

# Defeatism #23

**“That violent stuff’ll get you killed.”**

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We hear often from the masses of what happens when you try to organize and fight for Black liberation; you get MLK'd or Malcolm X'd. This is spoken as if the only way towards victory requires a sole leader who openly goes across the world promoting Black liberation. Although this type of agitation and propaganda is needed, a successful revolutionary strategy of Maoism requires three things that should squash this form of defeatism. 1) Revolutionary leadership requires centralization not in the hands of one individual, but in an entire vanguard party of the proletariat. 2) This vanguard party is to organize clandestinely given the very real danger of organizing against a powerful enemy. 3) The entire Black nation must be mobilized towards revolution within a united front against the oppressor nation.

This means given the consolidated vanguard party, we don't have a situation in which you kill the head and the snake dies because we got many snakes ready to strike the enemy. With the entire nation mobilized against the oppressor nation, revolutionary forces and the vanguard party can swim like fishes in the sea of the masses. Clandestinity means that we are not openly placing our head on the chopping block for the enemy to strike a murderous blow.

Death is inevitable in general and within revolution in particular, however we can in no way make it easy for the enemy. In fact we should make it as hard as possible while we continue to strike at the enemy at every turn; here the theories around protracted people's war becomes vital for the Black nation under the u.s empire.