

# 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.

## PROTESTS, MARCHES, DEMOS, PETITIONS, TWEETING, --- WHAT NEXT?

---Everywhere we look there are signs of moral decay, political corruption and fascistic tendencies. However, activists have not been passive. For decades, since the end of democracy in America first became undeniable, we have tried every tactic to avert catastrophe. We have voted, written letters, donated money, held signs, protested in marches, clicked links, signed petitions, tweeted websites, written books, taught classes, knitted sweaters, learned how to farm, turned off the television, programmed apps, engaged in direct action, committed petty vandalism ... All this has been for naught. Popular revolution remains the only reasonably viable tactic remaining.'



The above statement was written concerning America, but it could equally well apply to any Western country. We, here in the UK, could say exactly the same. The more we tweet/facebook, march, petition the further that democracy slips away. Millions marched to try to stop the illegal Iraq invasion but the UK spent 5 years destroying the infrastructure of that country and the US is still there. Since 2001 there has been innumerable demonstrations/marches and petitions to pull the troops out of Afghanistan, we are still there killing and being killed.

Now we face savage cuts to our standard of living, the decimation of our NHS, the privatisation of the Universities, the rapid erosion of our education system and the slashing of any social benefits. All this is being done against the wishes of the people of this country, simply to save the bankers and bond merchants losing some of their unearned wealth. Our millionaire public school thugs, sometimes known as the cabinet, know who their friends are, and it certainly isn't you and I.

So do we continue tweeting/facebooking, marching, petitioning, demonstrating, writing letters, waving placards and every 4 or 5 years running out to vote in, another bunch of duplicitous smiling crooks and liars. Or do we finally take up the only road left open to us, if we want to change this stinking system of inequality and exploitation, a popular uprising of the ordinary people. Not asking for change, but making those changes we want to see?



## THE MAN WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT!!!

There is a lot of talk of billionaire Donald Trump running for the Republican nomination for president. One thing about America, it can turn up some real weirdos for the presidency. We should be concerned, to give somebody the biggest arsenal in the world we should at least consider their suitability. It's our lives they're messing up. However, you don't have to say anything about Trump to criticise him, he does that very well every time he opens his mouth. Here are just a few of his remarks on the world situation.

**On Libya:** "I would go in and take the oil --- I would take the oil and stop all this baby stuff."

**On Iraq:** "We stay there, and we take the oil --- In the old days, when you have a war and you win, that nation is yours."

**What America must do:** "Stop what's going on in the world. The world is just destroying our country. These other countries are sapping our strength."

**On the rising price of oil and OPEC:** "I'm going to look them in the eye and say 'Look fellows you've had your fun. Your fun is over' "

**What he thinks about the ordinary people:** Apparently he will not shake hands with ordinary Americans when canvassing, saying, "You catch all sorts of things."

Having claimed that he was responsible for making Obama produce his birth certificate, I think it is only fair that he should come clean on his hair. Is it really his? Or is it an unnatural immigrant and has no right to be there? Is this the best that the American political class can come up with, is this the pinnacle of their elite?

## UNITY BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS - NO WAY!!

The recently announced agreement of a government of unity between the two Palestinian groups, Hamas and Fatah would be seen by most sane and rational people as the right step for the benefit of the Palestinian people. After all, faction fighting within any group of people can only be self destructive, co-operation must surely bring benefits to the whole. However to the fundamentalist Zionist nutter Israeli Foreign Minister, Avigdor Lieberman it is a "red line" crossed. He stated, "We have at our disposal a vast arsenal of measures including the lifting of VIP status for Abu Mazen and Salam Fayyad, which will not allow them to move freely," also, "We could also freeze the transfer of taxes collected by Israel for the Palestinian Authority," Meanwhile the Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said "the latest events do nothing but reinforce the necessity of relying only on ourselves.--- "The army and the security services will use an iron fist to deal with any threat and challenge,"



