

# WHY ARCHIVE?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Archives collect evidence that can hold those in power accountable.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Archives make the rich record of our movements accessible. We can use them to ensure transparency, generate discussion, and enable direct action.

## SELF-DETERMINATION

We define our own movements. We need to create and maintain our own historical record.

## EDUCATION

Today's videos, flyers, web-pages, and signs are material for tomorrow's skill-shares, classes, and mobilizations.

## CONTINUITY

Just as past movements inspire us, new activists will learn from the experiences we document.

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