

Re-wilding has a physical component which involves reclaiming skills and developing methods for a sustainable co-existence including plant identification, foraging, and shelter. It also includes the dismantling of the physical manifestations, apparatus, and infrastructure of industrial civilization itself.

Re-wilding has an emotional component, which involves healing ourselves and each other from the 10,000 year-old wounds and deconstructing the domesticating mindset in our social patterns. This includes challenging internalized human supremacist perceptions of non-human animals - including their assigned inferiority status as commodities for consumption. Re-wilding involves prioritizing direct experience and passion over mediation and alienation, re-thinking every dynamic and aspect of our reality, connecting with our feral instinct to defend our lives and to fight for a liberated existence, developing more trust in our intuition, and regaining the balance that has been virtually destroyed after thousands of years of white supremacist, colonial, patriarchal control and domestication.

Re-wilding is the process of becoming uncivilized and insubordinate to the ways industrial civilization uses our minds and bodies for its own reproduction.

We don't believe in half-measures! We want total liberation!

Vegan Anarchy Means Total Liberation

Total Liberation is a war cry for uniting all fragmented movements related to human, animal, and earth liberation. It is an anti-colonial, ecology-based analysis that moves anarchism beyond its traditional human-centered struggle. As vegan anarchists, we aren't asking politicians, leaders, or corporations to solve these complex problems. Politicians represent a colonial establishment that neither ourselves, our murdered indigenous ancestors, nor non-human animals ever consented to. Even when politicians promise to make (often small) changes to improve the well-being of animals, they really only make a mockery of what we expect. So rather than delegating responsibility or power to them or anyone else, we actively put into practice ideas that give us direct results without having to wait around for others. And sometimes this means breaking the law.

As vegan anarchists, we are opposed to the state because laws and courts are designed to maintain the structures of power that we fundamentally oppose. While laws are used in an attempt to assign "rights" to animals or penalize corporate entities that engage in animal abuse, laws and courts are not designed to allow freedom from the shackles of industrial society as a whole. It is legal for cops to beat protesters and kill animals at their discretion. It is legal to build slaughterhouses and murder millions of animals a day for profit. Laws are designed to protect the system and those with socio-economic and political power. We have no desire to be ruled by *any* government no matter how democratic or progressive, and we certainly don't trust cops. We do not vote in any elections because we firmly believe in the anarchist idea that "no one is more qualified than you are to dictate your life."

We firmly believe in tactical diversity. This means that when we're not leafleting, holding signs, or marching above ground, we very well may be doing things below ground as well!

We believe that:

- *Equality* is essential for genuine freedom to exist. There can be no real freedom in this class-stratified, hierarchical society riddled with inequalities of power and wealth. Without equality, freedom becomes a mockery -- at best the "freedom" to choose one's master (boss), or representative (president).

- *Freedom* is essential for the full flowering of creativity and dignity for *all* animals (including humans!). To be dominated by another is to be denied the chance to think and act for oneself, which is the only way to grow and develop one's individuality.

Resources!

For free zines related to anarchy, veganism, & straight edge, visit:

Warzone Distro

<https://warzonedistro.noblogs.org/>

For news on earth and animal liberation actions, visit:

Unoffensive Animal

<https://unoffensiveanimal.is/>

Why Vegan Anarchy?



A VEGAN LOOK INTO THE REASONS FOR ANARCHY

Mainstream vegan reading material is often written from a liberal rather than a radical perspective. By "radical" we mean a perspective that addresses the "root" of speciesism and human supremacy. While under capitalism, individual consumer choices do play a role in upholding speciesism and human supremacy, we also acknowledge the role industrial civilization itself plays in waging war against *all* animals – humans included!

This short pamphlet aims to offer an *anarchist* perspective to the vegan struggle for animal liberation by bringing attention to the technological-industrial, capitalist society that utilizes agriculture, land ownership, and environmental degradation to expand its control and power. It is assumed that the reader is already vegan and aware of the exploitative nature of capitalism and the social hierarchies of sexism, racism, ableism, etc. By understanding how capitalism keeps the animal liberation movement passive by transforming it into a profitable dietary trend, we hope to illustrate why we feel more vegan food options is simply not enough.

