

# THE ANARCHIST CRITIC,

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We will try to produce this bulletin on a regular basis highlighting policies and events that influence our lives but are dictated by corporate institutions and governments beyond our control. If we, the ordinary people desire a world for all our children, we must resist, organise, and take control.

## **ENJOY THE ECSTASY OF YOUR RIGHTEOUS ANGER.**

Thanks to the efforts of angry citizens this was Gordon Street branch of Bank of Scotland on the busiest day of the week. Hit them where it hurts, their profits.



People across the country are pissed-off and the anger is beginning to show. That great slumbering beast, the British working class is starting to rise, the recent set of "austerity cuts" (attack on living standards) has stirred it back to life. Across the country ordinary people have been showing their anger by occupying branches of some of the biggest players in the banking casino. Here in Glasgow we have seen a large city centre branch of Lloyds TSB occupied and closed, Gordon Street, Bank of Scotland, occupied and closed, twice. The people are aware that it is not just the rip-off banking casinos that are responsible for all the misery about to be thrown at the public. The other players in this fiddle of public assets are the big corporate companies with their tax fiddling. So the public have seen fit to occupy and close the Vodafone flagship shop in Buchanan Street on the busiest day

of the week. Why Vodafone? Well it is just one of the many companies that have fiddled the British tax payer by not paying their fair share of tax. In the case of Vodafone, it is a little matter of £6.1 billion. How many affordable houses would that build, how many teachers would that pay for, how many schools could that build?

We have to keep the momentum going and increase the number and frequency of the occupying, picketing and closing down of these banking casinos and corporate highway robbers. Spread the word, speak to those involved, organise in your own area, local branches, city centre branches, banking casinos and corporate rip-off merchants offices. Let's let them know that we are going to fight back and fight hard, we will change society for the benefit of all our people, we will put people before profit, we will take control of and shape our society.

### **THEY NEVER DID LIKE US - WHY?**

"The International Conference of Rome for the Social Defence Against Anarchists, between 24 November and 21 December 1898, agreed to a series of measures to clamp down on anarchist activities and propaganda. These included the establishment of new surveillance agencies; arrangements for the exchange of intelligence among participating countries; new laws on the possession and use of explosives; bans on membership of anarchist organisations and the distribution of anarchist publications; a prohibition on rendering assistance to anarchists; limits on press coverage of anarchist activities; and mandatory capital punishment for assassination of heads of state. It also agreed to an early version of suspect 'profiling' the 'portrait parlé' method of criminal identification, based on Alphonse Bertillon's system of classifying criminal suspects according to physical characteristics of parts of their head and body.

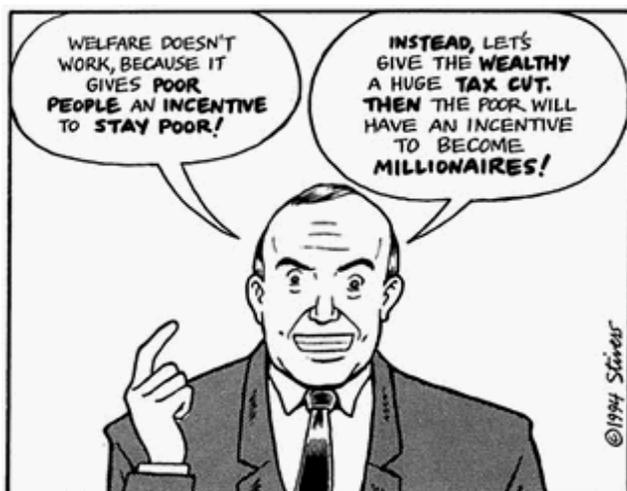


## MILLIONAIRE'S STANDARD OF FAIRNESS!!

The millionaire cabal at the Westminster House of Hypocrisy and Corruption are always spouting about how everything they do is fair. Their austerity cuts that will throw another million on the dole, is in their way of thinking, fair. A freeze on public sector pay, while the top bankers and other financial overlords reap massive bonuses, is fair. So with these standards of fairness it is no surprise to see that the fair plans for the House of Corruption is to reduce the elected Commons from 650 members to 600 while at the same time they have just announced an extra 54 new members to the Lords bring them up to approximately 750. A little closer look at those 54 new unelected Lords and we find that 43 of them are supporters of the millionaires coalition, loading the dice would you say? Of course as we would expect from the millionaire's fairness team most of that 54 unelected over privileged mob, are wealthy donors to the three main parties. Fund us and we will see you fixed up with a wee peerage and all the privileges that go along with the grand title.

A system of privilege and complete unfairness is the only way to sum of this system of rule by parasites. Millionaires discussing with their millionaire friends in the corporate world about how to carve up the assets of this country to their advantage. Every change that they are implementing will bring lasting hardship to the poorest and most vulnerable in our society and profit the the corporate world. The ordinary people will have to take the pain as the millionaires set about changing society away from any semblance of a welfare system to a free market corporate society. They plan to change society into nothing more than a profit making organisation with the people having no control over any aspect of that society.

