

The Antioch Arrow

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“The world must be remade; all the specialists in reconditioning will not be able to stop it. Since I do not want to understand them, I prefer that they should not understand me.”

The Revolution Of Everyday Life

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Welcome To The Antioch Arrow

Welcome to the 2nd Issue of The Antioch Arrow.

This project was started to help people create rage and recognize power.

We live in some of the most dire times any of us can remember. Home foreclosures, police killing people, economic depression and the rest of the daily attacks on our lives.

This publication is a critical analysis, both of ourselves and the world around us.

What can We do in order to gain control over our own lives?

The only thing I am afraid of is that these words will only reach deaf ears. That we never recognize our power and that we find lives of routine to be enough.

I am focusing the majority of this publication around the East Bay area of California, as the title suggests it is based out of Antioch. Specifically in Antioch we have seen what happens when urban areas like Oakland and Richmond fall to gentrification and developers. Gentrification is when developers decided to make a traditionally ethnic or poor area "nicer" by tearing down low income housing and putting in yuppie businesses so that poor people are forced out. Low income housing tenements are usually replaced with condominium apartments that rich, mostly white, yuppies can buy.

Who terrorizes you more?

The Iraqi fighting because an invading force has come into their neighborhood, or the cop on your street, who loves shining that spotlight in your face?

We are Anarchists. We are not afraid to say it. It seems so many times people are afraid to say what they want, this is not one of those times.

We strive for a world where we control our own communities. Where we govern ourselves.

No rulers. No bosses.

That is our end goal.

As for right now we understand that these desires can seem lofty, or damn near impossible. So we would like to interject a different possibility, a different request. We ask for each person to recognize their own power, to make their bosses fear them. To make the landlord afraid of keeping your security deposit, to make the fucking cops scared to death to needlessly search and harass someone on the street.

We have power.

We want to exercise that power.

We want Social War.

Any person or organization that attempts to rally us under one cause or one banner, to speak for all of us, shall be seen as they are. Vultures who look for any opportunity to lift themselves up.

We do not seek others to fight for us, we will fight for ourselves.

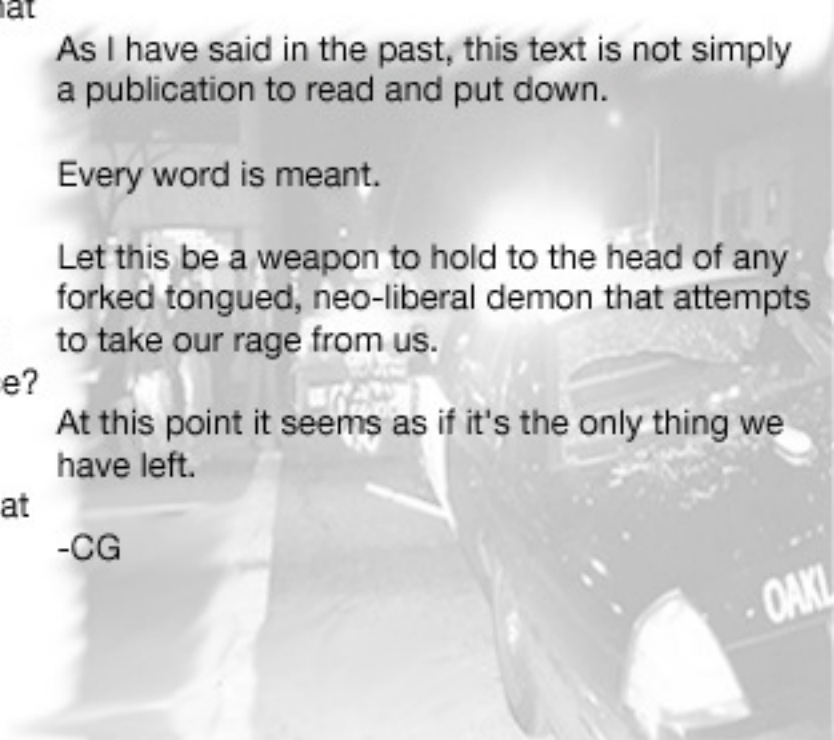
As I have said in the past, this text is not simply a publication to read and put down.

Every word is meant.

Let this be a weapon to hold to the head of any forked tongued, neo-liberal demon that attempts to take our rage from us.

At this point it seems as if it's the only thing we have left.

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Antioch Police Racial Discriminators



The Community Action Team (C.A.T.) is a team made up of Antioch Police Officers. These cops claim to protect our neighborhoods, like all cops, but of course they lie.

Right now Five families are suing the City Of Antioch for Racial and Economic discrimination.

Cat has forced entry into homes after neighbors have made simple noise complaints. Those living in the houses have witnessed Police looking for ways to have their Section 8 benefits taken away.

In the case of Mary Scott

"He (the Cop) pushed in my house comes in and rambles through my items finding things to give to Section 8".

The Same Officer also showed up at her Section 8 hearing.

He told housing authority that Mary had a bad landlord, and that they should cancel her benefits.

Karen Coleman, who is also involved in the law suit, said that Police "invaded my home and terrorized my family. They told me my Section 8 benefits would be suspended."

Four Officers were at her house because her husband was on parole, they searched her house, took pictures and they threatened to handcuff her 12 year old son.

Officers showed up twice more the following month, went to her husband's workplace three times and wrote to her landlord in an unsuccessful attempt to have her evicted from her home.

One landlord, Riaz Patras said that the

Police had told him not to rent to black people.

He did not take their advice.

The City Attorney says the Police are only responding to complaints about criminal activity, and not enforcing Housing Authority codes. But when ABC 7 News talked with the head of a local community group who has been playing snitch and working with the Police, they got a different story.

Gary Gilbert, from United Citizens for Better Neighborhoods (a bunch of snitches), says that the Antioch Police Department HAS been enforcing Housing Authority codes, and that that is ok.

