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## **A Protest Master Class: A look inside the US struggle to defund the police**

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The authors comment on the impressive revival of Black LivesMatter in May/June 2020, reforms to policing already agreed in some cities and the new prominence of the demand to 'defund the police'. They also discuss the importance of combining a range of approaches and tactics to complement direct action: doing research; making the 'invisible visible'; using symbolic ritual (for example turning the fence around the White House into a shrine); and encouraging artistic creativity to promote joy and healing.

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