

# **Anarchists, consider your allies**

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Apparently, allegiance is to be found in the sphere of fiber-optic communication, arguably originating in the belief that technology is under our control, and not the other way around. Through our general usage of any kind of social media, we are continuously convincing ourselves and each other that these black holes of data collection are pools of opportunity, from which we can exploit applications that will in numerous ways enrich our lives. Concurrently, we can supposedly discard all the oppressive and manipulatory features therein. Hence, we are so hung up on the belief that our creation and perpetuation of our mirror selves will not compromise us as free individuals, even if it sews our mouths shut, lead us into bodily apathy, distances us from anything real, et cetera. Thus, it is erroneous to think that you are free, when you are a fugitive, hiding your true self. In this way, freedom can never be achieved, because freedom demands you to fight off any oppressor, even if that oppressor in any way is yourself. Similarly, a space of refuge can only facilitate a limited sense of freedom, because freedom demands you to stand up against any kind of spatial limitation. Thus, freedom needs every kind of fight to preserve every element that it consists of. In neglecting that, we abstain from the notion of complete freedom, thus imprisoning what is forever meant to be free. ◆

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