and Service.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD
Web: www.iww.org  Meetings: 6:30-7:30 every last Sunday of the month at NiMarcos Pizza on S. Beaver St.
Contact: chuy@iww.org
The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or the Wobblies) is an international union. The IWW contends that all workers should be united within a single union as a class and the wage system abolished.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FOR WOMEN’S ISSUES (ASWI)
Contact: asiw.set@gmail.com  Meetings: University Union, Room 202 (may have changed)
The Associated Students for Women’s Issues is a student representative organization at Northern Arizona University. ASWI provides a forum to voice the concerns of women at NAU and creates opportunity for leadership within a student group. ASWI developed and opened a resource room which is open to the NAU community. It contains a wide variety of books, magazines, movies and CDs.

NAU PEACE AND JUSTICE
Contact: naupaceandjustice@gmail.com  Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm in the NAU University Union (above the help desk). (May have changed)

PEOPLE RESPECTING INDIVIDUALS AND SEXUAL MINORITIES (PRISM)
Contact: prism.nau@gmail.com  Meetings: Wednesdays from 7:30-9PM in Havasupai A-B which is located on the second floor of the University Union.
PRISM provides education, peer support, outreach, and advocacy. PRISM also puts on activities that focus on both social and advocacy aspects of GLBT awareness. PRISM staffs a Resource Center, which houses a wide array of books, magazines and multi media.

WHAT IS WHITE SUPREMACY?
Elizabeth Martinez

White Supremacy is an historically based, institutionally perpetuated system of exploitation and oppression of continents, nations, and peoples of color by white peoples and nations of the European continent, for the purpose of maintaining and defending a system of wealth, power, and privilege. (Definition from the Challenging White Supremacy Workshops conference, San Francisco, 1998)

I. What does it mean to say it is a system?
The most common mistake people make when they talk about racism is to think it is a collection of prejudices and individual acts of discrimination. They do not see that it is a system, a web of interlocking, reinforcing institutions: economic, military, legal, educational, religious, and cultural. As a system, racism affects every aspect of life in a country. By not seeing that racism is systemic (part of a system), people often personalize or individualize racist acts. For example, they will reduce racist police behavior to “a few bad apples” who need to be removed, rather than seeing it exists in police departments all over the country and is basic to the society. This mistake has real consequences: refusing to see police brutality as part of a system, and that the system needs to be changed, means that the brutality will continue. The need to recognize racism as being systemic is one reason the term White Supremacy has been more useful than the term racism. They refer to the same problem but:

A. The purpose of racism is much clearer when we call it “white supremacy.” Some people think of racism as just a matter of prejudice. “Supremacy” defines a power relationship.
B. Race is an unscientific term. Although racism is a social reality, it is based on a term which has no biological or other scientific reality.
C. The term racism often leads to dead-end debates about whether a particular remark or action by an individual white person was really racist or not. We will achieve a clearer understanding of racism if we analyze how a certain action relates to the system of White Supremacy.
D. The term White Supremacy gives white people a clear choice of supporting or opposing a system, rather than getting bogged down in claims to be anti-racist (or not) in their personal behavior.

II. What does it mean to say White Supremacy is historically based?
Every nation has a creation myth, or origin myth, which is the story people are taught of how the nation came into being. Ours says the United States began with Columbus’s so-called “discovery” of America, continued with settlement by brave Pilgrims, won its independence from England with the American Revolution, and then expanded westward until it became the enormous, rich country you see today. That is the origin myth. It omits three key facts about the birth and growth of the United States as a nation. Those facts demonstrate that White Supremacy is fundamental to the existence of this country.
The United States is a nation state created by military conquest in several stages. The first stage was the European seizure of the lands inhabited by indigenous peoples. Before the European invasion, there were between nine and eighteen million indigenous people in North America. By the end of the Indian Wars, there were about 250,000 in what is now called the United States, and about 123,000 in what is now Canada (source of these population figures the book: The State of Native America, ed. by M. Annette Jaimes, South End Press, 1992).
Dry River
Web: www.dryriver.org
The Dry River Radical Resource Center is located near downtown Tucson at 740 N Main Ave (& University)-1/4 mile East of I-10, between Speedway and 6th St. The center hosts a Book & Zine Library, Computers, Movie Screenings, Live Music and DJs, FREE Store, Free Classes and Discussion Groups.

