



Anarchism:

- A world without borders.
- A world without poverty.
- A world without states.
- A world without bosses.
- A world without money.
- A world with freedom.
- A world without environmental destruction.
- A world where everyone is important.
- A world where work is fun.
- A world where we have time to play.

Upcoming Events:

September 23rd - join us on the Stop the War demo in Manchester at the Labour Conference. Look out for the black and red flags. 1pm Albert Square, Manchester city centre.

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Sonic Warfare Against Youth

Few people like mosquitos, but a new breed of mozzie menace has recently began appearing in the UK. This particular mosquito doesn't fly or bite you, but it may leave an unpleasant ringing in your ears. Some victims report it causes headaches and mild nausea, even from a short exposure.

"The Mosquito" in question is a sonic device, marketed as an "anti-social teenager repellent", that property owners are being encouraged to buy and install in order to disperse groups of youths. It creates an increasingly unbearable whine using high-pitched sounds that only younger people can hear. (No, this really isn't a joke!)

This device is being encouraged with rapturous praise by local councils, the Home Office and the Police. It's nothing short of a deliberate assault on an entire section of society - regardless of whether they are "trouble makers" or not.

If councils didn't have such chequebook-shaped eyes, and

weren't continually turning our streets into sterile altars of capitalism, removing anything that's not a shop, a bar or some other profit-making venture, then this kind of "preventative" measure wouldn't be needed.

Instead of installing dehumanising repellent devices, why not just leave some non-commercial town centre spaces for people to hang out?

Little wonder that many youngsters behave badly when the State encourages capitalists to treat them like worthless rodents! The council "town planning" morons are patting each other on the back with glee - well done indeed, for disinfecting the streets of the cancer of unruly youth!

As ever, these corporate bastards and their lackeys view anyone who isn't a good little



consumer trapped in the big rat race, as simply a parasite to be steam-rolled out of the way. Few people stop to consider who the real parasites are - the business owners and politicians, seeking to eradicate all traces of youthful rebellion from the corporate high street, sucking the very lifeblood from our society and replacing it with nothing but hollow consumerism.

Evidently "anti-social behaviour" now includes such shocking crimes as being young and having nowhere better to hang out with your mates. Meanwhile, business owners carry out a form of sonic assault on kids, and the politicians and Police hail this abuse as a "success". ★

KAZAA Closes - no more downloads?

Record labels rip off artists. They rip off buyers. Their products are shit and overpriced. So now they've bullied Kazaa into closing down free downloads.

But there are plenty of alternatives. We reckon the Pirate Bay is worth a look. It's a Torrent site. First you have to get a little program like

BitComet. Then copy PeerGuardian onto your machine (<http://phoenixlabs.org/pg2/>). It stops people seeing who you are.

Finally, back to The Pirate Bay (www.thepiratebay.org) and away you go. Free music and films. ★

See: www.BitComet.com.



For other BitTorrent sites, Google "Torrents"

Anarchist FAQs

Anarchism means chaos, right?

No, we want no division between rulers and ruled, workers and bosses, leaders and followers, order givers and order takers. We want a world run from the bottom up, where decisions are made directly by those affected by them, not by authorities, elected or imposed.

Surely workplaces need bosses to run them?

No, In an anarchist society, workplaces, communities and other associations would be run by face-to-face meetings of all their participants, with everyone



POPULAR MISCONCEPTION OF TYPICAL ANARCHIST



ACTUAL ANARCHISTS IN REAL LIFE.

having an equal say on the decisions that effect them. Rather than promising to obey an authority, individuals would participate in making their own collective decisions, their own commitments to their fellows.

Let's put it another way, If the boss got off your back, would you work smarter or harder? Sure you would. Just about everything that needs doing can be done without anyone telling us to do it, and gets done better. You could work alone, with a few people or as part of a big organization, without bosses and on your own terms.

Who would run things, then?

You'd run your own life, and so would I. But we might do the things we can't do

alone together and so would society. We could stop the wars, the poverty, the disease, the tin-pot dictators tomorrow if they'd let us, by working together to do the right thing. And we'll decide what's right, for ourselves and no-one else.

Simple administrative tasks could be carried out by elected committees, but these would have no authority, only the duty to carry out the wishes of those who appointed them. The **delegates** would be **temporary**, given binding instructions (**mandated**) and would be **instantly recallable** if they step outside their mandate. That means they could be sacked at any time!

You mean loads of endless meetings?

Well, if you don't like them, don't go; that's your freedom. But if you want to be involved, no-one can keep you out and your say is as important as everyone else's. Imagine your workplace as somewhere enjoyed by everyone, working as equals. Imagine that instead of being told what to do by the boss, the government or policeman we could live without orders and rules, regulations and restrictions; but together! That's anarchism. I want to find out more!

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Shot at dawn - Army Desertion on the Rise

After 90 years, the Ministry of Defence now wants parliament to pardon shell-shocked soldiers who were executed for 'cowardice' - refusing to go back and fight in World War I. .

Now, in 2006, politicians are worrying about the doubling of desertions from the forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. MoD figures show that 2,030 soldiers went missing from their units between 2003 and 2005 and were later dismissed by the service. A further 740 are on the run

but have not yet been kicked out.

The MoD is not exactly a trustworthy source, so it could be even more! To counter this, our lovely politicians have recently voted to change the definition of desertion to include soldiers who go absent without leave and intend to refuse to take part in a "military occupation of a foreign country or territory". The penalty may not be execution, but they can still impose life imprisonment. Under the current Army Act, desertion is defined as

"going absent intending not to come back, going absent to avoid any service overseas, or going absent to avoid service when before an enemy". The new Armed Forces Bill is currently being discussed by the House of Lords. In spite of these new laws, the desertion rate is encouraging and anarchists hope that more soldiers will start to think for themselves and refuse to fight, and that less and less people will be conned into joining up in the first place. ★

Don't Drink at Starbucks

Starbucks hate unions. They hate it when their workers stand up for themselves. Now they are sacking workers in the USA for joining the Starbucks Union.

They've just sacked IWW member Daniel Gross after more than three years of organizing at the company.

His crimes were to go on a union picket line to support a fellow worker and refus-

ing to grass on his mates.

Daniel is the fourth union member to be sacked in a year.

His union are asking people not to buy Starbucks coffee till they get their jobs back. Drink somewhere else.

Solidarity actions with the fired baristas have taken place in Germany, Austria,

the British Isles, and the United States.

You can help by taking part in an email action. <http://starbucksunion.org/node/1015>. ★

For more information, visit www.starbucksunion.org



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