

# 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.

## **WE'RE BANKSTERS, WE DON'T OBEY NO STINKING LAWS.**



Cuts, cuts, cuts, we're all in this together!!! Or so the crap goes. We all have to tighten our belt, family allowance cut, benefits for the chop, libraries to close, sports centres to close, council workers on the dole, education funding getting a hatchet job and back door privatisation of the health service. Yep, it is all tough going, well except if your a banker. It seems that our city friends have decided to pay themselves a nice little £7 billion bonus package. I suppose that will go some way to making up for the loss of their family allowance. Let's not forget that we the taxpayers handed them billions of taxpayer's money to save them going bust. They then tell us we have too much debt and we

will have to pay that debt off by getting rid of most of our social services. We pay twice, they get the bonuses. Hollywood couldn't produce a more ludicrous farce. The problem is, that it is for real. It is real people that are going to end up on the dole, it is real kids that are going to see the education being shredded, it is real communities that are going to see their already minimal social amenities trashed, it is real old people that are going to find there is no care for them, etc. etc. etc.

The "debt" is just an excuse for the corporate world to push for the privatisation of all social services and they now have a millionaire cabal in the Westminster House of Corruption and Hypocrisy to do their bidding. It has always been the aim of the corporate world to get possession of all public assets, everything owned by some corporate institution and all services available at a profit to them. No profit, no services, no money, no services. You will of course still be free to appeal to some charity or other when you have needs but not enough money.

Why do we put up with a system that benefits the top 10% or so of society and screws, plunders, and exploits the other 90% of the people? Isn't it time we took control of our own lives and told the pampered parasite profit junkies to, go eat your money, we don't need you or your money. We can surely organise society in a much more fair and equitable fashion based on mutual aid and sustainability, not profit. A society that sees to the needs of all our people is there for the taking, we have all the means at our disposal, all it takes is the will to organise, occupy and take control. Never accept their perpetual mantra, that capitalism is the only game in town. It is not, it is a relatively new man made system of greed, being man made it can be man destroyed. There is an alternative that does not turn individual against individual but seeks co-operation between all peoples and has as its aim the equal well being of all people. It is called anarchism, anarchists are simple trying to move in that direction. Seek out your local group, join them and we can move much further along that road.

**QUOTE:** *"We have always lived in slums and holes in the wall. We will know how to accommodate ourselves for a time. For, you must not forget, we can also build. It is we the workers who built these palaces and cities here in Spain and in America and everywhere. We, the workers, can build others to take their place. And better ones! We are not in the least afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth; there is not the slightest doubt about that. The bourgeoisie might blast and ruin its own world before it leaves the stage of history. We carry a new world here, in our hearts. That world is growing this minute."* **Buenaventura Durruti.**



**Durruti's funeral, November 1936.**

## **THE PEOPLE VERSUS CORPORATISM. STINKING SYSTEM-STINKING WATER!!**



Recently there has been rumblings coming from the various political pundits that today's situation means that it is no longer a matter of the right-left struggle, it is now a struggle of the people against the corporate world. It may come as a surprise to these people, but since the late 1880's anarchists have been saying that it is not a matter of left and right between the people but a matter of the people against the state. The state has always been there for the protection of the wealthy. After all it was them that set the whole thing up in the first place, and it took generations of struggle for the ordinary people to get even a token element of participation. Remember the struggle for all to get the vote, then for women to get the vote? Americans can surely remember the civil rights struggles. The only thing that has changed is that in the past the wealthy of a nation owned that nation, now the corporate world own the planet. It is the corporate world that dictates fiscal policies to the various nations. Look around the world and you see governments of left, right, and centre, all pursuing the same fiscal policies, the only variation is in degree and speed.

As long as we accept a system that sets the creation of wealth for the corporate institutions as the goal rather than the well being of the people, we will continually see the gap between rich and poor ever escalating. Poverty will run rampant and the elite pampered parasites will own and control every aspect of our lives.

Anarchist have been proclaiming this since the word "anarchist" first came in to the language. The difference now is that it is becoming more and more glaringly obvious that they have been right all along. So all those "political pundits" have to do is take the obvious step and throw their weight behind the struggle for anarchism.



## **AND SO TO MORE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!!**

We keep getting told by the religious nutters that we should let religion shape our lives and shape the values of our society. However a wee look at what some of these fundamentalists call for and you can imagine society distorting to a brutal system of violence and retribution. One group's violence is overt, chopping off hands and stoning, the other's is more covert, paedophilia, sexual abuse and of course roasting in hell for using birth control and abortion. Freedom of choice for the individual is not on their agenda. Who needs that?

We are continually fed the illusion that the world under capitalism is always improving the lot of the people on the planet. However, if we check out some figures we see that illusion burst and disappear. Take the basic minimum necessity of life, access to safe drinking water. You would imagine that as this wonderful system of capitalism develops more and more people would have access to safe drinking water. The truth is the opposite, at this moment in time 18:45 on September, 25, 2010 the figure of those who have no access to safe drinking water is, 1,422,510,560. The reason I give the time as well as the date is that the rate is rising so fast the it would be out dated by the time I have posted this article.

