

STRIKEBACK FOR THE CLIMATE

The Storm is Here

The world around us is collapsing. Temperatures rise, storms batter coasts, fires sweep the hills, and plastic rains down invisibly. Even the optimist promises a future of hardship: food scarcity, water shortages, extreme weather, economic crash and social turbulence. The ruling class remains insulated by its wealth as Climate Chaos rain destruction on the planet. Our generation comes of age in a time when every certainty is evaporating. Anxiety is baseline. Why demand the government to save us when they are the ones that consigned the planet to oblivion in the first place? Change cannot come through the state; its goals are in opposition to our own. The states exist to protect the functioning of the capitalist machinery which continues to wreck havoc on the planet around us. The state holds a monopoly on the use of violence and will unflinchingly use it to protect the status quo. Let's be real -- we are the only ones who can get us through this, and we are going to have to fight to build a new world.

World's Worth it

We know what their vision of the future looks like. Migrants detained at boarders, the remains of the Amazon are on fire, remorseless capitalist machinery is devouring all livable environments, leaving us with a wasteland. If they get their way, we blow past 2 degrees like it was nothing. We're here to put a wrench in their plans. We refuse their world, where money decides who has a say in the future, and where the poor and marginalized are sacrificed to the rising seas. We refuse their world, where our last best hope is for some scientist to save us by blotting out the sun. We are on the edge and the world is announcing rebellion. The future is worth fighting for, and the battle won't be easy. Our stubborn adherence to non violent tactics does nothing to prevent the continued genocide of the most marginalized around us. Non-violence's monopoly over our movements serves to empower the state and corporate interests. We are joking ourselves if we think that change will come by respectfully requesting those in power to produce less violent systems. We are erasing the everyday violence of poverty, climate chaos related deaths, and the removal of peoples from their homes when we critique "violent" tactics used by activists/militants. The stakes are high; it's the earth or nothing. It is time we gave the fight our all.

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Dare to Strike

A rebellion must know where to set its sight. It will never be enough to march, to demonstrate, to demand or even just strike. We have to attack where power truly resides: not in the halls of government, but in the very means through which society functions. General strikes are a great start, but they are simply the first step to dismantling the capitalist and colonial systems which massacre the planet. Fincal hubs and datacenters, energy plants and power lines, highways and ports - all the infrastructure that keeps capitalism going while the world burns must be our next target. All the systems that spell collective doom if we consent to them running a single day more. This system is a line in the sand, and it is time to pick sides. We must disrupt and destroy the concentrations and flows of power around us, wherever we find ourselves. Together we can shut every energy HQ down, block intersections, take the bridges, overrun airports and turn the valves. We can shut the whole system down.

Imagine

Imagine what we are capable of. Thousands take over downtowns and turn them into festivals, celebrating life in its vibrant forms while meeting each other's needs. Sounds farfetched? We have seen this before, in Tahir square during the occupy movements, in Spain during the 1930's. In the suburbs, abandoned malls become community hubs, and rooftop solar farms. In the countryside neighbors stop pipelines and welcome defecting workers into thriving communities. Assemblies gather and decide how to feed people, how to heal land. With capitalism out of the equation there's enough food, water, shelter, and medicine for all. It turns out that abundance is a mindset as much a material fact. Resiliency in our relations as much as our resources. As we transition between era's new possibilities of collective life are discovered and happiness is rediscovered through fighting for a better world.

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