He says "Unfortunately, the Housing Authority doesn't have its own investigation unit, so it's become the APD's problem to actually do the Housing Authority's job."

The problem with this logic is that this is illegal. The Police do not have the jurisdiction, and even if they did, this war on poor people is fucked up.

70% of action taken by C.A.T. has been against black people.

Since they are aiming at people on Section 8, they are not only targeting black people, but also poor people.

The Antioch Chief Of Police ,James Hyde, is a former police chief in Davis, Ca. He had a reputation there for having Civil Rights violations brought against him by that city's Human Rights Commission. It is no surprise he continues his classist and racist tactics here either.

The Police are out of hand, we all know this. Now they are forming a team to come into our neighborhoods and attack us at home, even more than before. Our aim is to organize and help each other defend ourselves. We need to talk with our neighbors, defend our homes and not snitch on each other. The last thing we need is to be against each other.

Houses are being foreclosed on, jobs are being lost, yet we are treated as subhuman, and our homes are being invaded, not the homes of the rich bankers and capitalists who have benefited from this mess.

The time to fight is now, we must organize and mount our attack.

Lets show them what attack looks like, and lets tear these bastards apart!

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Pigs involved in C.A.T.

**Sgt. Mitch Schwitters
Officer Cliff Rezentes
Officer Matt Summers
Officer Ryan Geis**

These are our enemies.

Deconstructing The Political

When I say that we want power I mean exactly that. We have been told that to strive for power is greedy, but if we really want to take control of our communities and our lives then it is the natural progression.

We cannot take that control without power. As individuals our power has been suppressed, we find all of our own stories to be insignificant even though our lives may be riddled with adventure and valuable experiences.



Our personal narrative has been pushed into the realm of non significance.

Instead we are given the narrative of Britney Spears, Angelina Jolie, John Travolta, Barack Obama, George Bush. They will give us anything to keep us from averting our eyes, from realizing police are killing our neighbors, that repo men are taking our cars, that we are living our lives in a circle and are taught to never leave that circle.

We supplement our own boring, mundane, uneventful lives with those of celebrities, people whose drama and lifestyles we find to be much more suitable and exciting than our own.

A whole apparatus exists to make sure we find ourselves in self doubt and to make sure that our desires never become unregulated or wholly realized. This apparatus is made up of Media, Politicians, Police, Military, Capitalism, Class Society and The State.

This separation is not accidental. We are pitted against each other, like dogs in a pit, to tear at each others jugular veins.



We would like to offer an analysis, an understanding. It is a general truth that when you understand the ways in which you are being attacked, it will become easier to defend yourself. We want to lend ourselves defense. To neutralize any attack on our collective gaining of power.

In order for this to work we must individually recognize power as well. A collective body is made of individuals, therefore the stronger the individual the more power we will collectively possess.

“We are not weak because we are divided, we are divided because we are weak.”

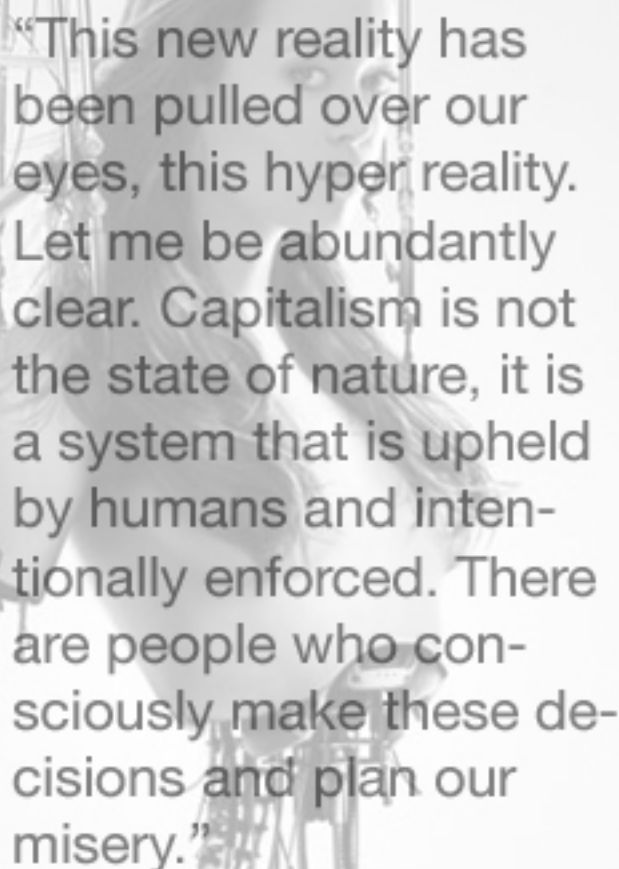
Media

It is no secret to anyone that media is biased. Writing this I have my own agenda, the difference is that I will not attempt to hide that. I will say flat out that I hate this system and everything it has created. Unfortunately for us, the Media is made up of private companies. This means that they each have a profit to make, they need to not only report the news but sell the news. I have no profit to make, this publication is free and honestly what I, and the others who participate, feel. We have no profit motive.

Every day the talking heads of television can be seen in their mechanical boxes, reporting the latest "news worthy" stories. Rarely do the news agencies go into real neighborhoods, but they rely on "experts". Some upper class scholar who knows little about real struggle, or the daily grind.

MSNBC is considered the "liberal" news agency, while FOX is called the "Conservative" or "Right Wing" network. Each claims to not have a bias, while one adores and praises George Bush and the other hails Barack Obama as the second coming of Christ. Each is as outlandish and fictional as the other.

Many times when the news reports come in from the area that the event happened in, the locals are interviewed and cut off. Many times editors splice together people's words to push a certain feeling. Not only is this dishonest, but intentionally blurs the line between that which is really happening and whichever fantasy the news media finds that fits it's own interests.



