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**SCREENING**  
**2022-2023**  
into the  
**VOID**  
**1.**



**HOW-TO MANUAL**  
**& SIMPLIFIED TRANSLATION**

The artist is not a special sort of person, but every person is a special sort of artist.

To the artists who already have a platform or who have the guts to call themselves artists:

*we're the trailblazers, the motivators, the incubators,*

*There is nothing different between them and you*

other than the education and motivation you got from the system or by luck.



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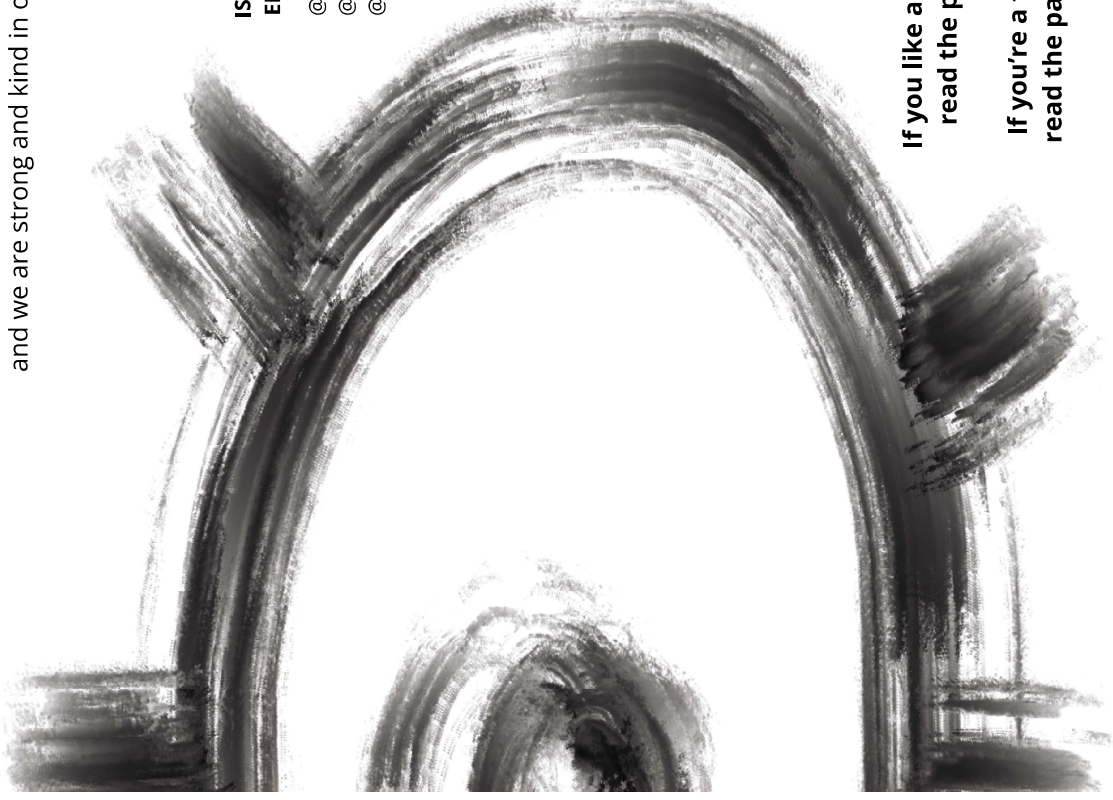
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We find courage in saying yes to new things  
and we are strong and kind in our convictions.

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Art & Translation by MAEDAE

Anarchist literature creates vanguards through inaccessible language. These zines seek to rectify this infelicity.

## ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

### DIRECT QUOTES

From Robert Graham's "A Documentary History of Libertarian Ideas" Vol. 3

THE MADRID DECLARATION (anarchist + syndicalist orgs from Euro, latin america, and the middle east) March 31 & Apr 1st 2001: Lebanon, France, Spain, Mexico, France., Brazil, Uruguay, Greece, France, Czech-Republic, Argentina, Switzerland, & Sweden

"We ... would like to make public our conviction that it is possible to build a different type of world, and different worlds. We call on all libertarian men and women in the world to organize, to intertwine an international network which will foment social antagonism against capitalist globalisation, to braid resistance, to link those thousands of subversive threads which give form to the resplendent tapestry of social revolution".



