

# 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.

## BORDERS KILL!!

European policy of Fortress Europe, preventing people from anywhere in the third world getting here, kills. When people are attempting to escape persecution or poverty or both they will take desperate measures. Instead of welcoming them and offering them a chance to contribute, Europe shuts the door in their faces and can inflict even more hardship or even death on their already tortured lives.

According to recent information at least **13,246** people have died since 1988 along the European frontiers and **5,123** went missing at sea. In the Mediterranean sea, and through the Atlantic Ocean towards Spain, **9,390** migrants died. In the Sicily channel **3,124** people died along the routes from Libya, Egypt and Tunisia to Malta and Italy, including **2,047** missing; **125** people drowned sailing from Algeria to Sardinia. Along the routes from Mauritania, Morocco and Algeria towards Spain, through the Gibraltar Strait or off Canary Islands, at least **4,346** people died, including **2,215** missing. **1,051** people died in the Aegean sea, between Turkey and Greece, including **588** missing, **603** people died in the Adriatic sea, between Albania, Montenegro and Italy, including **220** missing. But the sea is not only crossed in makeshift boats, it is also crossed hidden inside registered ferries and cargo vessels, **152** men died, asphyxiated or drowned in these circumstances.

For many people the Sahara is a dangerous but necessary route in order to reach the sea in an attempt to escape to a safer and better life. People cross it on inappropriate trucks along the tracks between Sudan, Chad, Niger and Mali from one side, Libya and Algeria on the other. These routes have claimed at least **1,615** lives since 1996. But according to survivors, nearly every trip counts its victims. So the numbers could be much higher. There are also the victims of the collective deportations practiced by the Tripoli, Algeria and Rabat Governments, of taking and abandoning groups of hundreds of migrants in open desert areas.

The wealth of Fortress Europe is created by exploiting the third world, it needs that devastating poverty to continually enrich itself. Those exploited in the third world are workers striving to exist just as we do, but they do it in much more arduous conditions. We as workers should open the doors to all workers in an attempt to rid the world of this exploitation. We should not be manning the barricades against our own kind to protect the exploiters. We should be pulling down the borders and put an end to the killing. We can put an end to the desperation that drives people to face death just to improve their lives. It requires solidarity between all workers in this corporate controlled world.

### MORE HYPOCRICY AND SPIN.

The United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP), according to an official news release of August 27, has launched "a joint venture with the employees of industrial giant Unilever, who will donate a percentage of their pay to help combat child hunger in Pakistan." Here's the problem, of the 8,000 persons involved in manufacturing Unilever products in Pakistan, only 371 are directly employed by Unilever. Heavy reliance on casual, temporary and agency workers, workers whose contracts bring them no job security and inferior pay and benefits to those formally employed by Unilever, is the rule throughout the company's operations. The industrial giant, whose products and advertising are everywhere (even at the UN), has a miniaturized payroll. Or will it attempt to deduct from the already poor pay of the casual workforce?

**Quote;** "Don't let the bastards grind you down! Look at all I've seen through the years: I've seen people coming together, standing up, creating something out of nothing- unimaginable changes. A new world is needed, and we're the ones who can make it happen."

**Studs.**



## **THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SCAM!!**

The financial sector is bust so we bail out the financial sector and the real economy with tax payers money we don't have. To raise this money the government sells bonds, who buys the bonds? Why the financial sector that we just bailed out, now the government owes the financial sector the amount it bailed them out by. The bonds would become worthless if we don't reduce this massive debt, so the government has to sell off the countries assets to reduce the debt. Who buys these assets? Why the financial sector of course!! Now the financial sector owns the country all because we bailed them out. Now that's what I call clever or should that be devious, corrupt, and downright wrong. We are being taken for mugs once again as the wealth of our country is shuffled up into the hands of the parasitical elite who claim to own the ground we walk on. Get wise.

