

# *Direct Actions: Disruption and Birddogging*



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# **CODEPINK'S Statement of Nonviolence**

**CODEPINK is grounded in the understanding of the power of love and maintains a commitment to nonviolence in all of our actions. We understand that any violation of this commitment to nonviolence—no matter how small—may seriously damage our movement.**

**We define nonviolence to include the following elements:**

**We will use no violence, verbal or physical, toward any person.**

**We will maintain an attitude of openness and respect toward all people we encounter in our actions.**

**We will not destroy any property.**

**We will carry no weapons.**

**We will exercise personal and collective responsibility to ensure all participants adhere to these commitments.**

# Birddogging

***Birddogging is a strategy used by activists to seek out high profile people, pose them specific questions or information, and in doing so, retrieve their views.***

**Identify where this person may be. This could be a regular location, such as their office, a workplace, or even a common place they visit for recreation.**

**Plan to approach them with specific messaging. You may ask pointed questions about their previous actions, public comments, and their thoughts or feelings about something they might be hypocritical about. Typically, activists follow up by promoting a public video and/or requesting a meeting if the individual is an official/representative.**



# Tips

- ***Try to approach quickly and confidently. If you intend to try to have a conversation, introduce yourself first. You can record your interaction and share on social media, and also send it to [info@codepink.org](mailto:info@codepink.org)***
- ***Provide them enough physical space to move unimpeded. You also want to avoid charges related to harassment, intimidation, etc. NEVER touch anyone.***
- ***If you do not have someone to record you, hold your phone subtly by your body to capture the interaction.***

# Tips

- ***Continue to pose your question(s) even if they get off topic. If they start repeating zionist talking points/getting upset, try to keep your calm. Use this opportunity to record and allow them to expose themselves.***
- ***Allow them to speak! If they are about to say something, try not to continue talking over them– unless your objective is to state facts and shame them. This is a rare opportunity to capture their words and use their statements against them. In many cases, we know quite well how they will respond to a line of questioning, so this is a time to gather intel that can be used to put pressure or to document their hypocrisy, cowardice, complicity, racism, etc.***

# ***Disrupting Public Events***

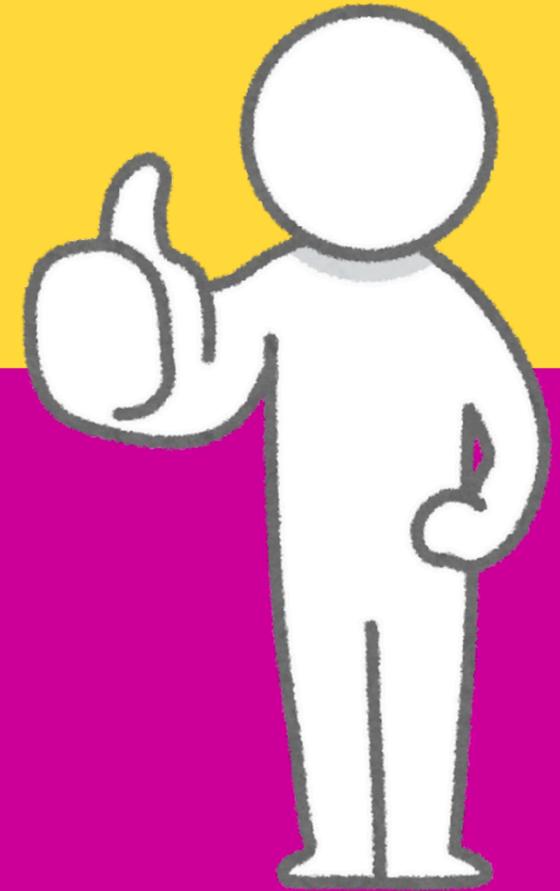
***In this case, “disruption” refers to targeting spaces where they are present to interrupt regular or important programming.***



***This commonly includes protesting or interjecting at events (town halls, conventions, conferences, etc.) where they may speak or present.***

***It is important to plan to arrive at the event without being identifiable as a disruptor, as this may result in you not being allowed entry. Be discreet. They might expect the disruption due to the heightened number of the past several years.***

# Tips



- ***Craft your message to the specific person.***
- ***Be clear as to why they are being targeted.***
- ***Bring concealed signs and posters with messaging that supports this.***
- ***Plan ahead to make sure someone is recording your disruption.***

**Note: no one size fits all. Different approaches apply based on varying goals. You can take a discreet or unexpected approach or run up and immediately begin your questioning.**

***Disrupting is a valuable activist tool as it...***

***pressures our targets by forcing them to be  
confronted with the subject/s***

***stops normalization and desensitization of Gaza***

***expresses broader public discontent and need  
for accountability***

# ***Shutting Down Normalized Dialogue:***

***Interrupting standard discussions challenges the status quo and forces attention on urgent issues, making it difficult for officials to ignore or gloss over them. Israel's war crimes and the immense suffering of the Palestinian people is far too often discussed as acceptable, unavoidable, or even more horrific, biblical. This normalization of injustice and dehumanization of Palestinians cannot be tolerated and must be confronted.***

# *Expressing Public Discontent*

*Not everyone has access to these people, and too often, the voices of those most oppressed are silenced and/or purposefully ignored. When we have the opportunity to confront these war criminals, we carry the voice of hundreds, thousands, even millions of people who are devastated by what is happening in Palestine. In disrupting, we bring the thoughts, feelings, and beliefs of many to the doorstep of those in power.*