These texts have been reprinted without permission. It's what they would have wanted. Probably.

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## TRANSLATION MINI DICTIONARY

**Nationalism:** The idea that loyalty and devotion to your country is more important than your own needs and wants and more important than the needs and wants of your friends, family, and community. New idea, only popular for the past ~ 300 years.

**Internationalism:** The belief that different countries can make the lives of all their citizens better over time by working together instead of against each other.

**Capitalism:** A way a society or country can decide how to make things, how to move the things, and how people can get the things (economic system). This method has been the most popular way of getting these tasks done in Europe+ and the Americas for the past 300-400 years. In this system, things like land, raw materials (steel, gas, wood, etc.), factories, machinery, and technology are owned by one person and their family instead of by all people. People make money through selling the things to each other and can only "succeed" by taking advantage of people in some way or another.

**Anti-capitalism:** The idea that there are ways better than capitalism to organize making things, moving things, and getting people things. Anti-capitalists try to help people that the capitalist system is taking advantage of right now (people who's families don't own factories/huge amounts of land/steel/gas/machinery). They believe that it is unfair that one person or family can own these things. Instead, they believe that these things should be owned by all people and managed by those people or by their government. They believe that this is a fairer system where less people will be taken advantage of. \*this does not necessarily mean no private property, look up socialism vs. communism\*

**Mutual Aid:** [AKA Helping Each Other] An organization/group where people work together to solve problems they see in their communities (without a goal of making money off of helping). When the government fails to step up and help, community members step up instead. Big problems these organizations try to solve are usually linked to poverty, addiction, or mental health, with the understanding that having any of these problems is mostly based off of luck. The people involved contribute their time and energy to helping others not just because it's the right thing to do, but also because they know that if their luck changes for the worse, they would like others to help them. These organizations can help people trade things instead of buying new things (to save money), or provide things that people need. Some common examples of mutual aid organizations are small volunteer-run food banks, breakfast programs, clothing, book, and tool swaps, free education or tutoring, and free medical help. The goal is to build stronger, happier, and safer communities.

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# MINI DICTIONARY

**Nationalism:** an ideology based on the premise that the individual's loyalty and devotion to the nation-state surpass other individual or group interests. (Britannica)

Nationalism is a modern movement. Throughout history people have been attached to their native soil, to the traditions of their parents, and to established territorial authorities, but it was not until the end of the 18th century that nationalism began to be a generally recognized sentiment molding public and private life."

**Internationalism:** the belief that international progress is possible, where progress is defined as movement toward increasing levels of harmonious cooperation between political communities. (Britannica)

**Federalism:** a principle or system of government in which several states form a unity but remain independent in internal affairs.

**Capitalism:** an economic system, dominant in the Western world since the breakup of feudalism, in which most means of production are privately owned and production is guided and income distributed largely through the operation of markets. (Britannica)

**Anti-capitalism:** a political ideology and movement encompassing a variety of attitudes and ideas that oppose capitalism. Anti-capitalists seek to combat the worst effects of capitalism and to eventually replace capitalism with alternative economic systems such as socialism and communism. (Wikipedia)

**Mutual aid:** an organizational model where voluntary, collaborative exchanges of resources and services for common benefit take place amongst community members to overcome social, economic, and political barriers to meeting common needs. This can include physical resources like food, clothing, or medicine, as well as services like breakfast programs or education. (Wikipedia)

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## TRANSLATION

These ideas have been misunderstood for a very long time by most people because the people writing them want to look smart. This makes no sense because their goal is to have everyone understand their ideas. These zines hope to help you understand.

## NORMAL HUMAN TALK

### THE MADRID DECLARATION 2001

Groups from 13 countries in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East gathered together in Spain and wrote this statement, in the hopes that you will relate to what they are saying. With the hope that you will understand.

We can build a different world. Different worlds. This is a call to anyone anywhere to make some friends and do something good in your community. Then make connections with other groups doing good in your community, then make connections with groups doing good things in different neighbourhoods, cities, or countries.

