You may already be an anarchist

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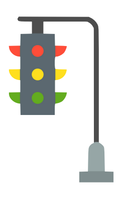
Some people think that anarchism is like an intersection without traffic lights



"Drivers" will "reach an agreement" and "drive without accidents". **Of course, it won't work that way.**

In fact, anarchism implies that the rate of switching signals at these "traffic lights" is decided by the society, not by a president or a party.

Suppose that there is a thirty-second green traffic light for cars, whereas for pedestrians it is merely three-second — in that case, it seems clear to everyone that something needs to be changed here. However, the president does like to walk and prefers to drive, so they are not going to change anything.

Neither a single person nor a hundred can know what people need better than the people themselves. If the power is not in the hands of a president or a party but of the people, then, for the first time, **the rules chosen together will begin to protect not the state but the person**.

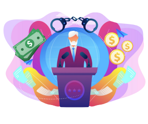
State is not needed

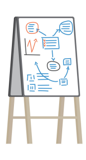
However, the question follows: wouldn't people kill each other if there were no public authorities?

Well, I personally don't want to kill anyone. For sure, you are too. All your friends are peaceful people. And I indeed doubt that most people we don't know are just waiting for a chance to break loose and rush to torment others.

More than that: **most of the crimes occur because of the current system.**

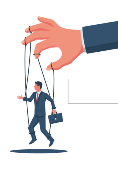
Robbery, corruption, and unfair trial will simply become obsolete if we abandon private property —





and scientific researches prove that mental problems, number of prisoners and even number of homicides are directly related to economic inequality.

Exploitation and abuse of authority also vanish when the hierarchy is destroyed.



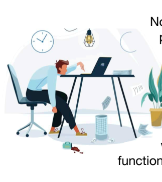
The remaining criminal minority will be dealt with by psychologists.

Besides all this, by abandoning the police, which now does more harm than good, if necessary, anarchists can always form **libertarian groups for protect each other**, which will defend not the state, but the people.

But how to remove the financial division into classes?

Capitalism motivates to work with money: but what will motivate to work in an economically equal world? Once, it was believed that life was impossible without slavery, and labor — without a whip. Now it is considered that work is impossible without constraint.

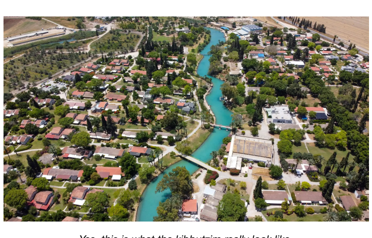
How do countries with low unemployment levels differ from others? Not by the level of pay but motivation. Under communism, free-will work is supported by motivation, education, and a new understanding of the very idea of work.



Now the work is often hard and poorly paid. A person sees work as labor that devours free time and must be endured. We feel free to act only in the performance of our «animal functions» — in eating, drinking, in sex; at best, also while staying at home, decorating ourselves, whereas performing our human functions they feel merely like an automaton.

When working conditions become easier and time will be limited; when everyone will understand that they work for their loved ones and of all mankind; when diligence will be held in high esteem by society, and laziness will be scorned — who will exchange the pleasure of being useful and loved for an idle life?

Work can be different, and different work causes different attitudes towards it. Some practical examples (such as kibbutzim — communities that have neither wages nor forced labor) confirm this.



Yes, this is what the kibbutzim really look like.

If the idea works, why wasn't it ever implemented?

It was! In Hulyaypole, Aragon, Zaragoza and Catalonia, as well as in Barcelona, Kronstadt Commune, Shinmin province, Oaxaca, Kurdistan, Christiania, Zaachila, Cherán, Zapatistas… In these regions, the quality level of life, education, happiness, and human freedom increased.

Although some of communes still exist, most were destroyed either by government of their own or foreign country — and this is quite natural, as the very idea of anarchism implies the death of the state. But why can we avoid such an outcome this time?

Because now we live in a different epoch.

We have the Internet as a means for communication and cooperation

We have more things at hand than an ordinary peasant of the past had

It is easier for us to teach each other, gathering even more masses for a revolution with the help of modern means, beginning with social networks and ending with the opportunities acquired thanks to universal globalization.

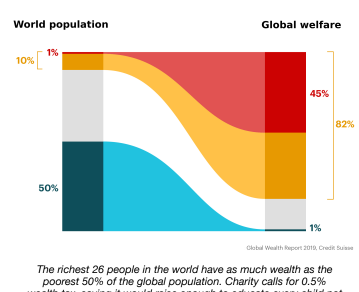
Besides, we have much more experience to avoid repeating same mistakes of past revolutions. **Makhno** showed that even ideology-based states could not be trusted, **Kronstadt and Paris** demonstrated that the place for a commune must be chosen wisely, **Spain** gave the experience of defending the revolution in urban conditions, etc.

In the days of monarchy, people did not believe that social democracy was possible; now, they do not believe in anarchy.

But progress is inevitable — we will live to see for ourselves!

Perhaps anarchists see humans as unnaturally perfect?

Quite the contrary! It is precisely by recognizing the human imperfection that **anarchists do not want all power or all wealth to be concentrated in the hands of a few people.**



The richest 26 people in the world have as much wealth as the poorest 50% of the global population. Charity calls for 0.5% wealth tax, saying it would raise enough to educate every child not in school.

For the same reason, anarchists strive for a revolution instead of «slow and gradual reforms». To initiate reforms, it is necessary to make an «insider» a president. But power corrupts people. Moreover, if a person suddenly abandons ideas after coming to power, the «dictatorship of proletariat» will become standard dictatorship, as it has happened in the Soviet Union.

A person is biologically disposed towards mutual assistance, freedom, and equality; therefore, if people were able to destroy the state, they will be able to re-form after the revolution in order to go over to self-government. One historical example shows how society did it in just six days (Gwangju, South Korea, 1980).

Liberated Spain, 1936.
People decided to rule their own lives.

When will out revolution happen?

When anarchism takes over the minds of the majority.

In the world around us, **they never stopped**: it is not written in the news, but in Mexico, Greece, Brazil, Scotland, Kurdistan, Spain, Germany, Russia and other countries, people rebel to this day.

It is important for our victory that new people learn about anarchism, learn the idea and teach others. If you found what I have written interesting, or if you liked the idea of freedom, equality and justice for everyone, **don't just neglect it!**

Read some literature on a bus tomorrow, watch a movie about anarchists in the evening, or contact us on the Internet and ask everything that interests you.

Join us, since together we can change the world. And then the kingdom of tyranny and violence will collapse, and the dawn of freedom will rise over the world!

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