"This new reality has been pulled over our eyes, this hyper reality. Let me be abundantly clear. Capitalism is not the state of nature, it is a system that is upheld by humans and intentionally enforced. There are people who consciously make these decisions and plan our misery."

The current occupation of Iraq is a solid example. The public was told that invading Iraq after September 11th was the only recourse. The only action that made sense. This was after Afghanistan had already been invaded. What followed was an absolute cluster fuck of lies and misrepresentation. The government will now admit Saddam Hussein had no connection to September 11th and that Iraq was "an intelligence failure".

Every news agency jumped aboard the patriotism train as it pulled around the station to pick up whichever journalist it could fit in its ranks.

Media lies.

In Oakland when 22 year old Oscar Grant was murdered by a BART officer the media used words like "alleged" shooting. There was video evidence of the murder, and the media still said alleged. If it would have been a video of a black youth shooting a cop there would have been no time between the shooting and the apprehension of the shooter.

The Media panders and brown noses the power that is in charge right now.

They are spineless opportunists who look for any situation that they can benefit from.

Corporate media are our enemies. They do not seek to tell truth but to merely sensationalize and sell the "News".

Politicians

Much like the media pundits Politicians have a personal investment in continuing the current order. The lies they tell become as self serving as any lie that anybody tells to manipulate a target audience. They are the managers of the social system.

The calculated assault on the poor and working people of this society is almost inconceivable. Without the current order being maintained the Politician finds themselves irrelevant, the last thing that this system wants is to be deemed irrelevant by any populous. Whether this be the person working under the table or the child stealing a candy bar. Opting out of this cycle of commodity is met with as much disdain and contempt as any "serious" crime.

Unknowingly breaking the law is more accepted than having no regard for the law.

The disrespect of the Political Process is the absolute nail in the coffin for the current order.

The Politician will find themselves in neighborhoods they have never stepped foot into when re-election comes around.

They will put on their best suit, their most fake smile and be sure to place their hair with care.

The only goal is to get you to continue to participate in the Political Process that makes them feel like legitimate representatives of normal people, rather than the self serving scum that they are.

"The *only* thing that interests us about Politics is its Destruction."

www.prole.info



Police

Police Officers are one more line of defense for capitalists against the greater power of a collective force. The main function of the police is to continue normalcy, to also keep the current order in place.

They protect the gap between rich and poor. They are strategically placed to make us believe that they are around every corner, waiting for us to slip up.

They hide in the shadows of our own minds to keep us in line.

The Crown Victoria car is now immediately associated with Police. All white cars continue to send a quick panic into many people's hearts when they see them. The top of a Taxi Cab can remind of us bad run ins with Police.

The Police serve their second purpose, as a deterrent. The association with flashing lights, hard knocks on the door, cars on the side of the road and others, gives us small panic attacks even if we know we have done nothing that the Police would normally find objectionable.

They serve as an occupying force of our neighborhoods and our minds, to make sure that we do not disregard the most irrelevant law, or decide what is best for ourselves.

The continued existence of this system gives us a form Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), where the threat of violence that is continually there, simply from the existence of police, forces us into line.

“If there were no police, look at what you'd be doing to yourselves! You'd be killing each other if there were no police! But the reality is the police become necessary in human society only at that junction where it is split between those who have and those who ain't got.”

The police hardly have to act sometimes because we act for them.

Like beaten dogs we cower at the flick of their wrist, our vocal tones change, the way we pronounce words, we even stand more straight when we encounter them.

Military

The Military exists for many of the same reasons Police exist. They are kept as the threat of violence against nations who find U.S. actions disagreeable.

The Military is explained as a volunteer Military, but a few small sentences can reveal this as a lie.

Military recruiters get paid bonuses for new recruits. They walk into poor high schools and begin to attack the students like lions. They tell stories of sign on bonuses, of pride, of patriotism and great job opportunities.

Many of the positions in the Military are based on test results that you get. These results set the boundaries on the paths you can take in the Military. Pay for the average recruit is laughable at best.

The Military is used to force U. S. Capitalist interests around the globe. Once again the current situation in Iraq is a prime example of American interests.

To deny that Iraq was a desirable target because of it's rich oil industry is to deny logic.

It is a strategic foot hold in the middle east, and sets ground for more U.S. bases which would then give enough resources and a base of operations to invade surrounding countries who will not follow U.S. policy.



Agreeing that the current Military is used to further Capitalism, it should also be said that most of the Military are people of color or poor people.

It follows, accepting that Capitalism is a system based on the building of empires on the backs of the poor, that in reality poor people and people of color then fight to keep the current Capitalist system in place. The same system that put them in a financial situation to accept the Military as the best way to make your living.

We are made to fight to keep a cycle that makes us have to fight for somebody else's interests and not our own.

We fight against ourselves.

Capitalism

Capitalism is a system. It is created and maintained by people. The main goal of Capitalism is to maximize profit. Many companies will pay the workers the least amount that they can to get them to stay, to not seek employment somewhere else. The CEOs and Executives of these companies will bring in billions of dollars home as income.

In most cases people sell commodities and items at work that they themselves , cannot buy. A person working at Hollister, who makes 8 dollars an hour, cannot afford to buy one of the many articles of clothing they sell each day.

A person manufacturing cars at a factory cannot afford to buy one of the luxury cars that they produce.

These conditions are created by Capitalism.

Small businesses are driven out of town by huge companies like Wal Mart, Sears, Home Depot, Lowes, Starbucks.

Starbucks even has a urban development program that involves opening a store in a poor area of town and it raises the price of rent for businesses around it.

A clear example can be seen at what was once Ernie's Liquors on 18th and A street in Antioch. The local businesses around it find it hard to stay in business. Barry's Bakery near Starbucks was already driven out of business.

The bakery is a staple of Antioch that has employed people within the community and created relationships with locals, but now it is supplemented by the fake smiles of the workers of the Starbucks and a manager that is quick to call the cops on anyone that they deem undesirable to the look of the store.