# *Accountability*

*We know that our officials are not labeled as the true criminals they are - instead, they can live a life of peace, enjoying their day-to-day, while millions suffer from their actions. By doing these **disruptive actions**, we are reminding them that there is no peace for them while there is no justice. We are here to remind them that the people know and condemn their heinous crimes. Every day, they should be reminded of their horrible acts and pressured to change - even if we recognize they may never do so. As people residing in the United States, the belly of the beast, we have a special responsibility to hold these global war criminals **accountable**. Go to [codepink.org/accountability](https://codepink.org/accountability) for more.*

### ***RECORD & Share Your Actions!***

***Make use of social media to spread your message. Collaborate with larger accounts on instagram and tag relevant groups to boost your content so it can be seen by others.***

### ***Take Unaffiliated Action***

***Unless coordinated ahead of time, it is safest to attend events anonymously and unaffiliated with a group. Do not claim to represent any specific organization unless planned ahead of time.***

### ***Coordinate local actions***

***Reach out to CODEPINK locals to coordinate local actions.  
Follow and check their social media accounts (X, FB, Instagram, TikTok, Youtube)  
Call and/or email elected officials. Remember, this office works for YOU!  
Your tax dollars pay for their office space, salaries, travel, and staff.***

## **Brief Research**

**Set a Google Alert with their name. Add any events you find to our [War Criminal Tracker](#)**

**Check upcoming local events to find out if they will be present**

## **Follow their allies**

**Identify where they hold honorary positions like 'board member' and follow those organizations.**

**Keep track of upcoming donor events after having identified key corporate and individual donors.**

## **Additional tactics**

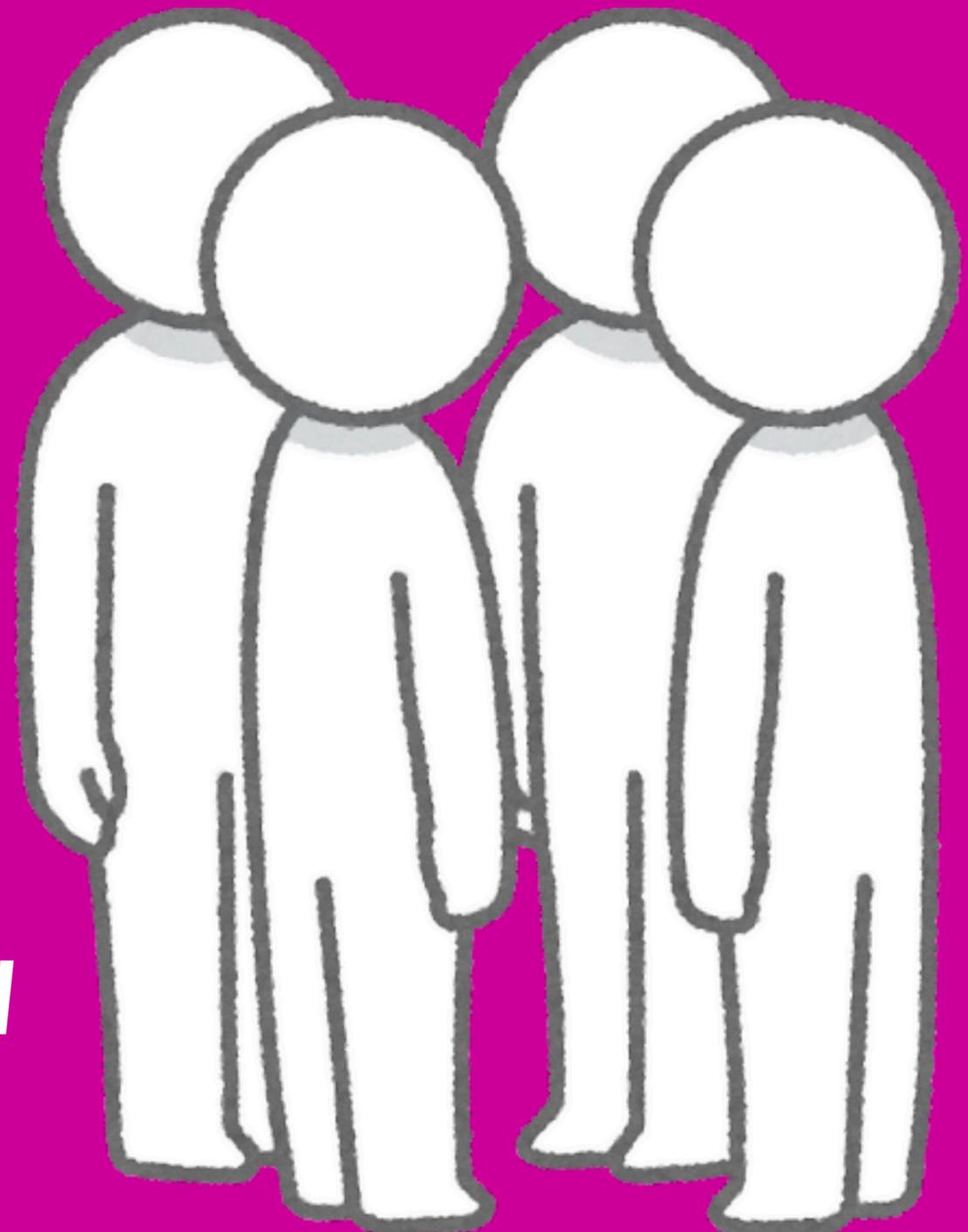
**Find their house (this is public information, you'll have to do some research, but it's been done many times. Ex: Outside Home of Lou Correa and Senator Cruz)**

# ***Inform the Public: Outreach***

***Flyering*** - Put up Provocative posters that refer to your representatives' specific policies, especially if they are funding the genocide and/or take AIPAC/Pro-Israel/Weapons Company money.

***Make it local public knowledge!***

***Take over Public parades (especially around the Summer Holidays)***



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