The people involved should understand that they are being stolen from, or be interested in learning more about whether that is true or not. These people should value working with each other to become stronger together, in the hopes of building a better world.

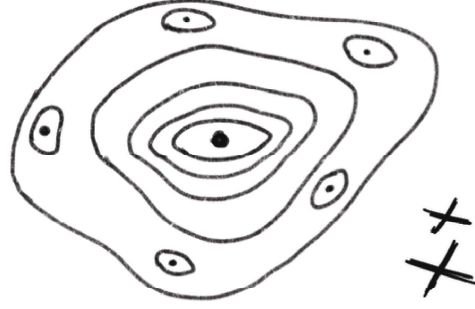


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## DIRECT QUOTES

By libertarian we mean:

- Direct action as a model and method in labour and social conflicts so that the people affected decide and take responsibility for their struggles.
- A clear declaration in favour of anticapitalism, antiauthoritarianism and the fight against all types of domination (patriarchy, fascism...) all in day-by-day social and cultural aspects.
- Applying self-management in internal and external organizational work, understanding this as promoting the rotation of posts, training people in posts, recall, transparency, the responsibility and capacity of all to decide in a structure which is both horizontal and federalist, anti-heirarchical and without vanguards which accumulate and monopolize power." p.11



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## TRANSLATION

We do not want people in charge telling us what to do. The giant network across the world will not have anyone in charge forcing us to do anything. Instead, it will be small groups of people working with each other and deciding together, then sending their message to larger groups and deciding together, then sending it to larger groups, and so on. This is how we will all decide our own fates. The goal will be to make sure everyone is safe first and then as happy as they can be.

When some people have extra and don't share, people with less eventually get mad and fight them. People will work together because they see that this will always be true and they don't want more fighting.

We have billions of systems keeping the world running right now. These billions of people with knowledge and expertise will not disappear. These ideas are not dreams. People have been creating these networks for a very long time, in a lot of different places, working with each other in all the ways we described.

**ALL THERE IS**

We live in a system that puts money first, humans second. To fight this, we have to build our own systems that put humans first and put whatever systems we choose to use second. The systems we choose should always be open to changing for the better. We will do this together, step by step, day by day.

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## DIRECT QUOTES

Neither a State nor a world government – the only government acceptable is the self-management of society from local collectives coordinated regionally and worldwide, a libertarian community or municipality, in which decisions are made from the bottom up and in which federalism is the formula for cooperation. No to competition and free trade areas. Yes to mutual aid and solidarity among peoples; we reject globalization and dependence in favour of autonomy in order to put fate back in our own hands. These are not brushstrokes of a pretty picture of the society we hold in our hearts: ends and means are one and the same in the libertarian strategy. These are shovelfuls to the site we are building day by day through social resistance: at the same time as we fight against and pull down the power of capital we must also construct libertarian alternative, step by step, minute by minute.” p.16



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These people:

- Understand they have a responsibility to make decisions for and to represent only themselves and any groups they are a part of.
- Do not like any form of domination of one person(s) over another person(s).
- Value honesty, transparency, fairness, building the skills of others, holding everyone accountable for their own actions, the ability to stop being represented by someone they feel doesn't represent them anymore.
- Always decide together, in an equal and fair way, and will be careful not to allow natural “leaders” to have more of a say than others.

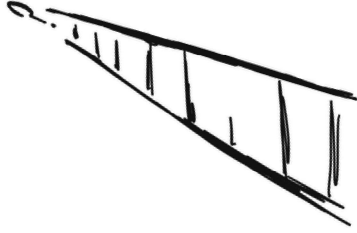
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## DIRECT QUOTES

For those who do not wish to limit their actions to mere propaganda deeds, planting the need to revolutionize this world implies determining the conditions from which we can build sufficient strength to make revolutionary processes thinkable and politically and strategically possible. Putting the revolution on our agenda means building a process of political work, a relation of strength, giving a strategic dimension to social antagonism, forging alliances and becoming capable of being a guiding force in the process of social struggles.