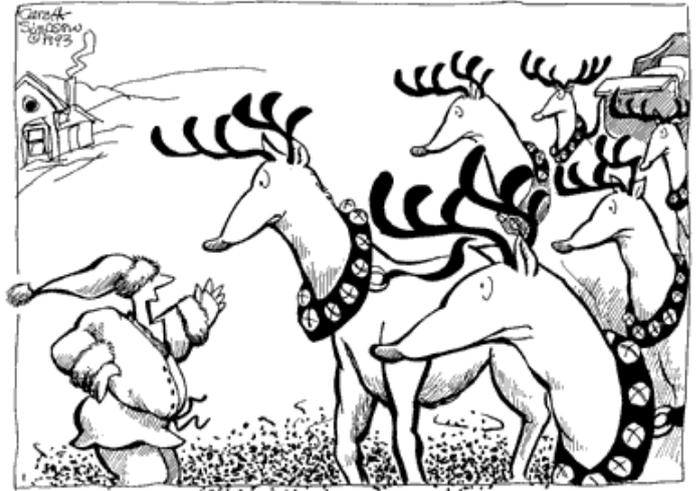
Here are some of the things on the government's "FOR SALE" list: The Royal Mint, the Tote, Ordnance Survey and Met Office, The Oil and Pipeline Agency, (manages an underground fuel distribution network of 1,500 miles and storage depots. mainly for supplying the military) The Covent Garden Authority, The Queen Elizabeth 11 Conference Centre, The British Waterways "canalside property portfolio", the government's 33.3% share of Urenco (A uranium enrichment company) and the Forestry Commission has been asked to consider what it can sell. As well as extracting more cash from the Dartford Crossing. they are also looking at "options for the commercialisation of other transport assets" (tolls?) Heads they win, tails we lose.

### **PRIORITIES.**

While the government, is trying to get us to spend our money to save the retail stores that rip us off day in day out, while exploiting cheap labour overseas, we could be looking at more urgent problems.

Of all the aims set out to achieve in the developed world's "Millennium Development Goals" for 2015 the one that seems to be furthest off target is sanitation

In today's so called modern world more than 40% of the world's population do not have access to adequate sanitation. How this measures in human suffering is impossible to imagine. Approximately 2 million people die from diarrhoea, more than half the hospital beds in sub Sahara Africa are occupied by people suffering from the effects of poor sanitation. With inadequate sanitation children develop worms and suffer malnutrition. It is estimated that for every £1 invested in sanitation there is a £9 return in improved health and economic terms. Even to those "economists" it must make sense, but in human terms it is a necessity.



*"It's going to be a light load. He's boycotting all toys made by Third World slave labor."*

### **WHY BUY?**

The government has thrown some crumbs our way before Christmas hoping we will all run out and spend, spend, spend. Having thrown buckets of £billions at the financial sector and is now watching the so called "real economy" going down the tubes it is hoping that you and I will come running to the rescue by buying more rubbish. What you buy is of no interest, buy and throw it in the bin, it doesn't matter just buy. They don't want you to use the money to try and get rid of your debt nor pay your gas bill, no, buy, buy, buy.

With most of us struggling to feed ourselves and heat our houses this winter, what pitiful little extra we get should not be thrown at the "sagging retail" sector. You, like me, probably have enough "stuff" already. As for the kids as it is Christmas time, well I believe that there will be loads of toys and things lying about the house that the kids have outgrown or lost interest in. Why not start up a toy swap scheme in your neighbourhood? So why buy? Instead of buying more "stuff" for the kids, get together with the neighbours and arrange some swapping and save yourself a fortune. There is still time before Christmas.

### **QUOTE;**

It is a greater crime to own a bank than to rob one.  
**Bertolt Brecht**



**R**esist

**O**rganise

**A**gitate

**R**evolt

**NOW MORE THAN EVER!!  
LET'S ROAR.**

The problem's too big  
the perpetrators unknown  
you can't beat the system  
all on your own.

So it's easy to withdraw  
find your own little cage  
turn a blind eye to the suffering  
stifle your rage,

but the greed goes on  
the poverty's still there,  
you can't just leave it  
for your children to bear.

Others feel as you do  
eager to put things right  
but locked in isolation  
it's a hopeless fight,  
so don't sit in silence  
behind a closed door,  
your voice can help raise  
a whisper to a roar.

**OOOPPPSS!!**

Sussex police have invited the public to contact them through an internet porn site that includes police strippers and hardcore gay sex! They wanted the Sussex public to contact them about local crime. Instead of [sussex.police.co.uk](http://sussex.police.co.uk) the flyers listed [sussexpolice.co.uk](http://sussexpolice.co.uk) a porn site not linked to the police in any way. They have not been able to get the site closed down. Apparently, there have been sightings of some red faced coppers on the beat! The force said 'it is determined to fight 'crime and grime'.

