

## Vested Interests

Stogie Historians will tell you that the great arc of history can be told based on one of two things:

Power  
or  
Money.

But that's one too many. It can be reduced. History can be told through one lens, one thing that, since we began making our livings planting crops and milking cows, can explain everything in our behavior over time.

Vested interests.

If a group or a person has something, they will never give it up  
willingly  
whether that is power or money or status or control.  
It can only be taken

by those without the thing.

So, to give the people marginal power in the form of Democracy, that won't work. To provide us the means to work ourselves until death for the all-mighty buck, people will still be repressed. More so. It is only by overthrowing those who *have* that real change can happen.

We are seeing this now, on the streets of Minneapolis and expanding. There are many many who have nothing. They are allowed to work slave wages that can't get ahead. They can even elect a valiant few to scream beautiful speeches into nothingness. But black lives don't matter as much. Those who have vested their truth upon all of us, white fucks (though not all of us), will fight with every ounce of everything to keep that which they think is rightfully theirs, and those who track their lineage to Africa will be thought to go back there, where the interests vested are theirs. Except that Europeans grabbed that one, too.

It can only be in the complete destruction of the way things currently are that everyone can be liberated. We can't let ourselves be bought. We can't accept a place at the table. We have to burn it all down.

Or nothing will ever get better.