This surely is irrefutable proof that the system of capitalism is failing the people of this planet. The small group of parasites at the top gather ever more wealth and power, their lives move in circles of ever increasing opulence while the number of people who don't get the basics of life continually rises.

The misery of not getting access to safe drinking water brings with it disease and early death yet we see the figure rising so fast that it is impossible to give an accurate figure. This situation will not improve with aid packages and charity organisations, as long as profit is the name of the game, people will die in ever increasing numbers.

Our only hope is to destroy this corporate nightmare of greed and to hell with the hindmost and start to build a society based on mutual aid, sustainability and co-operation, anarchists point the way, anarchism is the tool.

At the end of writing this article the figure for those with no access to safe drinking water was 1,422,523,901 and rising.

Check the figures here at

<http://www.worldometers.info/>



**ALL THEY THINK OF IS MONEY!!!**



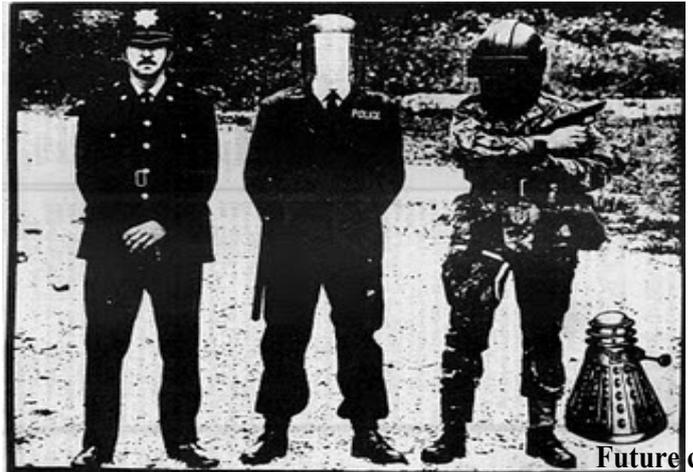
" All they think about is money..."

Recently an old friend gave me some 1970/80s back numbers of the wonderful magazine Black Flag. What surprised me most was that nothing seems to have changed and what was being said then is still relevant today. There was the struggles against cuts, the miners fight to keep their jobs and their communities. Today its still the cuts and the dole, cuts in all aspects of the social fabric of our society and public service workers, among others, fighting to keep their jobs. The parties come and go, the new leaders come into favour and fall out of favour, the people always have to struggle to try to hold onto what they have. The system never changes, wealth is created and moves up the siphon to the elite pampered parasites who control the levers.

While our millionaire masters wallow in unearned wealth, they preach to us, the lesser beings, about having to make sacrifices. They can stand in front of a live audience, and with a serious face and not a hint of bushing with shame, can spout such crap as "We are all in this together." "We have to make difficult choices." "We all have to make sacrifices." Not one of those with this master plane of cuts and sacrifices will in any way be affected by their legislation. They are the propaganda masters of the corporate world, they weave the illusion of having common ground with the ordinary people. Let's make it clear, there is no common ground between the pampered parasitical employers and the struggling ordinary people. They want you to work as long as possible, as hard as possible for as little as possible and pay them for everything you'll ever need or want, at a profit to them of course. We want a fair, just and decent society that sees to the needs of all our people based on mutual aid and sustainability. Tell me, where is the common ground? We are diametrically opposed, for our vision of society to become a reality we have to get rid of the opposing view that people are there for exploiting and creating wealth for shareholders. It is their world, or it is our world, it can't be both. Which do you want?

**THEY LOOK DIFFERENT, BUT--!!!**

An image from an old Black Flag magazine, Vol.VII No.3



Future cop.

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| Nice cop.   | Not nice cop.  | Nasty cop.   |
| Found in tourist areas and leafy suburbs,helps old ladies find toilets. | Has a degree in Harassment,expert at leaping from vans wielding truncheon. | Enjoys brutality, found in hordes at peaceful demos, being cloned rapidly. |

It is amazing that there are still people out there who think that the police are there to catch muggers and burglars and fail to see that they are the states minders. The police are the step down from the military in protecting the establishment, its wealth and its power. The little bit about protecting you from the mugger is just a sort of spin-off. It keeps them in shape for their real duty, to keep you in your place.

The picture below is from 1984 and shows you what community policing is all about. It was taken from the magazine Black Flag Vol VII No.7 1984. It was in Armthorpe in England 22nd. August 1984, (1984 dadadada). Why were they there? Well some miners were on strike to try and save their jobs and you can't have that. Today's public sector workers be warned, that nice cop who stands outside the council offices and gives you a smile as you enter and leave, you could meet him in a different role.



**QUOTE:** "Anarchism, really stands for the liberation of the human mind from the dominion of religion; the liberation of the human body from the dominion of property; liberation from the shackles and restraint of government." **Emma Goldman.**

## **SAME OLD NEW CRAP!!**

Just another wee bit of evidence showing that today's "austerity cuts" are nothing new. It's the same old new crap. Again I dive into history via Bread and Roses September 1978, for another couple of very relevant cartoons. As far as capitalism is concerned, nothing ever changes, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.



## **AND SO TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?**

And the Pope wants religious values to play a greater part in the ways of our society???



**"HE WAS WEARING A CONDOM."**

## **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)  
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