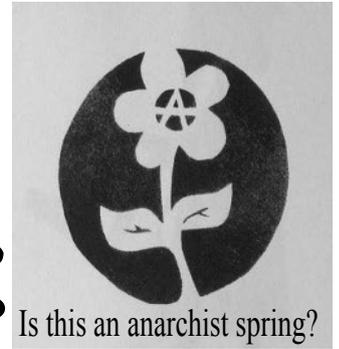


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We will try to produce this bulletin on a regular basis highlighting policies and events that influence our lives but are dictated by corporate institutions and governments beyond our control. If we, the ordinary people desire a world for all our children,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

**A NEGLIGENT AND RECKLESS MILITARY!! WHAT'S NEW??**

A recent UN inquiry came to a conclusion that everybody else already knew, and accused the Israeli military of negligence and recklessness in its conduct during its attack on Gaza in January 2009. The investigation held the Israeli government responsible in seven cases in which UN property was damaged and UN staff and other civilians were killed or injured. The inquiry urged the UN to press for reparations for the deaths and damage. It should be noted that this inquiry only looked at the damage and deaths to UN personnel and property and found negligence and recklessness. However let's look at the bigger picture of negligence and recklessness of the Israeli government.

Here are some of the facts of that 3 week vicious attack of negligence and recklessness on the Palestinians of Gaza..

1285 Palestinians killed, mostly civilians, including 167 civil police officers. 4336 Palestinians wounded, mostly civilians. Two political leaders of Hamas assassinated, Nizar Rayan and Said Siam, in bombs that flattened their homes and also killed many of their family members and neighbours. Tens of thousands of people forced to abandon their homes: 2400 houses completely destroyed, and 17,000 semi-destroyed or damaged. Tens of mosques, public civilian facilities, police stations, media, health, and educational institutions either completely or partially destroyed. 121 industrial and commercial workshops destroyed and at least 200 others damaged."

The Israeli army, the fourth most powerful in the world, surrounded and attacked by air, land, and sea a defenceless population that it has intensively and cruelly besieged since 2007, occupied their land for the last 42 years, and expelled and dispossessed for the last 60 years. For 22 days of relentless round-the-clock bombing, 1.5 million people in Gaza were terrorized: nobody and nowhere was safe in Gaza (as the UN's John Ging stated during the assault). Where was our governments "war-on-terror" during those 3 weeks?

Of course the British and American governments were complicit in this devastating onslaught, America by its funding of the Israeli war machine and both by their total lack of condemnation of the Israeli government. Of course Britain and the US have their own negligent and reckless military action with over 1 million dead in Iraq and every other day we hear of more civilians being killed by air strikes in Afghanistan. Only when we get rid of the state system and their masters the corporate world and replace it with a people based system of mutual aid, can we guarantee an end to such brutality against ordinary people.



**MONEY TO BUILD SCHOOLS OR BLOW-UP VILLAGES!!**

Last year the cost to the British tax payer of the Iraq and Afghanistan military misadventures soared to a staggering £4.5bln., an increase of more than 50%. The Afghan part of this misadventure cost us £2.6bln. up from £1.5bln last year. Meanwhile back at home we are being told we have to close primary schools and nurseries to save £3mln. How many schools and nurseries could we build with a slice of that £4.5bln? Instead our "lords and masters" would rather spend it to blow-up towns and villages and kill innocent people, after all that's what states do to each other. Well silly, it helps the economy by stuffing our money into the pockets of the arms trade shareholders who quite like a couple of wars going on at the same time.

Quote:

"We will never bring our children up to kill another mother's child." Code Pink.

## **CAPITALISM, POISON AND ILL HEALTH.**

A recent study documents for the first time the process by which increased mercury emissions from our industrial world make their way into our oceans and contaminate the seafood that we eat. The study states that because much of the mercury that enters our oceans comes from industrial atmospheric output, it predicts that mercury levels will increase by 50% by 2050 if mercury emissions continue as projected. Water samples show that mercury levels in 2006 were approximately 30% higher than in the mid 1990's, this affects the health of millions of people.

The mercury pollution in the oceans creates methylmercury, a highly toxic form of mercury which rapidly finds its way into the food chain via small organisms to small fish and on to the larger Tuna which live off the small fish. The levels at which methylmercury appears in seafood can reach very dangerous levels causing serious health problems. Pregnant women who consume mercury in this form through seafood can pass on life-long developmental effects to their children. Studies show that 75% of human exposure worldwide to mercury is from the consumption of fish and shellfish.

Once again we see the industrial corporate world of capitalism poisoning the planet all for the greed of profit, these atmospheric polluters fail to see their connection with the poisoned oceans and the resultant health problems for millions. They blindly drive on seeking perpetual growth to satisfy their parasitical shareholders while destroying our planet.

To save the planet and try to clean it up we first have to clean up the economic structure of our society. Capitalism must go, the interest of the corporate world and the people of the world are incompatible. The corporate world wants increased profits for that small group of parasites, the people want sustainability, justice and equality for all.



**QUOTE:** "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood."

-- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25, passed unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1948. 61 years on and most of us are still waiting.

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### **A NICE LITTLE EARNER!!**

We have always known that "The Right Honourable Gentlemen" from the Westminster House of Corruption have been onto a good thing, but the latest revelations are staggering by anybody's standards.