I have also seen them refuse water to school kids and refuse to let people use the bathrooms.



Capitalism is the system that makes you scared to ask your boss for time off, they will just fire you and replace you. You will be tossed out like a part of a machine that is broken, the concept of having an off day or being stressed out does not exist to the company. You are just one more cog in the machine.

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in the proletariat the Capitalists find a huge resource. They can hire and fire them at will, and they make sure to give them jobs that require little training so that they can be easily reproduced.

These jobs pay little and generally offer no benefits. Many people that are poor/proletariat (proles) confuse themselves as the middle class. They qualify for credit cards and are in a position to pay their bills.

They take out loans to buy houses and cars. None of these loans are real money, it is just debt.



and plan our misery. **We are not the solution, we are merely the reaction to attack.**

Class Society

Class Society is an inherent part of Capitalism. Capitalism does not exist without class society. The Capitalists build their empires upon the backs of the poor, working class.

There are 3 Main Classes.

The Poor

These are the workers, also known as the proletariat (pro leh tear ee it). They are the foundation of the economy. They get the worst jobs, work the longest hours and earn the least. Capitalist companies cannot exist without a work force and

The money doesn't really exist aside from inside of computers. Those who live paycheck to paycheck, even if they have a mortgage, are still proles.

The Middle Class

The Middle Class are what I call the Managers of Despair. These are the big shots at work. The boss that gets their ass kissed by every worker who decides to. These are the people who sign the letters letting you know your power is getting turned off, or you're being evicted, or that your health benefits or food stamps are being canceled.

They make the decisions that create despair.

When everyday you sign papers that ruin peoples lives pretty soon all the names sound the same, all of the faces in your head are the same ones. You don't recognize that people are hurt by your actions. This is inexcusable. The Middle Class plays into the system to try and be the upper class. They seek a position that holds power over others.

The excuse of "Just doing your job." doesn't work anymore. People are free agents, they make decisions. Those who manufacture despair should be held responsible for theirs.

Upper Class

The Upper Class is also known as the Ruling Class. These are the rich bastards, the ones who run our lives. They own the big companies and the sweatshops. They own multiple houses, cars, private jets. They do everything in their power to keep things as they are. Some come off as Liberal or as Peace Activists but what we must realize that peace means that things stay the same.

They have an inherent interest in keeping things the same.

The State

The State is an apparatus, that is to say it is a tool. It uses all of these different parts as a force to control. This is a consistent system, each part protects and enables the other part.

The state is the all encompassing term for all of these terms. The struggle for ending police brutality is also the struggle to end Class Society.

Ending Capitalism means ending the Police.
Destruction of the Politicians means the destruction of the Mass Media.

The power is enforced by the State that tries to gain our faith. We are quickly losing that faith and that is why publications like the Antioch Arrow (Antioch), Modesto Anarcho (Modesto), The Rebel (Tacoma, Wa) and others are important. It is us taking our own media and it us putting forth our own ideas, directly. It is us recognizing our power, directly. It is us communicating, directly.

"My mama always used to tell me: 'If you can't find somethin' to live for, you best find somethin' to die for.'"-Tupac Shakur

Our intentions are clear, we want to fight back. It is hard to envision what society we will create, if we create one at all. It is hard for the imprisoned mind to imagine freedom and all the range of motion that it allows us.

We do not come here to put forth a new social program, all we have been fed is new programs. We seek the fight. It is the fight which drives me. The utopia that we could easily dream up and promise is not as realistic as the rage we all feel.

With that rage we can tear down empires and build whatever we want, the world is not only mine to create, so I will not attempt to create it. All we can do is allow those who want to, the space to build their own lives.

Are you ready for

From Modesto Anarcho #9

Social War?

For those of us who wish to see the end of this great beast that they call capitalism, we should be aware that interesting times are ahead. It appears that the economy is going to keep getting worse and the wars in the middle east will continue to rage on. Furthermore, whoever wins the election will be left with an economy in shambles and no plan on getting the US out of Iraq and Afghanistan. Thus, here are several points of "intervention," or direct participation, within this time in history.

1.) Don't vote and encourage people not to vote as well. The elections are distracting us from the bigger and more important task at hand of getting rid of capitalism and the government and creating a world in which regular people have control over their day to day lives, communities, and means of sustaining themselves. **Boycott the elections - encourage direct action.**

2.) Start discussion groups with co-workers, friends, cell-mates, fellow students, and neighbors about what is going on. Discuss how we can support ourselves in the growing crisis and how we can build autonomy from the government and the capitalist system. Start food sharing programs and gardens, squat building to avoid paying rent, and start pooling resources as a community. Discuss what you should do if the police and/or military should enter your community. Share publications like Modesto Anarcho ,or The Antioch Arrow, with friends and check websites like news.infoshop.org often to learn what is going on. If possible, set up large meetings ("general assemblies") of people in your area to talk about these issues. **Discuss what is happening and share information - organize with your community.**

3.) Form an 'affinity group' of people that you can engage in actions with. This should be a group of people who all know each other and includes no one who could be a snitch or pig. If you hear about some sort of unrest going on; either a srike

