

WHAT IS ANARCHIST COMMUNISM?

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Anarchism is the idea that we can function as a society without rulers. It means that we can live as free people without government forces and bureaucrats dictating our daily lives. It is fighting to be free from oppression and persecution, to fulfil and express ourselves without fear.

Anarchism means rejecting of all the forms of domination which stop us from living peacefully; anarchists fight sexism, racism, homophobia, ablism and all other prejudices which divide & threaten our society.

Anarchism is not the "every man for himself" attitude which drives people to fight for scraps. Nor is it terrorism; oppression and exploitation are social relationships, they can only be overcome by mass rebellion, not the socially destructive actions of a few individuals.

What is Communism?

Communism is the fight for equality; to end exploitation by the Capitalist ruling class, the bosses and landlords who own the world, and take everything to keep their wealth and power. It means recognising that everything the ruling class possess, they have because of workers. Fighting the boss class through direct action such as strikes is part of the struggle to take back the wealth we produce.

In a communist society the goods we produce are fairly distributed to the people who need them; working for the community, not profit.

Communism is not Stalinism, the GULAGs or the secret police. The Soviet Union under the Communist Party was never a communist society - it was ruled by privileged elites, enforcing their will through terror. Indeed, anarchists were persecuted for opposing the Soviet state.

Anarchist Communism is the fight to end all systems of oppression and exploitation through social revolution - changing the very way in which we structure society to create a world where well-being for all, rather than profit for a few, is the driving factor. It means uniting the struggles we face every day, recognising the common need to fight for our own good, and standing in solidarity with those facing the same battles. Communities and workplaces must organise so that each person affected by a decision has equal say in the outcome, and is empowered to stand up and take direct action against those who would take away liberties in the name of capitalism or the state.

If you would like to know more about the ideas & history of the anarchist-communist movement, we suggest you read *Introduction to Anarchist Communism*, available from your local Anarchist Federation branch or as a downloadable PDF from the Anarchist Federation website.

The Anarchist Federation is an organisation of revolutionary class struggle anarchists. We aim for the abolition of all hierarchy, and work for the creation of a world-wide classless society: anarchist communism.

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