www.oodhamsolidarity.blogspot.com - O’odham Solidarity Across Borders
www.firesneverextinguished.blogspot.com - Phoenix Class War Council
www.survivalsolidarity.wordpress.com - Survival Solidarity
www.chaparralrespectsnoborders.blogspot.com - Border Issues
www.arpaiofive.blogspot.com - Support the Arpaio 5!
www.azradicalcoalition.net - Arizona Radical Coalition.
www.adiaz.org - Arizona Animal Defense League

LOCAL UNDERGROUND VENUES

Underground (punk) music in Flag changes significantly every year. Bands break-up or move to “the city” to “make it”. A lot of online resources are left up inactive.
Currently there are several newer places that hold shows. Look for flyers around town. all these venues are All-ages and ask for donations to help traveling bands.

Stab Mountain- www.myspace.com/thisrunsonblood
C-Street- www.myspace.com/lipnikikids
The Big House- www.myspace.com/bighouselive
Taala Hooghan Infoshop- www.myspace.com/taalahooghan

ANIMAL “RESEARCH” AT NAU?

NAU has never fully publicly disclosed in what ways they test on animals (in the Biology Annex building 21B). Read this article: www.undertheconcrete.org/2007/11/26/nailing-descartes-to-the-biology-annex/ and excerpts from this press release from the previously active NAU group “Animal Rights NOW!”...

Animal Rights NOW! Holds Demonstration to Demand Answers Regarding Animal Testing at NAU

(November, 2007) - Flagstaff, AZ – Students of Northern Arizona University and members of campus organization Animal Rights NOW! held a demonstration in front of the Biology Annex on Monday, November 5th to protest the animal testing facility on campus. The Biology Annex, building 21B, was recently discovered by Animal Rights NOW! last April. Shortly after, ARN! contacted faculty of the Biology Annex to ask questions regarding experiments being performed on campus, how it was being funded, and if they were meeting IACUC protocols. After being ignored, and told by one faculty member that they were “indefinitely busy” and could not meet with ARN!, members became suspicious as to why Northern Arizona University was hiding this facility from the students.

Protestors included Animal Rights NOW! members and students of Northern Arizona University. “We want to know the scientific aspects of these experiments, and we want to know how each animal is being treated, and the protocol for these animals,” says Kyle McLelland of Animal Rights NOW! “This is our university, we deserve to know what’s going on and how our tuition is being spent,” states Kristen Moore, another member of ARN!, “We have tried to contact faculty about the Biology Annex, but they are not cooperating.

What are they hiding?
How bad is it?”

Last Wednesday, Biology Annex faculty contacted the boss of ARN! president, Melanie Mauller, stating that she is a threat to the university and should be fired. “They’re using intimidation tactics to shut us up. They are threatening me with my job to keep us pacified. This facility has been here for 40 years and most students and faculty had no idea it existed- NAU likes it that way, and they’ll stoop to any level to keep it that way,” stated Mauller. According to Mauller, the faculty member that made the phone call stated that there would be an increase in security in the facility, and that police would be present at the demonstration. {{END}}

NON PROFIT CORPORATIONS:

FRIENDS OF FLAGSTAFF’S FUTURE
Web: www.friendsofflagstaff.org
Contact: info@friendsofflagstaff.org
Friends of Flagstaff’s Future (F3) was founded in 1995 by concerned citizens who wanted to ensure that the public had an active role in community decision-making.
SIERRA CLUB - Grand Canyon Chapter
Web: www.arizona.sierraclub.org
Contact: (928) 774-6514

BLACK MESA WATER COALITION
Web: www.blackmesawaterecoalition.org
Black Mesa Water Coalition (BMWC) works to protect Black Mesa & all of Mother Earth through support and development of Green Jobs, Sustainable communities, Indigenous Peoples cultures, and Leadership Development.

NATIVE MOVEMENT SOUTHWEST
Web: www.nativemovementarizona.org
Contact: nativemovement@gmail.com
Native Movement Southwest is an organization of leaders, artists, and community organizers. Our mission is to encourage, inspire, and support individuals, families and communities in their pursuit of self-determination, sustainability and healthy environments.

