

## What can we do?

If Anarchy is to become a vehicle of the people, we must direct our energy to the new infrastructure. Creating the new world within the shell of the old. Programs that perpetually treat the symptoms of capitalism without leading to the end of the system must be replaced by comrades who pull no punches.

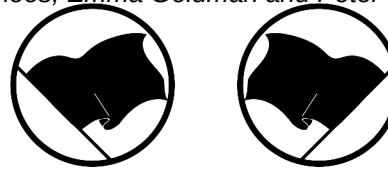
You can talk to your friends and neighbors about working together. You can join existing Anarchist groups like Food Not Bombs. You can educate, distribute information, make sandwiches, and form networks that lead to a brighter tomorrow. You can start a community garden, a support group. You can reach out with whatever it is you have, from socks to soil. No “non-profit”, corporation or state can do more for us than we can do for ourselves through Anarchism.

You can organize or join mutual aid projects for distributing food, medicine, clothing and shelter. With friends you can seize the buildings and land held in waiting to transform them into homes, art/music spaces and gardens. You can take up armed self-defense to keep yourself and our communities safe. **Our means must be our ends, as we strive now to make the world we long to live in.**

## Want to learn more?



*Pamphlet built from various Anarchist writers including Lucy Parsons, Errico Malatesta, Kuwaso Balagoon, Hannibal Balagoon Shakur, Lorenzo Komboa'Ervin, Peter Gelderloos, Emma Goldman and Peter Kropotkin.*



*"The philosophy of anarchism is included in the word "Liberty"; yet it is comprehensive enough to include all things else that are conducive to progress. No barriers whatever to human progression, to thought, or investigation are placed by anarchism; nothing is considered so true or so certain, that future discoveries may not prove it false; therefore, **[Anarchism] has but one infallible, unchangeable motto, "Freedom."** Freedom to discover any truth, freedom to develop, to live naturally and fully. "*

*- Lucy Parsons*

# Anarchism

*All power to the people*



*An Introduction*

**"Anarchists recognize that the current social order promotes individualistic, competitive disorder and ecological destruction, not freedom for all"**

**- Thomas Giovanni**

## What is Anarchism?

Anarchy is NOT chaos, death or directionless destruction.

Anarchy IS valuing all people equally. We know that governments — dictatorships, democracies, etc. — always create exploitation, oppression, suffering; and freedom, justice, well-being for everyone must come from the fight against authority, from free association, free creation and free agreement among individuals and groups.

Anarchism asserts hierarchies —where one or more hold power over others from authority or status —are unjust. Hierarchies corrupt those who have power and dehumanize those who don't. Anarchy is consensus, cooperation, and solidarity. Anarchists are opposed to the hierarchies created by white supremacy, ableism, patriarchy, colonialism and imperialism. Anarchism is equal freedom for all and opposition to all forms of exploitation and domination.

Anarchy means free access to the necessary means of living. Anarchy is the abolition of private property so that production can be organized to benefit all instead of a select few. Anarchy is when everyone has unconditional access to everything they need and is in direct control of their own lives.

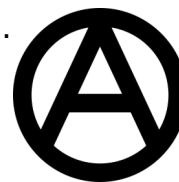
## Why not the state?

**States/Governments do not lead social change, they follow it.** When the prison, stake and scaffold can no longer silence the voice of the protesting minority, progress moves on a step, but not until then. Government force invades our personal liberty, seizes upon the natural elements and intervenes between us and natural laws. **This exercise of force through governments causes nearly all the misery, poverty, crime and confusion existing in society.**

We know that there is no salvation for us but from another, that no hand will save us if we do not reach out our own hand, as siblings, as friends.

## Anarchy is Order

There is a distorted image of Anarchy as chaos, all against all, wanton destruction with no direction or purpose. This is a lie sold by the state and Anarchist's opponents in authority. Anarchy means "without rulers", replacing our current unjust exploitation with a society where we work together for the betterment of both ourselves and all others. Anarchists seek a true end to violence and oppression.



## Anti-Capitalism

All anarchists are anti-capitalists and we believe that the broad working class must end capitalism and replace it with an economic system that benefits us all. Capitalism can never exist without coercion and authority.

Many Anarchists advocate communism (not states like USSR/China/Cuba led by "Communist" parties). Communism means a stateless, classless society in which the land, machines, buildings, resources and other tools/infrastructure and locations are collectively controlled from the bottom up. Whereas other Anarchists desire more spontaneous or less organized egalitarian futures.

## Reform vs. Direct Action

Conservatives, Liberals and Social Democrats are out to change present society through legal reform and by continuing the state, the government that they claim will act in everybody's best interests. Anarchists want society to be changed through the people's own efforts, through direct action. We want the complete destruction of the state, which will always be an agent of oppression and exploitation and will by its very nature establish a society founded on privilege and inequality.