also against the self-indulgent individualism which masquerades as "doing your own thing."

In the spirit of honoring the memories of all who died, went crazy, or disappeared on the streets of Berkeley, we wish to expose Anthony Levandowski and the evil he brings into this world.

Preparing for the action, we watched Levandowski step out of his front door. He had Google Glasses over his eyes, carried his baby in his arm, and held a tablet with his free hand. As he descended the stairs with the baby, his eyes were on the tablet through the prism of his Google Glasses, not on the life against his chest. He appeared in this moment like the robot he admits that he is.

There are men and women in the Congo, slaving away in giant pits in order to extract gold and other precious metals from the earth. This gold will go into phones and tablets made by companies like Google, Apple, and Microsoft. Anthony Levandowski has never worked in a pit mine nor will his children. People like him are exempt from this type of degrading and exploitative labor. Instead, he can casually stare at his screens as if there was not human blood making this technology possible, as if there was not a life in his hands.

As Levandowski lives his normal life, building his nuclear family, an unspeakable horror is unfolding. Everything he is building will only help this disastrous economic system continue a bit longer. The self-driving car will allow commuters to get another hour of sleep, talk on their phones in the car, and keep the economy going.

In a promotional video for the Google self-driving car, a blind man is shown getting to where he needs to go with this new technology. In the video, the man decides to go to Taco Bell. In another promotional video for Google Glasses, the user is shown buying products, buying things,

and then buying more stuff. At the very end of the video, the user finds his father on the floor suffering a heart attack. The user calls 911 with his Google Glasses and saves his father. This emotional surprise ending is meant to affirm for the viewer that the product is necessary and good.

The blind man buying Taco Bell and the consumer saving his dad are the heroes of this tech-utopia. The pit miners and factory workers are ignored and forgotten. As long as capitalism functions, everything it is connected to will be poisoned with its sickness. People like Levandowski are gentrifying neighborhoods, flooding the market with noxious commodities, and creating the infrastructure for an unimaginable totalitarianism. This is the evil that we stake our lives against.

We are the counterforce and you might be too. Disengage from the capitalist economy to the best of your ability. Create autonomous areas where the laws and rituals of capitalism are ignored. Do not look back at the flickering lights. Develop ties with your neighbors. Defend the land. Use your position in society—whether as a felon, a barista, an immigrant or whatever your experience—as your starting point for your revolt against it. Have courage. Find others who feel the same way and block a tech bus. Steal from the techies you babysit for. Take down surveillance cameras. Go hard: The time is now.

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