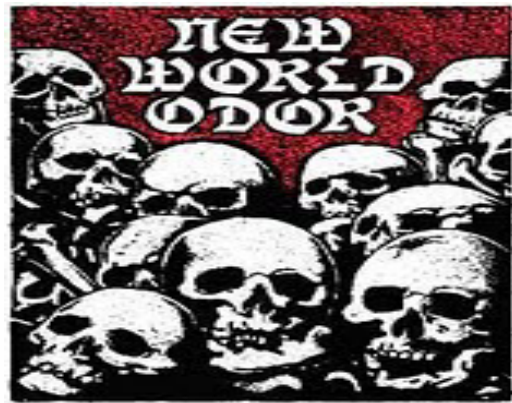
It is obvious that the last thing the Zionists nutters in Israel want is peace and co-operation among the Palestinian people. It is the same old divide and rule, as long as the Palestinian people are fighting among themselves there is precious little chance of a Palestinian state. This blatant threat against a people who decide to "bury the hatchet" and try to improve their conditions by means of unity and co-operation lays bare the real agenda of the fundamentalist Zionist nutters in charge of the mighty military state of Israel. The total destruction of any plans for a Palestinian state, the land grab of all the Palestinian lands and what amounts to genocide of the Palestinian people is their real aim. This obvious agenda goes on under the noses of, and with the blessing of, the Western nations, but the real crime is the continuous military, financial and political support from America.

**QUOTES:** *Workers and their families may starve to death in the New World Order of economic rationality, but diamond necklaces are cheaper in elegant New York shops, thanks to the miracle of the market.*

**Noam Chomsky**

*"I do not wish to remove from my present prison to a prison a little larger. I wish to break all prisons."***Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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## A GOOD DAY'S KILLING AT THE OFFICE!!

The day is fast approaching when states will be able to wage war against other states without their military having to leave their own country. War with two distinct portions, the perpetrators sitting comfortably in what could pass for an electronic games room with keyboards, hand sets and monitors and those on the receiving end being blasted into oblivion by guided missiles, drones and other new hi-tec weaponry. You don't even need to be fit, you just sit comfortably in your seat at an office not far from your home, handset suitably placed, gaze at your monitor and at the right moment move your finger and BOOM, mission accomplished. After your 8 hour shift you can go home to your family. Warriors of the future. It is not as if this is far fetched, at the moment the US is creating havoc in the region of the Afghanistan/Pakistan border with a just such a scenario. The drones that are killing thousands in the Afghanistan/Pakistan border region are controlled from somewhere in America.

The drone attacks were relatively few back in 2004 as a matter of fact the total number of drone attacks for 2004/2007 was just 9 strikes with estimated deaths ranging from 89 to 112. In 2008 the numbers increased quite dramatically with 34 drone strikes that year alone and deaths between 273 and 313. When the man of peace, Obama took office in 2009, the number of drone strikes increased again with the estimated deaths rising to between 368 and 724. 2010 saw the deaths from drone strikes almost double to somewhere between 607 and 993.

The New America Foundation states that since 2004 the total killed in drone strikes in that region number somewhere between 1,435 and 2,283, that's a lot of death and misery without leaving your office. Of course their will be those who say they were all Taliban or Al Qaeda but again The New America Foundation states that about 32% of those deaths were civilian. Killed dispassionately from the comfort of an office chair, in an office near you, it is really quite frightening.

**QUOTE:** *"The great are great only because we are on our knees. Let us rise!"* **Max Stirner, The Ego and His Own**

## **MISSILES FOR LUNCH!!! SURRENDER YOUR RIGHTS AT YOUR PERIL.**

While the ratbag of NATO and its helpers blast away at Libya with missiles costing anything up to £800,000 each and noting that they have fired well over 1000 of these since the No-fly zone started we should try to get this into some sort of proportion. Every year 15 million children die of hunger, for the price of one missile we could feed a school full of children with lunch for 5 years. Throughout the 90's well over 100 million children died from illness and starvation. Those deaths could have been prevented for the price of ten stealth bombers, or the equivalent of what the world spends on its military in two days. According to United Nations Food and Agriculture, one in twelve people in the world are malnourished including 160 million children under the age of 5.