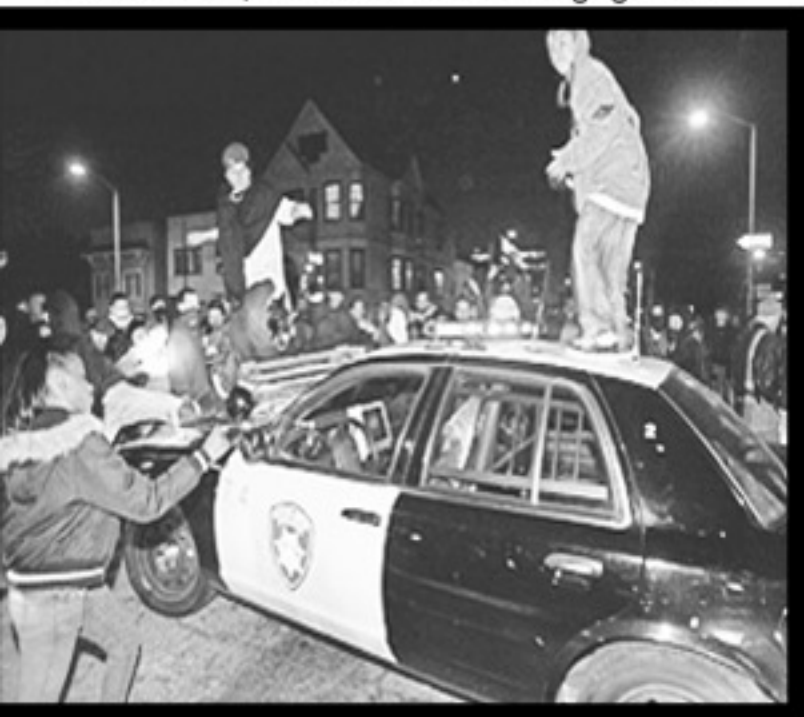
building occupation, prison uprising, school walkout, riot, large demonstration, etc, get your crew together and attempt to aid and expand that struggle. Denounce those who would channel these struggles back into the system. Struggles must be controlled by those who start and organize them. Any attempt by those who want our struggles to elect the next leader or bureaucrat must be met with resistance. **Form action groups to expand, support, and aid social struggles - resist bureaucrats and reformers.**

4.) In the event of large scale rioting and social unrest, we will have several tasks. The first is to create autonomous zones out of the rioting. These must be places where the people will have power and the police, snitches, government, and military will not be allowed to enter. We must push the political nature of these actions. Through our affinity groups, we must create flyers and publications that support the uprising and call for greater mass action. We must write graffiti and put up posters with similar messages. We must encourage the looting of corporate businesses and the 'communalization' of resources. We must encourage the taking back of housing and land. We must take out the infrastructure of the police, prisons, military, and government within our communities so they are not able to launch counter attacks. We must be on guard against anti-social elements such as drug cartels, rapists, and murderers within our communities. We must be on guard against racist elements within our ranks and we must generalize rebellion among the poor and working classes as a whole. Lastly, we must link up with other communities who will hopefully also be rising up. **Push revolt into revolution - create autonomous power for poor and working people.**

We Are Not Afraid Of Forming Gangs.

The Crew, or Gang, is an important aspect to any gaining of power. Seperate, we are simply good ideas and unrecognized desires, but together we can become a force for real difference, actual change. The formation of tight knit units is not one to be pushed away and looked at with contempt, but something to be embraced.

This model has existed for a long time, and I don't think we should try to pretend that it doesn't work. We want to wash our hands of the struggle for purity. We are only interested in that which works, we seek no moral highground.



Forming crews can bring actual power to divided groups, we should use this tactic to forge close friendships while creating a force. The crew can look like many things, the main goal being to perpetuate and continue itself to reach a shared goal.

The following articles are excerpts from recently published Anarchist texts.

This will act as a collaboration of several different peoples work.

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The formation of Crews: a tactic in the expansion of our strength and our autonomy. - The Rebel #1

How is it that we expect to defend ourselves against police and state violence? Well, we stop whining about how bad things are and how we have no power over our own lives and we organize crews.



Crews are any collection of close friends that trust one another to the fullest extent. Friends that trust one another with their own safety and lives. Some people refer to these as affinity groups, but in the attempt to not confuse the difference between activists actions and the actions of those who choose social war as their only option, I use the word crew.

A crew is a group whose aim is the expansion of their own power as individuals and collections of people. The building of community control and autonomy being their goal. As others realize their own power as individuals and as communities, the power of the police and the courts weaken.

This is what happens in any community garden, and any riot. People see that they can grow their own food, and help others do the same, they then see that they can eat free and healthy without the need for a store. When people see others throwing rocks at police cars, flipping the cars and setting them on fire, they then see what can be done with only eight people. Those eight turn into twenty-one, which turn into fifty-five, then a hundred-thirty-nine. Crews can form anywhere. In school, on the street, and at the job.

When more people realize their true capabilities to rule their own lives, they, along with others, become a true material force. One of a physical nature, unlike the voting polls that only act as a means to confuse where our true power lies – *in our own hands*.

But in our own physical hands. Those who wish to play puppet master know this. The people who fancy themselves our rulers and keepers – politicians, business owners, police, judges and many others – long ago organized themselves into a material physical force that can in actuality change things, move things, and control things. Crews act as a counter-force to those whose goal is to be slave masters.

Crews then serve a role in protecting ourselves from those who would like to see us continue to be mistreated at work. Those who would like us to continue working for scraps, those who would like us to continue to lie to ourselves. Saying that we are working all this time so our family and our kids get a better life than us. Crews steal from big business, pass out free food and clothes. They take money from those who have it and give it to community centers, free community education programs, and free housing projects. Crews form to act as a force against those who would rather see us behind bars or dead based on the color of our skin or the amount of money in our pockets.

Crews form to approach the police when they are hassling someone for having a beer outside. They approach police for rummaging through their neighbors trash. They stand side by side against code enforcers who are trying to ticket people in the community. They stop the repo man that is stealing their next door neighbor's car. They help build their communities up in such a way that the police don't even want to follow someone into a neighborhood to give them a ticket for expired plates.

Crews do not steal from one another, they do not slight one another. They steal from those who have and give to those who do not. They realize that their main enemy are those who wish to rule over others and make slaves out of us and our loved ones. That is the police, the prisons, the rich, the bureaucrats, the courts and the judges.

“...there are those who get indignant and those who take note, those who denounce and those who get organised. We are among those who get organised.”

