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4. We oppose any state repression of dissent, including surveillance, infiltration, disruption and violence. We agree not to assist law enforcement actions against activists and others.

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SECURITY CULTURE PRINCIPLES

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Security culture involves a code of silence, but it is not a code of voicelessness. It should preserve as much secrecy as is necessary for individuals to be safe in their activities, while still organizing effectively.

Learn and abide by the security expectations of each person you interact with, and respect differences in style. Ask people to outline for you their specific security needs and let others know yours.

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You can say "no" at any time to anyone about anything. Don't answer questions or participate in any projects you don't feel good about.

Look out for other people. Don't imperil others with your decisions. Don't brag about past actions. Remember: Jokes can be taken seriously.

Don't throw any direct action ideas around in public that you think you might want to try at some point. Brainstorm with trusted individuals.

Develop methods to establish the security level of a group or situation. People who understand the importance of good security will not feel insulted if asked to leave a sensitive conversation.

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