### **There goes the kids lunch!!**

The assets of the world's three richest men are more than the combined GNP of all the least developed countries on the planet. According to UNICEF, nearly one in four people, 1.3 billion, live on less than \$1 per day, while the world's 358 billionaires have assets exceeding the combined annual incomes of countries with 45 percent of the world's people. To satisfy the world's sanitation and food requirements would cost a mere US\$13 billion- what the people of the United States and the European Union spend on perfume each year.



To say that poverty will always be with us is a lie, however to say that death by starvation can't be resolved is a crime against humanity.

As long as we have a system of exploitation where the wealth produced by the many is siphoned off to a few pampered parasites, as long as we have a state system where states seek power over other states by military power, for whatever reason, we will have massive starvation and the resulting misery and deaths.

As more and more people take to the streets in lawful and peaceful protest at the savage cuts to their standard of living, the authorities try to quell the unrest with intimidation. Their tactics include, provocative police actions, arrests on the street at peaceful protests, house visits by plain clothes police after the protests and criminalising our youth. It is at times like this that we can take inspiration from those who took up the struggle before us, today we would do well to remember the words of John MacLean, one of Glasgow's many great working class fighters, in court at the start of the first world war.



*"No human being on the face of this earth, no government is going to take away my right to speak, my right to protest against wrong, my right to do everything that is for the benefit of mankind. I am not here, then, as the accused; I am here as the accuser of Capitalism dripping with blood from head to foot."*

We should perhaps also reflect on the simple phrase,

**The people are the country or it is fascism.**

### **ACTOR, ILLUSIONIST, LIAR, WHICH??**

We are all aware of Cameron, the smiling millionaire public school thug prancing around the country saying that the NHS is safe in his hands, and all he wants to do is improve the service that it provides. Meanwhile a Cameron adviser, a certain Mr. Mark Britnell, is telling a conference of executives from the private sector, that future NHS reforms would "show no mercy" to the NHS, and these same reforms would offer a "big opportunity" to the, for profit sector. He also stated, the NHS could be improved by charging patients and will be transformed into a "state insurance provider, not a state deliverer" of care.

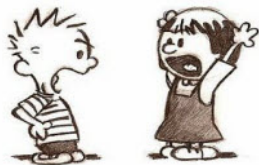
There you have it, the usual political duplicity, one message for you and I and another message for their millionaire friends in the corporate world. Cameron, like all politicians is an actor and at his most dangerous when he smiles or tries to look sincere, Be warned.



## TWO CLASSES -- TWO SETS OF RULES??

It seems that Libdem MP, David Laws, former Chief Secretary to The Treasury did that wee fiddle to the tune of £50,000 or thereabouts, and was found out. There was the usual investigation by the Commons standards watchdog, who eventually came out with the statement that Mr Laws had been, "*Guilty of a series of serious breaches of the rules, over a considerable time.*" The sack? The cops? Well no, you see he is an MP and the rules are different for them, it is suggested that he be suspended from the House of Commons for 7 days, WOW, that'll make him think twice about any future fiddles.

Why do we put up with such crap, at a time when the public school thugs sitting the Westminster Houses of Hypocrisy and Corruption are slashing at the very fabric of the social structure of our society? When we the public, who pay for their every whim, are seeing our standard of living being decimated, this little cabal of millionaires keep a rule book that sees them as very special people, immune to the normal rule of fairness and justice.



**IT'S OUR MONEY THEY'RE FIDDLIN' THROW THEM OUT.**

It's our money, we pay them, if they fiddle, at least throw them out, even if they do decide to pay it back **after they're caught**. A fiddle, is a fiddle, is a fiddle, and the perpetrator is a fiddler.



**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT? I'M AN MP!!**

Of course you and I know that we will not stop the old boys network that exists in the system of party political politics. It is the system that stinks, not just the players. We have to scrap this illusion of democracy and put the power in the hands of the people. A non hierarchical grass-roots system freed from the profit motive and the stranglehold of the corporate world. A system free from privileged parasites and based on needs, mutual aid and co-operation. We can do things by ourselves, why bother with arrogant, self-centred, power hungry parasites that claim to be doing it all for our good, BULLSHIT.

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

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