FOOD/AGRICULTURE:

FOOD NOT BOMBS
Contact: fnbflagstaff@gmail.com
Distributes free food every Sunday at Wheeler Park from Noon - 2PM. Volunteers always needed. (Winter locations vary)

FLAGSTAFF FAMILY FOOD CENTER
Web: www.hotfood.org
Contact: (928) 774-3188, info@hotfood.org
Location: 1903 N 2nd Street Flagstaff, Arizona 86004
FREE hot meals served everyday from 4PM - 5:30PM. The mission of the Flagstaff Family Food Center is to provide wholesome meals in a safe and pleasant environment as well as help children with reading, homework, and social skills.

FLAGSTAFF AGRICULTURAL REVITALIZATION MOVEMENT
Web: www.farmflagstaff.blogspot.com/
Contact: farmflagstaff@gmail.com
A non-hierarchical, volunteer collective committed to the cultivation of a decentralized, urban-farm network.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE
Web: www.flagcsa.com
Location: 116 W Cottage in the Beaver St Brewery Parking lot
Community Supported Agriculture is a direct connection between a local farmer and the people who eat the food they produce. Pay a membership fee and get locally grown food.

Women’s Shelter
24-Hour Crisis Line: 928-527-1900
Children’s Shelter:
24-Hour Crisis Line: 928-527-1800
Counseling Services
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
928-774-4503
Legal Advocacy:
928-774-4503
Community Education:
928-233-2201

ARIZONA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Web: www.azcadv.org
Contact: 602-279-2900 or 1-800-782-6400
Office Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm, M-F

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHCARE
Web: www.northcountryhealthcare.org
Contact: (928) 213-6100
Location: 2920 N. 4th Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
North Country HealthCare provides extensive primary care services to low income, uninsured, or underinsured people in northern Arizona.

NAVAJO TRANSIT SYSTEM
Web: www.navajotransit.com
Contact: Toll Free(866) 243-6260
The Navajo Transit System’s services and priorities are providing safe and reliable charter and public transportation for the Navajo Nation. Rt. 11 - Flagstaff/Tuba City. $1.00 per person per day. Departs to Tuba from Flagstaff Mall at 6AM & 3:25PM Departs from Tuba Hospital at 8AM & 5PM

OTHER LOCAL INTEREST/REGIONAL:

www.robothouse.org - Local music scene info.
www.undertheconcrete.org - Cool blog.

OTHER AZ INFOSHOPS:

The Catalyst Infoshop
Web: www.catalystinfoshop.net
The Catalyst Infoshop is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to provide access to nontraditional books and magazines, to support local nonprofit groups, and to help create community here in Prescott, Arizona.
Get contact information for witnesses. If you are injured, take photographs of your injuries (but seek medical attention first). **File a written complaint** with the agency's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board. In most cases, you can file a complaint anonymously if you wish.

**Call your local ACLU** or visit www.aclu.org/profiling.

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**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF AZ**
Web: www.acluaz.org
Contact: info@acluaz.org, (602) 650-1854
Know your rights info & poss. legal advice and poss. representation.

**DNA PEOPLE’S LEGAL SERVICES**
Web: www.dnalegalservices.org
Contact: (928) 774-0653
DNA People's Legal Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization working to protect civil rights, promote tribal sovereignty and alleviate civil legal problems for people who live in poverty in the Southwest. Free services to those who qualify.

**SERVICES:**

**VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES**
Web: www.vwsoconino.org
Contact: 928-527-0708, 779-6163
Victim/Witness Services for Coconino County is a community-oriented, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides crisis intervention, victim assistance, witness advocacy, crime prevention education, and victim compensation to assist in alleviating the emotional, physical and financial needs of victims while promoting the constitutional rights of victims. “Our services help both victims and witnesses recover from the initial trauma of a crime and the difficulties and confusion involved in the criminal or juvenile justice process.”

**NORTHLAND FAMILY HELP CENTER/OPEN IN**
(Youth Outreach & Education Center)
Web: www.northlandfamily.org
Contact: 24-Hour Crisis Help Line: (928) 527-1900 or 1-(877) 634-2723
Office: (928) 214-9050, Brandon Rawls, Outreach Specialist - Cell: (928) 707-2693
Location: 2631 E. 7th Ave. Monday - Friday 2-5PM
NFHC provides advocacy, prevention education, and shelter for victims of violence and abuse through five free programs: Women’s Shelter, Children’s Shelter, Legal Advocacy, Counseling, and Community Education.
Youth up to 25, resources, transitional living program, donation items, crisis intervention, youth support.

**FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY/FARMERS MARKET**
Web: www.flagstaffmarket.com
The Flagstaff Community Market (FCM) is a regional producer market that operates for growers and producers of agricultural and related products. The primary purpose of the Market is to support small and medium sized independent growers and producers by providing citizens with a local alternative to corporate and globalized food production.

2010 Schedule: Downtown: Sundays from 8AM-12PM - May 30th - Oct. 10th next to City Hall
East Flag: Wednesdays from 4PM - 7PM - July 7th - Sept 22nd
2257 East Cedar Avenue

**MEDIA:**

**ARIZONA INDMEDIA**
Web: www.arizona.indymedia.org
Arizona Indymedia is a non-commercial, democratic collective of Arizona independent media makers and media outlets, and serves as the local organizing unit of the global Indymedia network. Publish your news & learn about other radical events/actions. Be the media!

**RED PILL MOVIES**
Web: www.redpilmovies.com
The Red Pill Movies Group seeks to educate the public on frequently shocking facts behind current events. Controversial and politically unpopular films expose subject matters currently suppressed or ignored by the mass media. Typically screening at Tacos Locos.

**OUTTA YOUR BACKPACK MEDIA**
Web: www.oymb.org Contact: oybm@oymb.org
Location: At Taala Hooghun Infoshop - 1700 N. 2nd St, East Flag.
Free movie making workshops for Indigenous youth. OYBMedia is an Indigenous youth response to the need for media justice in our communities.

**INDIGENOUS ACTION MEDIA**
Web: www.indigenousaction.org
Contact: info@indigenousaction.org
Strategic media support and action to directly address issues impacting Indigenous communities.

**ANARTIST FILMS**
Web: www.anartistfilms.org
Contact: info@anartistfilms.org
Anartist Films is dedicated to radical, revolutionary filmmaking, demanding justice while embracing the beauty of the world and its people.
Even if officers have a warrant, you have the right to remain silent. If you choose to speak to the officers, step outside and close the door.

**IF YOU ARE CONTACTED BY THE FBI**
If an FBI agent comes to your home or workplace, you do not have to answer any questions. Tell the agent you want to speak to a lawyer first. If you are asked to meet with FBI agents for an interview, you have the right to say you do not want to be interviewed. If you agree to an interview, have a lawyer present. You do not have to answer any questions you feel uncomfortable answering, and can say that you will only answer questions on a specific topic.

**IF YOU ARE ARRESTED**
Do not resist arrest, even if you believe the arrest is unfair. Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately. Don’t give any explanations or excuses. If you can’t pay for a lawyer, you have the right to a free one. Don’t say anything, sign anything or make any decisions without a lawyer.

You have the right to make a local phone call. The police cannot listen if you call a lawyer. Prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested. Memorize the phone numbers of your family and your lawyer. Make emergency plans if you have children or take medication.

**Special considerations for non-citizens:**
- Ask your lawyer about the effect of a criminal conviction or plea on your immigration status.
- Don’t discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.
- While you are in jail, an immigration agent may visit you. Do not answer questions or sign anything before talking to a lawyer.
- Read all papers fully. If you do not understand or cannot read the papers, tell the officer you need an interpreter.

**IF YOU ARE TAKEN INTO IMMIGRATION (OR “ICE”) CUSTODY**
You have the right to a lawyer, but the government does not have to provide one for you. If you do not have a lawyer, ask for a list of free or low-cost legal services. You have the right to contact your consulate or have an officer inform the consulate of your arrest. Tell the ICE agent you wish to remain silent. Do not discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer. Do not sign anything, such as a voluntary departure or stipulated removal, without talking to a lawyer. If you sign, you may be giving up your opportunity to try to stay in the U.S. Remember your immigration number (“A” number) and give it to your family. It will help family members locate you. Keep a copy of your immigration documents with someone you trust.

**IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED**
Remember: police misconduct cannot be challenged on the street. Don’t physically resist officers or threaten to file a complaint. Write down everything you remember, including officers’ badge and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details.