



Automating Banishment: The Surveillance and Policing of Looted Land

PART 4 - CONTAINMENT, DEVELOPMENT, & THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN SKID ROW

A deep dive into the history of containment, banishment, and neglect that have long characterized policing and governance of Skid Row. This is the violence that today's data-driven policing programs help automate.

STUDY GUIDE

Key Terms:

(Organized) Abandonment

Neglect//((Dependent) Underdevelopment

Criminalization//Surveillance//Policing

Extraction//Conquest//Colonization//Racial Capitalism

Banishment//Displacement

Blight//Preservation

Re-development//Rezoning//Urban Renewal

 Bunker Hill Redevelopment Plan of 1956

 Central Business Redevelopment District Project of 1970

 New Downtown 2040 Rezoning Plan.

Silver Book Plan

Blue Book Plan

Citywide Nuisance Abatement Programs (CNAPs)

Adaptive Reuse Law (1999)

Economic Development Corporation (non-profit public-private partnership)

Sweeps

Municipal Code 41.18 (Sit-Lie Laws)

“Buffer” Zones//Containment

Safer Cities Initiative (SCI)

Public Disorder Intelligence Division (PDID)

Data-Informed Community-Focused Policing (DICFP)

Broken-Windows Policing

PredPol (2015)

Anchor Points//Hot Spots

28-day Shuffle

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Questions:

1. What is the relationship between banishment and containment? Are they opposing strategies, or do they work in concert? How is policing integral to both?
2. What is the ideology that animates broken-windows policing, community policing, and predictive policing? How are they the same or different?
3. LAPD chief Daryl Gates declared in May 1987 that Skid Row's sidewalk encampments were "intolerable" announcing that hundreds of unhoused residents had a week to get off the

streets or face arrest. How has this tactic and rhetoric remained the same or changed?
What are the new strategies? What are the old patterns?