

This action, in both its message and its location, is meant to call attention to the connections between two colonial white supremacist forces working in concert to perpetuate and maintain a “law and order” that is nothing short of genocidal and ecocidal. Police forces with deep roots in colonial expansion, land theft, slavery, apartheid, and an ethos of property over people are still enacting racist and colonial violence on behalf of extractive, exploitative industry which benefits incalculably from all of the above.

Four months ago, within miles of this bridge, Minneapolis police thugs brutally murdered George Floyd, and the community bit back in righteous self-defense by burning these fascist cops' neighborhood clubhouse. The MPD spent the rest of the summer conducting violent raids on homeless encampments across the city, starting at the foot of this bridge. They were and are forcibly removing unsheltered people, disproportionately Indigenous, from land stolen by racist colonists, capitalists, and the US Army years ago. Meanwhile, Minnesota state officials blithely approved fossil fuel corporations' financing of police militarization in counties and locales further north, along the proposed reroute of a tar sands pipeline project which violates Indigenous treaty rights, imminently threatens the lives and livelihoods of countless millions living in the upper Mississippi watershed, and will drive us, our state, and our planet the rest of the way off the brink into runaway climate change and extermination.

Enbridge's Line 3 expansion is only the latest in a centuries-long parade of destructive megaprojects designed to fill the pockets of a very few economic elites and power-brokering colonial administrators like Minnesota governor Tim Walz while robbing Black and Indigenous people as well as the multi-racial working class of the resources we need to survive—not least of which are land and water. They cannot accomplish this without brutal colonial violence including rape, torture, and murder, nor without lies and intimidation. They say it has to be this way or society will collapse, but they are driving the entire Earth's life systems to collapse and calling those who fight to defend Her “terrorists” whose repression is justified. We will always fight for our Mother, we will always fight for life! Down with the forces of death!

Stop killing us! Stop Line 3! No KKKops No Pipelines!