Due to space shortage, arguments here can only be explained briefly. Please see further detailed information from the web sites mentioned at the end of the pamphlet.

Capitalism & Animal Oppression

In the past century, food production has undergone massive shifts toward more techno-industrial intensive methods. This affects food production across the board, but this pamphlet seeks to examine how it has affected the perception of non-human animals as objects for exploitation and consumption.

As an example, let's take a look at the average "broiler" lifespan.

A 'broiler' is a bird that has undergone strong selective breeding to emphasize qualities such as big breast muscle production and increasingly rapid growth – qualities that maximize production and cut costs at the expense of the animals' welfare.

Their lives start at a hatchery, where thousands of eggs are incubated in large machines. As soon as the chick hatches, their sex is determined. Since male chicks grow faster, the females are immediately killed, usually by way of a high speed grinder. (Ironically, in egg production, the exact opposite is done – killing the males at birth since they have no use in egg production.)

The male chicks are then moved to a 'broiler unit' where they will spend the next 35 days until they reach their full growth. The broiler units are windowless halls which house tens of thousands of birds at a time, averaging 21 birds per square meter - slightly less than a sheet of paper per bird. The growth rate of these birds has doubled in the past decades, contributing to genetic and environmental health problems such as heart failure, lameness, susceptibility to infectious diseases, and so on.

Once the birds reach their maximum weight, they are packed in boxes and transported to a slaughterhouse. During this transport, around 0.5% of the birds die, and a larger portion are injured.

The birds are then hung by their feet from a hook attached to a conveyor belt, which brings them to a water-filled tray with an electrical current running through it. The intent is that the bird's head will hit the water, stunning them. However, many birds, struggling and trying to free themselves from the hook, fail to become stunned. This leaves them fully aware at the next stop, an angle saw which slits the birds' throats. Often, for similar reasons, this is botched as well. The bird then heads to automated machines which pluck and clean the (hopefully dead) birds before reaching the packing facilities.

This example of industrialized brutality is woven into the fabric of capitalism. The expansion of this techno-industrial society is a direct result of an increasingly mechanistic way of viewing and treating animals. But capitalists are not speciesists; they hold the same exploitive view toward humans and never stop trying to squeeze as much labor out of us as they can as long as capitalism exists.

Agriculture & Industrial Civilization

Here is a brief summary of the relationship between human supremacy, agriculture, and industrial civilization: Agriculture begins with humans using controlled fire to dominate and colonize wild spaces. The act of controlling and dominating land gives birth to the capitalist concept of private property "ownership". Nomadic foraging eventually shifts to permanent settlements as forests are increasingly replaced by fields of monocrops. As humans transition from nomadic to sedentary living, the need to domesticate plants and animals increases with the desire for large scale production. This then increases the division of labor which leads to social stratification based on class, race, gender, and so on.

The birth of industrial society significantly increased animal exploitation and consumption with its expansive colonial domination over any and all remaining wild nature. As sentimental relationships with animals degrade in light of their perceived profitability, the necessity for more industrial-grade methods for their slaughter en

masse increases in order to keep up with profitable demand.

Given this understanding we hope that one can see why it is difficult for us anarchist vegans to envision genuine animal liberation within the prison world of industrial civilization. It doesn't mean that we should give up - rather it means we need to redirect our aim beyond just corporations and politicians.



Vegan Means Anti-Civilization

Year after year, as industrial civilization continues to expand, environmental destruction and species extinction increases. While supposed safeguards are in place like the EPA, capitalism rewards corporations who find legislative loopholes or shortcuts to continue polluting the earth. For example, despite the environmental destruction of both animal agriculture and the tobacco industry, these industries are legally protected to continue operations.

For us, vegan means anti-civilization because we acknowledge that as long as civilization continues, the earth upon which animals – and ourselves – live will continue to die. Industrial civilization has a perfect track record of over 523 years of ecological devastation, social inequalities and economic impoverishment.

As anti-civ vegans, we find re-wilding and reconnecting with the earth to be a life project. This includes developing a deep understanding of the pervasive ways in which we are domesticated, fractured, and dislocated from our selves, each other, and the wild world – or what little we still have of one!