

# *RESISTANCE*

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*Resistance survival skills were a fundamental part of Live Free programs in the 1960's and may need to be revived if current trends towards anarchy, oppression and disarmament continue.*

In the early days of Live Free USA the two primary disaster scenarios for preparedness and survival were (1) nuclear war, and (2) a communist invasion or revolution. Challenges such as climate change, electromagnetic pulse, pandemics, and financial collapse were not on the horizon although terrorism was beginning to rear its head. Today we face a much wider range of threats to life and freedom, but nuclear war and now communist inspired revolution have returned as serious possibilities. The movie "Red Dawn" in 1984 popularized the idea of an occupied America and a resistance movement engaging in gorilla warfare against communism oppression

I have written several articles warning of the potential for civil war and revolution in our time. While some readers may have regarded these articles as alarmist or far-fetched a year or two ago, the events of 2020 must now render them accurate and prophetic. We can now move these scenarios from "possible" to "imminent". The end of the cold war in the 1990's engendered a sense of security and complacency that has rendered America vulnerable to communists and anarchists both foreign and domestic. The Covid-19 pandemic provided the first opportunity for these forces to initiate violent political and psychological revolutionary action and assaults on middle class values, constitutional freedoms and human rights. Regrettably, many governmental and political entities have supported or at least failed to condemn these assaults. As a result we find ourselves having to prepare, survive and resist the same danger to life and liberty that we faced decades ago.

It is no coincidence that Live Free USA has the words "Live" and "Free" in its name. Being founded in the turbulent 60's when extremist revolution and foreign aggression were major survival threats, we were established on the concept that "life without freedom is not worth living" and included resistance as part of survival training\*. Surviving was a fundamental part of resistance, as preparedness, self-reliance and personal independence would not be tolerated under a communist or socialist regimen. Staying alive in order to stay free was the goal. More recently Live Free USA has focused programs on threats such as severe weather, cyber-attacks, crime, pandemics and economic decline that pose threats to life, more than to liberty. In fact our programs have been in line or ahead of well-established government programs such as FEMA and NGO's such as the Red Cross.

While Live Free USA was not established as a political or paramilitary organization we did include some military and combat skills in our training until the 1990's as the potential survival scenarios indicated a need for such skills. A realistic evaluation of developing trends and events in America today would certainly indicate the need \* to reintroduce these skills to our curriculum at the earliest opportunity. It would also be appropriate to include survival related resistance subjects in our publications and website. There are two levels of resistance that need to be considered. Passive resistance is non-cooperation, non-compliance, avoidance, strikes, slowdowns, and other methods of resistance that do not involve any level of damage or violence. Active resistance includes underground publication, poster, slogan painting, and some levels of sabotage, intimidation, and armed resistance to oppression.

Passive Resistance would be justified by:

- Forced gun registration
- Restriction of the types of guns, ammunition, and magazine capacities.
- Special taxation of guns, publications, organizations
- Confiscatory taxation
- Regulation of the press, radio, TV, or internet content
- Restriction or harassment of non-government organizations such as Live Free. \*\*
- Prohibition of self-reliance and preparedness supplies and training
- Invasion of privacy through facial recognition, tracking, artificial intelligence and other methods.
- Unregulated immigration and importation
- Repressive medical system control and manipulation
- Rigged or manipulated election processes

Justifiable methods of passive resistance.

- Work stoppages and slowdowns
- Boycotts
- Non-cooperation and non-compliance with regulations
- Black-market and underground sales of survival items
- Underground press, radio and internet programs
- Placement of resistance posters and flyers
- Support for those persecuted or prosecuted and their families.
- Funding of resistance candidates
- Building up for potential active resistance as a deterrent to further oppression
- Labeling those who actively support oppression as "collaborators" as was done in occupied countries in the past. Collaborators can be identified by listing in underground publications and by various means of marking.

Active resistance would be justified if these levels of oppression are initiated:

- Gun confiscation of any kind.