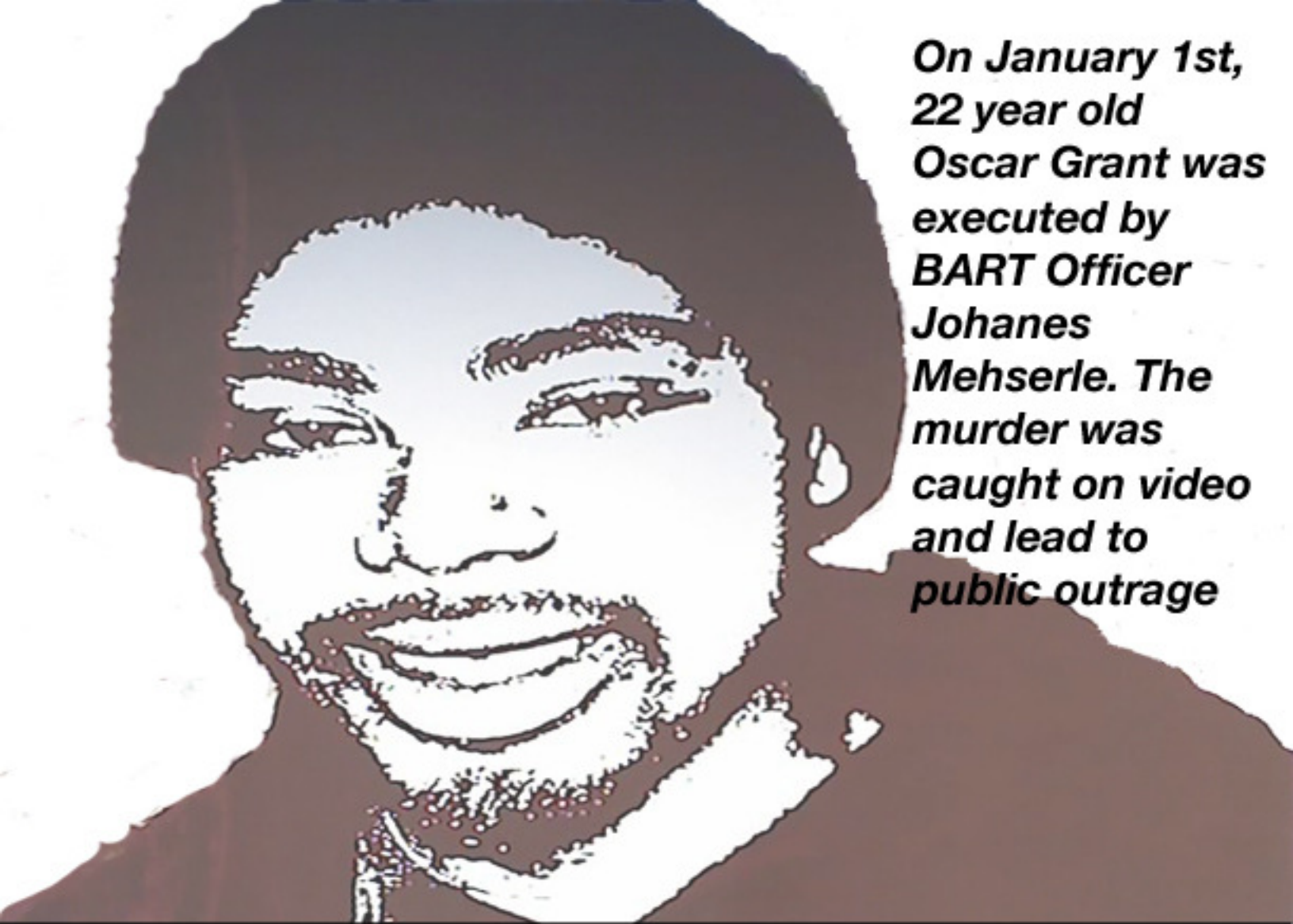
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We do not do these things because we believe we occupy some imagined moral high ground. We do not wish to create some sort of new morality or new set of “rights” and “wrongs”. We do these things to gain control over our lives and to further our own power as well as the power of those who have always been dispossessed in this society.

The world we have inherited spares no expense in making us feel powerless.

**No Justice.
No Peace.**





On January 1st, 22 year old Oscar Grant was executed by BART Officer Johannes Mehserle. The murder was caught on video and lead to public outrage

The Murder Of Oscar Grant

On January 1st 2009, at the Fruitvale BART station in Oakland, 22 year old Oscar Grant was murdered by BART cop Johannes Mehserle. I'm sure many of us have seen the video, seen the reports and we have heard of the uprisings in Oakland. The story, as it is understood, is that Oscar grant was on his way home on BART and the BART Police were called to investigate a fight that had happened on the train heading to Dublin/Pleasanton.

Officers responded and held a handful of individuals for questioning. At some point they decided to arrest Oscar Grant. One Officer, now identified as Tony Perone, walked up to Oscar grant. Grant was sitting against a wall with a few other people, he was surrounded by police.

Officer Perone approached him and struggled with him a bit and began to punch him in the face.

The police then placed Oscar on his stomach and pulled his hands behind his back. Many onlookers had camera phones out at the time. With Officer Tony Perone's knee on his neck and Officer Johannes Mehserle's knee on his back, Oscar Grant realized he was going to jail.

What happened next absolutely shocked the onlookers. As Grant was fully restrained Officer Johannes Mehserle pauses, grabs his gun and stands up and in the blink of an eye he fires a bullet into Oscar Grant's back.

Right after Grant was shot the Police immediately attempted to confiscate the camera phones of those who were recording the incident. Many people refused and were able to get away. If they would have got the evidence or if nobody was there, I wonder how this would have been reported. It may have been swept under the rug like so many other suspicious murder committed by the Police.