**PARASITES FAIR?**

While times might be hard for the ordinary person, the same cannot be said for those money bloated parasites the millionaires. Come the 11-15 December they will be hopping over to Amsterdam to the "Millionaires' Fair". One wonders what trinkets and baubles they will be fingering as they strut between the stalls. At a time when most of us are struggling to cope with fuel bills, food etc. This blatant display of the gap between the workers who produce the wealth and the parasites who devour it fills our arky with more anger than usual.



**ANARCHISTS---CHAOS??**

Whenever a group or individual lets off a bomb whether they be nationalists, religious fundamentalist, fascist, republican, or whatever, the media would have it that they are creating "anarchy". Anarchist as far as the media are concerned create and desire chaos. The media have created this myth that anarchists are against organisation and believe in violence as a way of life, even although the state is the biggest perpetrator of violence, think Iraq, Afghanistan. This same media claim that with no government there would be chaos.

However, have a look around and see for yourself the results of government. Everywhere we look we see chaos and destruction. Thousands go homeless as house builders are on the dole. Thousands of People in Scotland will sit in cold houses while gas companies make billions of pounds profit. The price of butter is extortionate and every year Europe has a butter mountain. As millions die from starvation we turn fish into fertiliser, switch food crops to bio-fuel while governments spend millions of pounds on nuclear weapons with the capability to turn the planet to dust.

Why, you might ask does such madness and chaos go on? The answer is "profit" this whole system is built round and geared to creating "profit" for the small group of parasites that own the means of production. Human need is not their concern. In fact it is the opposite, their drive for profit means that they will continue to squeeze the amount paid for materials and labour, Their aims and our aims are incompatible.

Anarchists believe in "organising" society from community level, working in federation with all other communities to create a sane society that sees to the needs of all the people based on sustainability, co-operation and mutual aid, free from the greed driven "profit" motive. Chaos and violence we have, organisation, peace and sanity we want.



## **BUCHANAN STREET STALL..**

Most Saturdays in Buchanan Street just across from Borders bookshop there will be an anarchist stall displaying anarchist literature, pamphlets, posters and books, with plenty of free handouts. At the stall we will have friendly, enthusiastic and informed individuals who will be eager to engage in conversation, dialogue, discussion, and any exchange of ideas.

This is the place to come to voice your dissatisfaction with today's world, say what you think is wrong about our society, find out how you can become involved in doing something about those complaints. A chance to discuss the alternatives to this corrupt and greed driven society. Drop by, we want to hear what you have to say. [www.glasgowanarchists.org.uk](http://www.glasgowanarchists.org.uk)

**We don't need a war on poverty, we need a war on the rich.**

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"No fingerprints, no picture ID, no Social Security number.  
I'm afraid your baby presents a serious security risk."

### **QUOTE:**

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labour to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown, or to any man or number of men—go freely with powerful uneducated persons, and with the young, and with the mothers or families—re-examine all you have been told in school or church or in any book, and dismiss whatever insults your own soul; and your very flesh shall be a great poem." **Walt Whitman**



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## **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.

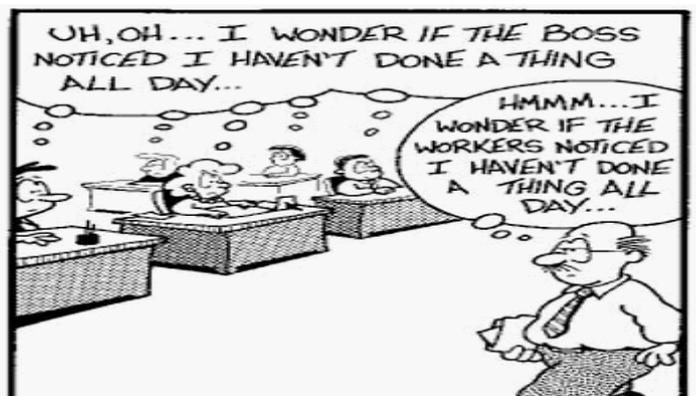
[www.schnews.org.uk](http://www.schnews.org.uk)

Free alternative news site.

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