- Subjugation of the State and County governments in order to implement unconstitutional laws. This would include armed occupation of states, counties or towns in order to force compliance with regulations that those entities refuse to implement. Any action to replace the Electoral College that would effectively render the states subunits of the federal government and major population centers.
- Mandated carrying of government monitored phones as in China.
- Foreign intervention in any aspect of American political or economic procedure with or without the consent of the United States government.
- Active suppression of publications, broadcasts, or internet communications by opposition groups.
- Confiscation of books, and publications that pose a danger to the control of the population,
- Confiscation of survival and emergency preparedness supplies
- Open borders that effectively negate the rights, safety and privileges of American citizenship.
- Uncontrolled lawlessness, crime and destruction of private property when the state and federal government cannot or will not restore safety and order. Defunding the police and failure to protect the lives and property of law-abiding citizens negates the legality of the government.

Methods of active resistance include:

- Sabotage of government and private vehicles and equipment
- Blockading access to government facilities and opposition events
- Street tagging with slogans on walls and public places. Such tags tell others that they are not alone and this is not over. Seeing tags and posters can encourage more resistance and demoralizes collaborators.
- Confrontation with those attempting to implement oppressive programs arrest resistance personnel or confiscate personal property.
- Active intimidation of collaborators and cooperating officials.
- Actively aiding people and families that are victims of unjustified prosecution or hardship caused by non-cooperation.
- Tagging with slogans and resistance symbols in public areas to demoralize collaborators and encourage other would-be resisters.
- Armed preparedness and resistance as may be necessary.

It is important that any “resistance” movement avoid actions that will harm the public or endanger good citizens. Collateral damage should be avoided at all costs. Be the solution not the problem. Certainly there will be efforts to discredit the movement as criminals and rabble. An oppressive state will initiate reprisals against entire groups or geographic regions. Reprisals may include: denial of medical care, confiscation of property, or even interruption of power, water, or food supplies to non-compliant regions. Such actions will only serve to justify and increase resistance. Passive and active resistance should always be justified and in balanced response to oppressive and violent actions taken by a

governmental agency. Any programs that can be initiated to provide food, medical help or other forms of aid to the public will be more effective than paramilitary actions.

Back in the early days of Live Free USA resistance survival mainly related to escape and evasion, field movement, camp defense, patrolling, counter ambush and some aspects of so-called guerilla warfare\*\*\*. While some of these techniques still have value in surviving in a hostile environment, the introduction of drones, tracking devices, cameras and other technology make many of these tactics obsolete. Less centralized and non-hierarchical organization (or non-organization) practicing multiple and independent actions by individuals and small groups has proven to be the most effective method for modern resistance operations. One idea, one goal, many methods, many agents.

## **Conclusion**

Let me be clear: **I am not advocating any form of violent or illegal resistance activities at this time, but the potential for future events that might justify such actions can no-longer be discounted.** Life and liberty are in more danger now than they were in the late Cold War era and almost any scenario for social/political disaster must be considered as a possibility. The definition of survival is “the gravest extreme” requiring last resort, but necessary capabilities. Live free.

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\*\* *The recent attempts to sue the NRA and require there dissolution is just an example of this approach, common in Russia and China.*

\*\*\* *I still have Total Resistance by Major H. von Dach Bern a Swiss Army manual intended to help citizens resist a Soviet Invasion, and “Yank Bert Levy’s Guerilla Warfare a version of the British Home Guards Manual on my shelves*

## **NOTE**

For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction is not just Newtonian physics, the same law applies to political action. If the political pendulum is pushed too far in one direction it will swing too far in the other. In the past these swings have been dampened by our respect for our fellow citizens, shared values, and trust in the constitution. Unfortunately, these unifying and stabilizing factors have been greatly degraded by the effects of social media, and divisive political agendas. If these extreme swings continue to escalate the scenario above may be unavoidable.



Poster from the original Move Red Dawn with Patrick Swayze and Charlie Sheen