



“**READY OR NOT, YOU ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLES OF OUR TIME.** We were all born into them. It’s not a question of whether to fight, but how. Do we seek individual solutions or make common cause? Do we address one problem after another, or strike at their roots? Do we keep investing resources in the institutions that are failing us, or stake our lives on something else?”

THE RULING ORDER MAY APPEAR UNSHAKABLE, BUT CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT IN THIS WORLD. Windows of opportunity are going to open when things will be possible that seem impossible now. The best way to prepare for such moments is to already be in the habit of acting on your own terms, outside the logic of the prevailing regime. When you know your own strength, you may be able to open those windows yourself.

GET IN POSITION. Find people who bring out the best in you. Learn to take care of each other and act powerfully together. Share things. Discuss struggles elsewhere around the world; draw your own strategic conclusions to test when the opportunity arises. Build networks, resources, and skills that will be useful in those moments of possibility. Dedicate yourself to a long-term project that challenges some aspect of the power structure. Wherever you can, open up the fault lines between those who prefer the world the way it is and those who want something different. Don’t seek to concentrate power, but to diffuse it—a part of your potential is locked in everyone else, and you won’t be able to access it without them. The outcome of a revolution is not determined by revolutionaries, but by which side the people on the fence ultimately join.

TAKE HEART. The hardest part of taking your destiny in your hands is the fear of the unknown. There are no guarantees, and the stakes are the things you prize most in all the world. This is why it’s a relief to consign yourself to others’ projects and values, giving up on your own in advance so you don’t risk failing yourself. Yet that means accepting the worst-case scenario as a foregone conclusion. If that’s the alternative, you might as well hazard the leap into the unknown. On the other side, you will find us—the companions you deserve.”

- CRIMETHING, THE SECRET IS TO BEGIN



What the fuck is Anarchism?

ANARCHISTS OPPOSE ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSIVE POWER. WE STRIVE FOR A world based on self-determination and mutual aid. As the world veers towards tyranny, only grassroots direct action can keep our communities safe. If you’re ready to take action without waiting for orders, you’re one of us.

Anarchists look reality in the face and desire its complete transformation: the elimination of exploitation and domination. Anarchists are among the only ones offering a clear vision of another way of living. In organizing networks and community spaces around the world, we come together to assist each other in meeting basic needs and building the collective capacity for self-defense. In neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools, anarchists are fighting gentrification, the violence of the police, and exploitation while creating inclusive alternative infrastructures for survival. Across bioregions, we are organizing to protect our drinking water and the earth we all depend on for life.

Anarchists see the imposition of racism, class society, nationality, gender and patriarchy all playing parts in creating a world where a few own everything and the rest are forced to work for them in order to survive. A world that is also held in place by institutions of direct control in the form of police and prisons.

Anarchists recognize the one-two punch of the right and left wings of the state. The right-handed uppercut of market capitalism and the strong left hook that more government offers have taken turns pummeling people and the earth for hundreds of years. Anarchists are those who have had enough of it all.

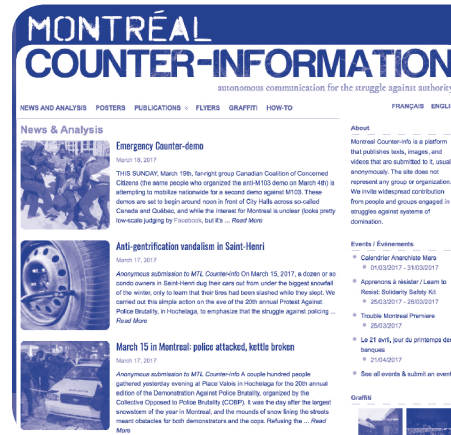
Naturally anarchists are decried as dangerous by cops, politicians, and the rich, and rightly so, because if anarchists had their way those roles would no longer exist.

While we're told to grow up, to quiet our rage, to check another ballot, wait another decade for change, our limbs and minds grow weary. Our dreams and desires yearn to overflow, for something different.

Anarchism means destroying the forces that seek to keep us on our knees, as much as it means finding your friends, lovers, families and communities to have each others' backs, with unbounded rage and joy. The riot that spills into the streets with dancing and laughter, the potluck that leaves everyone fed, the social center filled with books and ideas, the friendships based in affinity and unconditional solidarity, the window smashed to let in the light from outside.

In a world full of alienation and apathy, anarchists are willing to act in accordance with their ideas. Anarchists are those who would set fire to a bulldozer or a new luxury home rather than let a forest be cut down, who would rather hear the sound of shattering glass than a politician's speech. Deserting and disobeying all the rules written against us, by squatting and stealing for our survival, and rejecting the roles we're assigned, as good worker, good student, good citizen, good woman or man. Rewriting the usual endings; by supporting prisoners rather than letting them disappear in isolation, by beating up rapists and homophobes rather than suffering their violence, by creating forms of love that only strengthen us rather than containing and limiting us. Taking control over our surroundings by painting graffiti on the walls or occupying space and planting gardens.

By arming ourselves with the ability to create a new world and destroy the one that has been imposed on us.



Anarchism in Montreal:

For a basic introduction to anarchist values, you can check out *“To Change Everything, an anarchist appeal”*, as well as other introductory texts at **Millefolium**, a local anarchist zine project.

MILLEFOLIUM.NOBLOGS.ORG

Montreal Counter-information is a local website that publishes news and analysis about anarchist struggles in Montreal. It also hosts an archive of counter-information such as flyers, posters, publications, banners, and graffiti. It has a page with upcoming Montreal events, as well as ‘how-to’ guides for anyone who wants to learn skills for direct action.

MTLCOUNTER-INFO.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/MTLCOUNTERINFO

La Déferle is a Montreal anarchist social space in the neighbourhood of Hochelaga. **L’Insoumise** is an anarchist bookstore downtown.

LADEFERLE-AU1407.ORG

L'INSOUMISE-INSOUMISE.WORDPRESS.COM

If you want to learn more about anarchism across North America, you can visit these (anglophone) websites :

CRIMETHINC.COM – ANARCHIST ANALYSES AND INTRODUCTORY RESOURCES

ITSGOINGDOWN.ORG – COVERAGE OF ANARCHIST ACTIVITY ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

SUB.MEDIA – VIDEO COVERAGE OF ANARCHISM (SOMETIMES WITH FRENCH SUBTITLES)