Don't be fooled by the budget blurb and the deficit crap, these are only the excuse to push their ideological agenda. We are told that the UK debt is out of control while the clever Germans are getting it right, but the UK debt in percentage of GDP is approximately 76% while in Germany it is approximately 75% but ours requires a total destruction of the welfare system. The only philosophical answer to that analysis is "bullshit".



## JOB SEEKER ADVISOR.



## THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT!!

Ian Duncan Smith's new super plan to penalise the unemployed is now about to be rolled out. It's modelled on that righteous authoritarian dictate, "three strikes and you're out". Your crimes could be one or all of the following dreadful crimes, refusing to take a job offered by your "Job Seeker Advisor", failing to apply for a job when told to do so, failing to turn up for a placement interview.

For the first offence you could lose three months Job Seekers Allowance, a second offence and it is six months loss of JSA, and wait for it, a third offence and you lose your JSA for three YEARS. Another little bit of their authoritarian mind set is that you have no right of appeal, your Job Seeker Advisor's word is final.

This type of plan chooses to ignore the fact that there are 500,000 listed vacancies in this country while there are over 2.5 million unemployed. It also chooses to ignore that with their policies of cuts, we are going to see another 500,000 public sector workers dumped on the unemployment queue, plus the knock-on effect in the private sector.

A Job Seeker Advisor will be able to strip "errant" unemployed of their JSA with no right of appeal, and no doubt the Advisor will be under pressure to meet targets. Cameron's millionaire poodle, Clegg says that the plans will bring 300,000 households back into work. Even assuming his figures are anyway near accurate, what he fails to mention is that figure will be more than replaced by the public sector pay-offs.

There are thousands of reasons why people become unemployed, the biggest one is lack of decent jobs, nothing in the millionaire's plans go any way to solving that problem. Forcing people to go about picking up litter 30 hours a week for no pay does not create jobs. It could of course reduce paid employment as councils struggling to cut cost now find that they can have the streets cleaned for free, will start to pay off those who are paid to do this work.

All of these plans are driven by an ideology, there is nothing wrong with the capitalist model, your poor because of your own lack of effort, the unemployed are lazy shirkers and if you are not working you deserve nothing. This is the type of society they are intent on forcing on the people of this country, there is no room for sharing, helping those less fortunate than ourselves, services based on needs. Everything must create a profit for the millionaire class and that profit as usual will come from the working class, who will have no say in how our society is run. Our lords and masters will be the corporate world, it is not a pretty picture if you are a member of the working class. Only by realising this is a class war, and at the moment we are losing, can we hope to reverse this trend and push society in the direction of an all inclusive sharing society where needs over ride profit and mutual aid is the basic principle.

## **THE SYRUP WILL BLIND YOU.**

Well I suppose we have to start thinking how do we stop ourselves from drowning in the syrup that is going to flow from the media over the next few months or perhaps years. I am of course referring to the Willie and Kate extravaganza, it can push world poverty, the Afghan war, the Haiti cholera disaster and Mrs. Wilson's lost kitten off the front page and off the airwaves. We shouldn't be too hard on the girl, after all she is just an ordinary Marlborough-educated, St Andrew's graduated middle class millionaire's daughter, we can only hope for the girl's sake, Willie is not too much like his father.

Over the coming months we will be swamped under this deluge of "When will it be", "What title will they be given" then of course it will be, "Where will they honeymoon, where will they live", and of course, "Is she pregnant", all totally irrelevant to a multitude of people. It will come at you from all sides and there will be a totalitarian attitude from the media as the crowds cheer, weep and applaud with the usual aaahhh's at their every action. Those who don't follow suit will be derided and chastised by the media as if the entire world was, not just interested, but spell bound by the nuptial arrangements of a couple of over privileged young people. What the media, the mouth piece of the establishment, fail to grasp, or try to hide, is that this country has a large contingent of republicans, socialists, communists and others of a variety of political persuasions but with an anti-monarchy stance. Then there is the army of people who are just not that interested what the Royals get up to nor when. We are not a monolith, we are the people, a wonderful variation of views.

Going by the comments coming from our millionaire twins in charge, the Cameron/Clegg music-hall hatchet act, and the brainless braying from the back benches, it certainly looks as if we are all to be co-opted into this Hollywood style soap. I'm not the least bit interested in what this means for modern marriage and what it tells us about the changes in the Royals' attitude, nor how they have changed since the Diane affair. It could become like living in the "Woman's Own" Magazine.

However as long as it holds the headlines then the things that really matter to the ordinary people of this country will be pushed aside, off the radar, not up for discussion. For example the dismantling of the welfare society, the thousands of job losses, the looming poverty ahead of thousands, and the £billions of tax payers money heading to the corporate world. Yes, much better to discuss some young woman's wedding dress than discuss and organise to protect our children and our elderly from this vicious onslaught heading their way at the behest of the financial/corporate world, and let's not forget, the Royals are part of that high finance, privileged world.