Not only do they go in big time like, for example, Shaun Woodward, Northern Ireland Secretary and the wealthiest member of the cabinet, who claimed between 1 January and 31 March 2007, £3,328.77 mortgage interest payments, £1,058.67 utilities, £997.54 council tax and £141.52 telephone communications. Or Hazel Blears, Communities Secretary, despite a salary of £141,866 managed to claim between Jan-March 2005 £2,160 mortgage payments, £400 food, £100 utilities, £519 bedding. But they also claim for those little nitty-gritty bits and pieces. For example there have been claims from our representatives for such things as 38p for a yogurt and £1.06 for a pizza, now that's what I call really cleaning up. One little piece of information that surprised even me was the fact that our representatives are allowed to draw £400 per month for food, even when parliament is in recess. I'm sure there will be a lot of pensioners and low paid people out there wondering how the hell do you manage to eat £400 worth of food every month. What I would like to know is, what is their salary for??

Now for all those lovers of the party political system working at constituency level. Surely you now see the reality of the corrupt system you nurture so carefully, surely you can see that you are being used and taken for a bunch of mugs. Now is the time to show a little back bone and de-select them all, the whole stinking bunch of them, and perhaps start afresh with a people based system based on mutual aid and the needs of the people.

### **SO WHAT'S NEW???**

**QUOTE:** *It is high time for me to put an end to your sitting in this place, which you have dishonoured by your contempt of all virtue. Your country therefore calls upon me to cleanse this Augean stable, ---In the name of God go"*

From a speech by Oliver Cromwell when he dissolved parliament 1653.

360 odd years or so on and they are still at it, when will we ever learn.

**QUOTE:**

*"It is arguable that the success of business propaganda in persuading us, for so long that we are free from propaganda is one of the most significant propaganda achievements of the twentieth century."*

**John Carey**



**QUOTE:**

*"It's painful to submit to our bosses; it's even more stupid to choose them!"*

**France, May 1968 graffiti.**

**WHY VOTE??**

In representative democracy people abdicate their power to elected officials. The candidates' stated policies are limited to a few vague generalities, and once they are elected there is little control over their actual decisions on hundreds of issues — apart from the feeble threat of changing one's vote, a few years later, to some equally uncontrollable rival politician. Representatives are dependent on the wealthy for bribes and campaign contributions; they are subordinate to the owners of the mass media, who decide which issues get the publicity; and they are almost as ignorant and powerless as the general public regarding many important matters that are determined by unelected bureaucrats and independent secret agencies.

Overt dictators may sometimes be overthrown, but the real rulers in "democratic" regimes, the tiny minority who own or control virtually everything, are never voted in and never voted out. Most people don't even know who they are. . . .

*Excerpt from Ken Knabb's The Joy of Revolution*

**NO PALESTINIANS???**

Golda Meir, Israeli Prime Minister in 1969 in addressing Israel's settlement policy stated, *"There is no such thing as Palestinians. It is not as though there was a Palestinian people and we came and threw them out and took their country away from them, They did not exist."* This type of attitude is what still drives the Israeli state and its treatment of the "non-existent" Palestinians who suffer dreadfully on a daily basis.

**CAPITALISM, MONEY FROM PEOPLE'S MISERY.**

Bearing in mind that Britain locks up more of its citizens than any other European country and that 72% of male and 70% of female prisoners suffer from two or more mental health disorders it surely can't be right for the corporate world to be making money from their condition. Medical help is what should be on offer, not a money making custodial sentence. Yet this system is intent on increasing the number of private prisons

The United Kingdom was the first country in Europe to use private prisons. Wolds Prison opened as the first privately managed prison in the UK in 1992. Soon private prisons were established under the government's Private Finance Initiative, where contracts are awarded for the entire design, construction, management and finance of a prison.

Today there are 12 private prisons in the United Kingdom, managed by private companies G4S, Kalyx and Serco. These prisons are becoming an ever increasing part in the UK's prison system. Bronzefield Prison is the only purpose-built private prison for women in the United Kingdom, and is the largest female prison in Europe.

Ashfield Prison opened in 1999 and was the first private prison in the UK to house young offenders. The prison was soon hitting the headlines after repeated riots and reports of poor management. Conditions at the prison became so bad in 2003 that the Youth Justice Board withdrew prisoners from Ashfield, and threatened to recommend that the prison should be taken over by the public sector. This never happened and the prison is still privately run.

If the corporate world can make money from locking people up it will find ways of increasing that business, mental health disorders or not.

*"As a citizen I would not like to see that many people locked up. But as we're in the business, I'd like to play our part in it."*



**QUOTE:**

*"Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance."*

**Woodrow Wilson**



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### VINDICATION.

I recently received an e-mail from a reader objecting to the cartoon of the pope as an ex-nazi cult leader so I would like to add a little to vindicate my position. As a young man the pope, then Thomas Ratzinger, was in the Hitler Youth and later enlisted with the Wehrmacht Also, in 2004, while representing John Paul 2nd. at the 60th anniversary of the allied Normandy landings he took a 20 minute drive after the official ceremonies to visit La Cambe cemetery, home to the graves of the Waffen SS panzer division, Das Reich. Here you'll find the graves of such men as Sturmbannfuhrer Adolf Dickmann, commander of the troops that murdered 642 villagers in Oradour-sur-Glane. Ratzinger as pope also invited Bishop Richard Williamson, a holocaust denier, to return to the Catholic fold.

Bearing this in mind I feel the cartoon was justified and if any change were to be made it would perhaps be the removal of the prefix EX-

## THE BIBLE

### PARENTAL ADVISORY

Contains scenes of violence, sex, the occult, immorality, genocide.

NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

**QUOTE:** "I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church, by the Turkish church, by the Protestant church, nor by any church that I know of. My own mind is my own church."

**Thomas Paine**

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Libertarian socialist organisation building strength in communities and workplaces.

[www.libcom.org](http://www.libcom.org)  
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The oldest British anarchist newspaper, going strong since 1886.

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