The Uprising

On January 7th Oakland saw the first wave of anger and resistance. It had been a full week after Grant was killed and the cop who killed him hadn't even been questioned yet. All of the cops involved were on paid administrative leave. The videos were posted on youtube and spread like wild fire on the internet. Many people expressed their outrage at the slow reaction by authorities and the blatant murder of a young black man. Mayor Dellums of Oakland stated that BART would investigate this incident on their own and that it was not Oakland jurisdiction.

Many people were disgusted that the investigation would be performed by BART themselves. So on January 7th a rally was held. The anger that was in the air could be felt. Many local preachers and Peace Activists asked the crowd to stay calm and remain peaceful, an absolute attempt to minimize the rage of the people. After the rally a large number of people decided to shutdown downtown and

and show the city officials the repercussions of protecting a murderer.

Soon dumpsters began to be moved into the streets and some were lit on fire. The crowd was made up of every demographic of people you can imagine. There were Blacks,

“A confrontation occurred between police and the marchers where a Police car was heavily damaged and a dumpster was lit on fire. Some people jumped on top of the car, smashing out the windows.”

Mexicans, Asians, Whites all unified. The Anarchists also made a presence.

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Other cars had their windows broken out and some were even lit on fire.

One of the main areas of conflict was at a Mcdonalds near 14th street.

First a small amount of people attacked the store but they left and returned with a crowd of people to cause even further damage.

Mayor Dellums actually began to speak to the crowd of people, saying that now the city of Oakland would actually investigate the murder as a homicide, this was a huge victory. People then realized that Dellums was as much a part of the problem as the police who murdered Oscar Grant. He had lied about it not being in the jurisdiction of Oakland.

The crowd soon started to boo the mayor and ran towards another financial district chanting “Round 2”.

During this whole exercising of power the common chant was “We Are Oscar Grant.”

Smaller demonstrations happened on the 8th , the 9th ,the 12th ,the 14th ,the 30th and on February 6th.

At every event some aspect of direct confrontation happened. On the 14th mostly younger black youths trashed a strip mall full of big corporate stores. On the 8th people lit a few small fires. On the 30th people marched downtown and one person broke out the back window of an unmarked police SUV.

People are sick and tired of waiting for justice, they will take it.

The Results

These demonstrations have led to a few results. Mehserle was arrested in Nevada after his home received multiple death threats, Mayor Dellums announced Oakland PD would investigate this as a murder case and more people became aware at the attempt of BART to raise money for Mehserle's bail. Other sketchy moves by BART and the authorities has been to not show the extended video that shows Tony Perone punch Oscar Grant before subduing him. To date Tony Perone has not been charged with assault by the DA, he will most likely get off to brutalize more people.

Mehserle is now out on bail, his bail was set for 3 million, which is low for murder charges. The Judge said that he was not convinced that this is a murder case and it looks like he will be charged with manslaughter. We all know that if the roles were reversed ,and it was black kid that shot a cop, that there would be no skip in breath between the shot being fired and the shooter being in jail.

Over 100 people have been arrested in the demonstrations and are facing a multitude of charges. Two of the people who work on the Antioch Arrow were in Santa Rita County Jail for four days , only to have their bullshit charges dropped.

Conclusion

The only thing we can really conclude is that we showed force, but the system has proved its strength. People came out in force to condemn the murder of Oscar grant and situations occurred where people showed their anger.I can only hope that the light sentence that Mehserle will surely receive will only prove to

“They've got us crying for an afterlife while they just steal this one.”

-The Fugees

will only prove to people how corrupt this whole system is. Even here in Antioch we face police harassment and little is ever done about it. This article comes off erratic because the situation isn't over. Mehserle sleeps comfortably somewhere, while the Grant family is missing their loved one. His friends hang out with a missing spot where their friend once stood.

It is absolutely disgusting that shit like this is still happening and people still try and defend police.

I really don't have anything else to write about this incident because it has been in my head everyday since it happened. All we can do is continue to fight, by any means necessary. We need to stop making everyone who breaks shit to look like a hooligan, obviously you can't change this shit from the inside, so you tear it apart from the outside. A young man was killed on video and people still defend the cop.

The same system that tries to defend the murderer of Oscar grant is the same system who terrorizes our neighborhoods, the same system that keeps us poor, the same system that fucks us in every way possible. It's the same shit.

We must unify and organize together and begin to take back our communities. It is the only way that we can build support for ourselves and to combat the injustices of Police.

What To Do With Your Stimulus Check

So Obama is talking about us getting a stimulus check. The economy is sinking like the Titanic, and there is absolutely no end in sight. Many of us salivate at the thought of extra money in the pocket, especially right now. We're losing our homes, bills are mounting up and jobs are nowhere to be found.

It looks like the stimulus package will go through and we'll be looking at a quick chunk of change in our pockets. We should start thinking about what to buy.

For those with mounting bills and who need to save their houses, by all means do what you need to do.

One thing that is certain is that the Police protect rich people. We know this. The only time they come into our neighborhoods is to crack down and scare the shit out of people.

The economic situation is getting much worse and our ability to defend our own communities lies in the hands of Police. They will end up protecting the banks, the large stores and other temples of Capitalism and exploitation.

So we have to ask: How are we to defend ourselves?

In the event of an even tighter economic situation we have to understand that as we drive Police from our neighborhoods new threats will arise. Certain individuals or small groups will attempt to make their power felt rather than letting us keep power ourselves, collectively.

So neighborhood protection in the face of economic disaster is key.

I propose that our communities begin to arm themselves.

This can happen in many different ways.

One way is to talk with your neighbors, make relationships with those who live around you. In an emergency it will be key to know who is down and who isn't. Those who are potential Police sympathizers, who will just attempt to restore

power to those who exploit us and cause these financial disasters, must be talked to. We should state the case of why we want to keep the Police out and must agree upon some ground rules.