**With all these austerity cuts, I don't want to be over dressed, do you think this will do for the wedding?**

## **FIDDLER OF THE MONTH.**

Who is Rupert Murdoch his influence spreads far and wide, so you should know a little about the man. Mr. Murdoch is News Corporation, an organisation that has avoided paying what would be considered his fair share in tax. Some of Murdoch's tax avoiding assets: Fox, Sky, The Sun, News of the World, The Times, The Financial Times, and Myspace.com. He is rated as the 117th richest person in the world with a net worth of \$6.3 billion. He is a union hater and according to the Economist in 1986 Murdoch helped to smash the British print unions by transferring the production of his newspapers to a non union plant at Wapping in East London. He stated that he would dismiss the 6,000 striking workers who were trying to win some concessions from the media billionaire. The London Evening Standard called the episode, "the biggest union-busting operation in history."

According to a BBC report; "Mr Murdoch's die-hard loyalty to the tax loophole has drawn wide criticism." The report found that in the four years prior to June 30, 1998, "Murdoch's News Corporation and its subsidiaries paid only \$325 million in corporate taxes world wide. That translates as 6% of the \$5.4 billion consolidated pre-tax profits for the same period. The corporate tax rates for the three main countries in which News Corp. Operates, Australia, the United States & the UK, are 36%, 35% and 30% respectively. Further research reveals that Murdoch's main British holding company News Corp. Investments, has paid no net corporation tax in this country over the past 11 years. This is despite accumulated pre-tax profits of nearly \$3 billion." So in keeping with the feelings of the ordinary people about occupying and picketing bailed out bankers and tax dodgers we could start a boycott campaign against the tax dodging anti-working class newspapers that will be peddling the millionaire cabal crap from Westminster House of Hypocrisy and Corruption, that these cuts are necessary.

## **ONE OF LIFE'S MYSTERIES??**

Since the word anarchism first appeared, the various states have been doing all they can to get rid of those who support the theory and practice of anarchism. It obviously worries them that the people should want to control their own affairs and remove power and wealth from the handful of parasites who have for far too long had an unearned monopoly on on both. Their attacks will use whatever they have at their disposal, phony science, propaganda, indoctrination, (education) violence and intimidation. In spite of this it hasn't gone away, if anything, there are probably more anarchist now than there has ever been. The idea that people can manage their own affairs better than a privileged parasitical elite can, is now more obvious than ever. However, the state never gives up without a fight, so it will continue to intimidate, misrepresent and use overt and covert means to try to destroy the idea that people will benefit more from self-management, co-operation, free association and mutual aid, working in federated communities based on sustainability. Why so many people still fall for the states line that we are better off living in a system of power and privilege to the few, is a bit of a mystery to me.

### **TIME TO RAGE.**

Time to rage, like a river running wild.

Time to rise, to save the child.

Time to rage, like a mountain flood.

Time to rise, to stop the blood.

Time to rage, with righteous anger.

Time to rise, to point the finger.

Famine, misery, sickness, death,  
stretch across these pleasant lands;

war, greed, hunger, blood,  
sour the lovely desert sands,

charity, chat, quiet dismay  
is not enough,

prayers, thoughts, what M.P.s say  
is useless stuff.

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### **QUOTE:**

Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right.  
~H.L. Mencken, 1956

## **ANARCHISM ONLINE.**

**[www.glasgowanarchists.org.uk](http://www.glasgowanarchists.org.uk)**

Glasgow anarchist's website.

**[www.radicalglasgow.me.uk](http://www.radicalglasgow.me.uk)**

Local resource home of the Anarchist Critic

**[www.iwwscotland.org](http://www.iwwscotland.org)**

Revolutionary trade union run by its membership.

**[www.praxisglasgow.wordpress.com](http://www.praxisglasgow.wordpress.com)**

Libertarian socialist organisation building strength in communities and workplaces.

**[www.libcom.org](http://www.libcom.org)**

Anarchist/libertarian/communist news and resource site.

**[www.classwar.uk.org](http://www.classwar.uk.org)**

Militant anarchist group, publishers of the newspaper of the same name.

**[www.freedompress.org.uk](http://www.freedompress.org.uk)**

The oldest British anarchist newspaper, going strong since 1886.

**[www.anarchistfaq.org](http://www.anarchistfaq.org)**

Infoshop.org's Anarchist FAQ, details what anarchism is and why you should help it come about.

**[www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk)**

The Solidarity Federation, British section of the International Workers' Association.

**[www.katesharpleylibrary.net](http://www.katesharpleylibrary.net)**

Library of Anarchist history.

**[www.citystrolls](http://www.citystrolls)**

Think of your City and make it happen.

**[www.redpepper.org.uk](http://www.redpepper.org.uk)**

A radical independent magazine.

**[www.akuk.com](http://www.akuk.com)**

Anarchist publications.

**[www.schnews.org.uk](http://www.schnews.org.uk)**

Free alternative news site

## **FREEDOM**

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