

# The Origins of Queer Liberation

On June 28th 1969, New York City's Stonewall Inn encountered a routine police raid. After raid upon raid, the bar's patrons – a diverse set of gay, lesbian, and trans people eventually met these raids with resistance. Fighting back against police oppression, their actions have been seen by many as the start of the Queer Liberation Movement.

What many don't know is that their resistance is a result of agitation and organizing many years before. In 1966 and 1959, queer patrons in San Francisco's Compton's Cafeteria and Coopers' Donuts attacked police after years of harassment and the arrests of several drag queens and sex workers.

**From the very beginning,  
being queer was a threat to  
the status quo.**

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## Enemies of the State

Many of the first queer liberation organizations were formed by Socialists. Those such as the Mattachine Society were even formed and structured like the Communist Party to ensure that the goal of queer rights isn't disregarded or favored by something else.

Before, during, and well after the Red Scare, those that opposed the system were deemed enemies of the state. That included those fighting for socialism and queer, black and native rights.

**"If you want to be against McCarthy, boys, you've got to be either a *Communist* or a \*\*\*\*sucker."**

**-Joseph McCarthy**

## Struggle in Unity

Though the situations are different, all of us are in the struggle. Whether we like it or not, who we are as people go against what the ruling class and many politicians believe in. Our existence should not be at risk of policy failure or targeted violence.

As queer people, we must fight for our right to live in a future of equality and democracy for the people - not for profit.

Capitalism has been designed to support a few over the many. Any change or rights we get are not from good-will. They are from organizing and resisting against brutality and injustice! Only through solidarity with other marginalized communities can we unite to bring real change and a future of liberation for all!



## Socialism is the Future!

As workers, we may get paid little wages and seem powerless, but we make the gears turn. This system of working nonstop to barely live is not working. We deserve a better system.

We need a future of democratic representation in our workplaces. We need a future where we don't work day in and day out just to choose between dinner and paying the bills. We deserve a future of a healthy planet and the freedom to enjoy it!

***We need Socialism!***

