

G20 Riots: Is the Black Bloc a Police Psyops Group?

Five Hundred Arrested at G20

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The Law Union of Ontario Movement Defence Committee [MDC] has issued an appeal for broad political support for the G20 arrestees, estimated at nearly 500. Not arrested were members of the supposed anarchist group, Black Bloc, which is suspected of being a police psyops group ordered to start the G20 riot yesterday. Among the protestors, two professional journalists were also reportedly beaten and one arrested.

“The Toronto Police and the ISU appear to have lost control of their ‘prisoner processing center’, denying arrestees meaningful and timely access to counsel while beating and arresting those peacefully protesting their detention outside,” the MDC said in its [press release](#) today.

As of 9 am Sunday, the [Integrated Security Unit reports](#) that at least 480 people have been arrested on charges including “breach of peace, obstruct police, assault, assault peace officer, cause disturbance, incite riot, mischief, and participate in an unlawful assembly.”

Police attacked at least two professional news journalists during yesterday’s melee. Jesse Rosenfeld of *The Guardian* was [reportedly arrested and beaten](#) late Saturday night. In his [last report](#) filed with British news outfit, Rosenfeld wrote:

“[A]cross the country indigenous communities continue to resist government expropriation and environmental destruction of their land for mineral and resource extraction.

“Meanwhile Canada intends to use the G20 to expand the free trade of these mineral and resource commodities....

“[W]hile the Canadian state is using draconian colonial tools to present a veneer of representative legitimacy on the international stage, the streets of Toronto on Thursday asserted an alternative to the top-down style of forcing international consensus.”

Canadian police also beat Jesse Freeston of The Real News Network. Anchor Paul Jay [questioned authorities](#) about the incident:

http://www.youtube.com/v/D7OA920pbv8&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xd0d0d0&hl=en_US&feature=player_embedded&fs=1

While security for the event cost in the range of \$1 billion, police were nowhere to be found when the ‘Black Bloc’ began smashing windows and burning police cars, according to several on scene reports.

One [blogger noted](#) that “the police car may have been abandoned there by the Toronto Police as a distraction (or as an excuse for agent provocateurs to act violently).”

Terry Burrows in a [Global Research](#) report asserts, “As events unfold, it is becoming increasingly clear that the ‘Black Bloc’ are undercover police operatives engaged in purposeful provocations to eclipse and invalidate legitimate G20 citizen protest by starting a riot.”

One [camera](#) caught a Black Bloc member changing his clothes after the riot, revealing a clean-cut man with a military style haircut:

http://www.youtube.com/v/Lw5fmzl0wus&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xd0d0d0&hl=en_US&feature=player_embedded&fs=1

The [Globe and Mail](#) published photos of Black Bloc members wreaking havoc. [Burrows](#) notes the new, military style shoes:



Whether or not Black Bloc is a group of paid police provocateurs, at least one corporate

media station in Canada, [CTV News](#), assured its audience that the bulk of protestors behaved peacefully, calling it a party atmosphere. In response to police brutality, protestors sang *O Canada*, hoping to shame police into good behavior.

Regardless of the violence, the message of resistance against G20's predatory capitalism which is destroying the biosphere and indigenous cultures penetrated the media, as this report reveals:

"Activists and community organizers represented rank-and-file labour, migrant justice, indigenous solidarity, anti-police brutality, ecological justice, anti-war, anti-occupation, queer and trans justice, anti-poverty, anti-capitalist, feminist, anarchist, and many more struggles and campaigns. We are united together, learning from each other and inspired by each other. We are rooted in our communities."

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