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We recognize that in issuing this manifesto we must prepare for a long-range educational campaign in all communities of this country, but we know that the Christian churches have contributed to our oppression in white America.

James Forman, "Black Manifesto"

The manifesto declares a position: the manifesto refuses dialogue or discussion: the manifesto fosters antagonism and scorns conciliation. It is univocal, unilateral, single-minded. It conveys resolute oppositionality and indulges no tolerance for the fainthearted . . .

Janet Lyon, *Manifestoes: Provocations of the Modern*

If you are reading this in the United States or Canada, whose land are you on, dear reader? What are the specific names of the Native nation(s) who have historical claim to the territory on which you currently read this article? What are their histories before European invasion? What are their historical and present acts of resistance to colonial occupation? If you are like most people in the United States and Canada, you cannot answer these questions. And this disturbs me.

Qwo-Li Driskill, "Double-Weaving
Two-Spirit Critiques"

