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When we say *total liberation* we mean liberation not only for ourselves but for animals as well. Around the world, many anarchists are *vegan*. An anarchist who is also vegan extends an anti-authoritarian critique to include the authoritarian relationship human society maintains with animals. A vegan anarchist doesn't purchase or consume anything that contains the flesh (meat) or secretions (dairy) of animals. Developing an anti-authoritarian relationship with animals is the praxis of liberating them from the commodity status that defines their bodies as objects for human exploitation, enslavement and consumption.

Total liberation also includes a critique of intoxication culture – the normalization of smoking, drinking alcohol and consuming drugs. Anarchists who are radically sober or *Straight Edge* extend an anti-authoritarian critique to include intoxication culture and its chemical warfare against the mind and body. Historically, intoxication culture has been used by the State to further colonial occupations, disrupt and disarm revolutionary groups and dismantle liberatory projects. Through advertising and social conformity, intoxication culture exists today as a powerful market that profits most from poverty and addiction.

An Anarchist Critique of Identity Politics

Total liberation is based on an anarchist understanding that all forms of oppression are interconnected, and therefore oppression existing anywhere poses a threat to the freedom of everyone. The assigned identities from which these forms of oppression are rooted is critiqued and understood to be mere social constructs designed to group individuals based on gender, race and so on. While identity politics can be useful as a critical examination of how society is structured, *embracing* assigned identity limits the scope of envisioning one's self beyond the colonial expectations of behavioral governance. Rather than embracing assigned identities, anarchists seek to destroy them - choosing to view people as unique individuals rather than categorized subjects.

An Anarchist Critique of Industrial Civilization

Industrial civilization – a manifestation of human supremacist logic - maintains power and dominion over all living beings. From super highways to skyscrapers, industrialization continues its outward expansion, waging war against any and all wild nature that remains. Unlike leftism or traditional anarchism which primarily focuses on working class struggles, green anarchism or anti-civilization anarchy includes a critique of industrialization, as well as a critique of *work* itself. Work or *wage-slavery* doesn't just pay bills – it secures the future of capitalism, keeping industrialization well-maintained and functioning. From a total liberation perspective, an anarchist critique of capitalism necessarily includes a critique of industrial civilization as well.

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WHY SETTLE FOR LESS?

A Short Introduction to Anarchy & Total Liberation

Some of you might be wondering who we are and/or why we do what we do. So here is a little something a few of us wrote.

We aren't communists or socialists. Reform isn't enough! We aren't politicians looking to recruit you with empty promises of some glorious, distant utopia. With or without you by our side, we fight. We fight against the entirety of this capitalist, techno-industrial society which pollutes the earth and transforms life into machinery for exploitation and wage-slavery. Fighting back involves fearlessly reclaiming our lives here and now and creating for ourselves joyful experiences that no new reform or legislation could ever provide. Throughout history, governments all over the world have demonstrated violence against people. So we believe taking care of each other is important. Part of taking care of each other involves empowering one another and encouraging confidence in each other's ability to think and act independently. Without confidence, a person is vulnerable to the whims of governments and authoritarians seeking power and control over all of our lives.

Why Anarchists Don't Vote: To vote is to name a master (for a short or long period of time), and renounce one's ability to self-govern. To vote is to surrender one's freedom to think and act independently. From an anti-colonial perspective, despite political distinctions between - for example - Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, and Donald Trump, all three pledge their allegiance to the same red, white, and blue flag used to secure territory via genocide against indigenous people. Anarchists prefer creating change in the world by taking *direct action* rather than pleading with or vote-begging politicians.

Why Anarchists Oppose Capitalism: Anarchists view capitalism as inherently exploitative and hierarchical. Anarchists believe that equality is essential for genuine freedom to exist. Genuine freedom can't exist in a class-stratified, hierarchical society riddled with inequalities of power and wealth. Anarchists believe that individual freedom is essential for the full flowering of creativity and dignity. 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 sense of power.

Why Anarchists Oppose the State: Anarchists oppose statism - the police, the military, the courts, the prison system, etc – because they are designed to limit personal freedom. The State maintains social inequality by protecting those with wealth from those in poverty. Anarchists view *all* governments as coercive institutions that monopolize violence toward enforcing social control and power over the individual through law and order.

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