Another way is to see who in your neighborhood is in the greatest need of financial help. Members of the neighborhood can each throw in a small amount of money, and you can use your stimulus to help them with bills, food or maybe saving their house.

Another way to arm ourselves is in the very direct way of attaining guns. Guns should not be demonized as tools that only the Police can use. Neighborhood organizations like the Black Panthers kept guns to ensure protection of the neighborhoods. It is important that we all understand how to use firearms and responsible ways to handle them.

To avoid any legal repercussions it is important that those of us who may deem ourselves higher profile attain firearms in a legal way to reduce charges that could be brought against us.

Police will also be forced to be more careful about harassing people if they understand that there are many gun owners in the neighborhood. It is unfortunate that this is the case but we cannot escape reality just because we find it to be disagreeable or beneath us.

Firearms can be bought in California, even though it has some of the most strict gun laws in the United States. A background check must be completed which costs an extra 25\$ and usually involves an 11 day wait.

The sporting good store Big 5 regularly has Mosin Nagant rifles. These are old World War II Russian rifles, they are reliable and battle tested. They are really affordable, running usually around 80-100\$ for the actual gun. They shoot the 7.62 x 54 bullet, which is similar to the 7.62 x 39 bullet that is shot by the AK-47. The ammunition is cheap, it can be found for 80-100\$ for a box of 440 rounds. The rifle holds 5 rounds at once.

A way to lower cost is to buy ammunition with a friend. Throwing down 40 \$ for half of a 440 round package of ammo is extremely cost effective.

Zapatista

It is important that gun safety be taught to everyone in a house that has a firearm.

This information is an attempt to take the mysticism out of neighborhood defense. The concept of defending ourselves, rather than relying on Police, has been made foreign to us.

Even if gun production stopped tomorrow, there would still be tons of firearms. They aren't going away. So we should find a way to use them and make ourselves familiar with them, so that we aren't the unarmed public.

The stimulus package is going through and it won't really help. It will just give us some immediate satisfaction. It is in no way proof government cares, just that they want us to not revolt.

Any neighborhood that wishes to have real political power will not find that power without arming itself. We must recognize our power and exercise it.

So if you're sick of working everyday, wondering where your money went then arm your neighborhoods and lets start to organize.. I'm sure that once these tactics become extremely relevant we will all have ideas to contribute.

These are ours.

Notes:

The Zapatistas are a militant autonomous group in Chiapas, Mexico. Chiapas is one of the poorest areas of Mexico. In 1994 they declared a war against the State and have began to take back land. Today they continue to fight and keep autonomous, independent communities.

The Black Panther Party For Self Defense is a revolutionary group that was started in Oakland , California. The first goal was to protect black neighborhoods from police brutality. They also released a 10 point program that called for "Land, Bread, Housing, Education, Clothing, Justice and Peace", as well as exemption from military service for African-American men, among other demands.

For Self-Defense For Autonomy For Freedom



One Direction; Insurrection

The Antioch Arrow crew has been pretty busy lately. In Antioch we have seen reports of police misconduct grow. The Community Action Team (C.A.T.) has been on the prowl, fucking with poor people. Cops have been barging into people's houses who are on Section 8 and looking for ways to get them kicked off of it. In the neighborhood we all live in a lot of people have been getting away from cops, which is awesome to see.

Banks have been getting robbed, we listened on a police scanner as one person got away from cops after getting 200,000\$ from a bank. Even after the cops brought out the heat detecting helicopter they got away.

We have to come to terms with something.

Every study that has done the research has shown that crime rises with poverty.

Being poor is fucking miserable, we learn to find value in our relationships and our beat up neighborhoods, but worrying about our lights getting shut off sucks.

So the way to find calmness and low crime in neighborhoods is a simple mathematical formula.

Decrease Poverty = Decrease Misery = Decrease In Crime

The biggest flaw in this plan is that the State would never willingly decrease Poverty, because rich people thrive on us being poor.

So it is up to us to take power away from the State, and force may be necessary.

Our plan is one of strategy.

We must learn to provide for our own neighborhoods the best we can while at the same time driving the police out.

This is absolutely necessary for our own safety.

Strip Malls line the streets and the people who work inside GAP, Old Navy, Gotschalks or any of those stores, can barely afford to buy the things they sell.

They keep building and building but there are those of us who just see the shit end of every situation.

The war against the rich is coming, it has been for years.

So don't hesitate to steal from them, because they will never hesitate to steal from you.



Antioch is at a crazy point, the only thing the people up in the big houses have to say about us working class people is that we are lazy, or we're irresponsible parents.

They never question the bigger picture, the world is black and white to them.

We should not concern ourselves with those who will call us scum.

Those who attempt to set up neighborhood watch programs, to snitch to the police, are not your friends either. They will use the police to push people around, while we say that it is up to us to use our own power to make our neighborhoods safer.

In Concord recently a 15 year old student was tasered by the campus resource officer for fighting.

The police beat a man to death in Stockton.

In Oakland a BART cop killed 22 year old Oscar Grant as he was on his stomach.



In Riverside Anette Garcia was shot by a cop nearly a block away. She was reported as being suicidal, but no threat to anyone. She was shot at 6 times, and it took over an hour for an ambulance to arrive.

In Antioch Police killed a man who sold weed, after breaking the door into his apartment. He had no prior convictions.

Our resistance is a reaction to the violence brought about by rich people and their defenders.

The police defend the rich. The State defends the rich.

They all defend each other.

Our resistance will begin with putting more newspaper stands out that carry our paper and other things that say real shit. We will paste up our fliers everywhere.

We have started to talk to our neighbors and have started to share what we can with others in the neighborhood.

Soon this will turn into people heckling police as they come into our neighborhoods and eventually blocking their ability to move in and out of the communities we live in.

We are not afraid to voice our strategy because it is inevitable.

To quote our French comrades,

We Have Begun.



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