

PLATFORM: SELF DETERMINATION FOR LATINOS
AND ALL POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

TWELVE POINT PROGRAM

YOUNG LORDS ORGANIZATION--1973

1. We want Independence and self-determination for the People of Aztlán and Puerto Rico.
2. We want an end to all imperialist wars-- economic and military.
3. We want an end to the mercenary nature of the U.S. military system and an end to oppression of Latinos and other poor and oppressed people by threats of imprisonment or by economically depriving them of their basic needs then forcing them to volunteer or allowing them to be drafted into unjust, imperialist wars.
4. We want equality for the sexes.
5. We want an end to the inner-city removal of Latinos and other poor and oppressed people. We want Latinos and all poor and oppressed people to control the housing to be built in their respective communities so that they can be sure it is fit for human beings and economically reasonable. We also want all existing housing brought up to comply with the codes.
6. We want a guaranteed income and full employment for Latinos and all poor and oppressed people.
7. We want bi-lingual education for Latinos. An education that teaches Latinos and all poor and oppressed people the true history of their past and exposes the true nature of this decadent society.

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8. We want an end to the robbing of Latinos and all poor and oppressed people by GREEDY YANQUI BUSINESSMEN in the Latino community.

9. We want an end to the enormous drug problem caused by this decadent society. We want the drug pushers, the rich perpetrators of this society, arrested and tried by their victims. We want all those now in jail for crimes related to drugs discharged to community-controlled rehabilitation centers and provided with good and efficient medical care. We want research begun immediately so that the use of methadone on heroin addicts can be discontinued.

10. We want the same good and efficient health care that is given to the rich to be given to Latinos and other poor and oppressed people. We want it to be free to Latinos and all poor and oppressed people. HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

11. We want an end to the brutalization and cold-blooded murder of Latinos and all poor and oppressed people by Yanqui police in this country. We want police in Latino communities to be Latinos and under the control of the Latino community.

12. We want all Latinos released from federal, state, county, and city jails, because they have not had fair trials nor have been tried by a jury of their peers as defined by the U.S. Constitution. They have been tried by Yanqui courts and jurors who have no basic understanding of Latinos nor of the conditions to which Latinos are subjected.

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