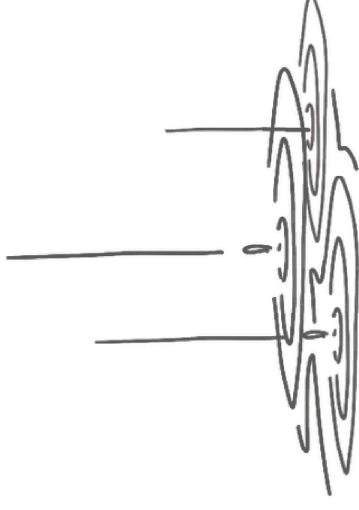
History is wrought by human beings... we reject the idea that nothing can be done, that the forces that steer social change are out of reach of human hands.

If the century that we have just left has taught us anything, it is to reject the naive optimism and blind faith in the progress of humanity. Everything can get worse; there is nothing that can completely guarantee a favourable result in the evolution of society. The imposition of social structures based even more on inequality and social exclusion is possible. From this perspective, distant from any type of historical determinism, revolution becomes a vital necessity, and it must be built day by day in many spheres of freedom.p.12



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To make sure everyone in the world works together, no matter where we were born or where we live now, we need to connect small groups of people to bigger networks to even bigger networks to cover the whole world. This is how we can all make decisions together.

The system we are in now makes it really easy to take advantage of people who are new to a country. A lot of the time they are treated as lesser than people who were born in that country because of how little money they have or because their skin is a different color. This makes these new people desperate. The people in charge of things hire these people because they can pay them less which means they can keep more money for themselves. People who were born in that country get mad because it looks like the new people are taking all the jobs. The people in charge of things make it look that way on purpose, so no one gets mad at them.

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## DIRECT QUOTES

In order to ensure a world where everyone stands together, regardless of place of birth or residence, we must link local autonomy and worldwide coordination, through the principles of self-managed federalism.p15

Globalized exploitation is particularly aimed at immigrants. With their rights taken away, and without identity roots, this group is easily exploited and is used to divide workers, creating a fictitious group of competitors generated and created by racism.”p15



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## TRANSLATION

For some people it is enough to kind of show that they believe in these things through how they act in daily life. \* or extreme crazy measures acting on behalf of some peoples they aren't a part of

Other people understand that to build a better world, we have to figure out how to build a really big network of people who believe these ideas and practice solving problems when they see injustice. Once the network is so big that most people agree with these ideas, that is how these ideas will become politically possible. In any town, city, or country.

We as humans create history. Write our own story. We can change things for the better.

We look back on the past 100 years and learn from it. We learn that things don't just get better by believing that they will get better. Everything can get worse. People can decide to make things much more unfair for many people. When we understand this, we understand that we have to take an active role in creating freedom for everyone, every day, in every way possible.



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## DIRECT QUOTES

As libertarians, we all drink from the same revolutionary spring: direct action, self-management, federalism, mutual aid and internationalism. Nevertheless, the different flavours and currents of this spring have caused on too many occasions factionalism, divergency and separation. We do not wish to see who has got the clearest or purest water, we believe that they are all right and wrong, pure and impure. Wise winemakers mix different types of grapes to produce the best wines, each type of grape provides something. We propose that we do the same and propose a toast for what unites us: the vital need for a libertarian revolution.” p.13

Human development, considered as the overall increase of its wellbeing, is not compatible with the capitalist set-up of society and production.p.13



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## TRANSLATION

As believers in freedom, we all agree that it is important that we take responsibility for our own actions and for the actions of the people we continue to choose to represent us. We agree that it is important to care for each other and to build systems that will make that care last longer and to care for as many people as possible, even if they are from a different town, city, or country. That said, we all have different ideas on how to do these things, which has caused us to fight and ignore each other in the past.

No one is Right. Everyone is right and wrong, pure and impure. The best chefs mix different ingredients to make the best food. Every ingredient brings something unique. We should do the same. We should focus on what we have in common: we all want to be able to decide together how to change things for the better.



The system we are living in right now says that more money means more success. To get extra money you have to trick people into giving it to you, or steal their money, things, or time. Sometimes, other people will steal people's time, money, or things for you so you don't have to think about it. If you don't do those things, you will not have much more money than anyone else. You will never be able to compete with all the people who do those things. This system does not make people feel good. If the goal is to make every human more happy and safe, this system will not and does not work.

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