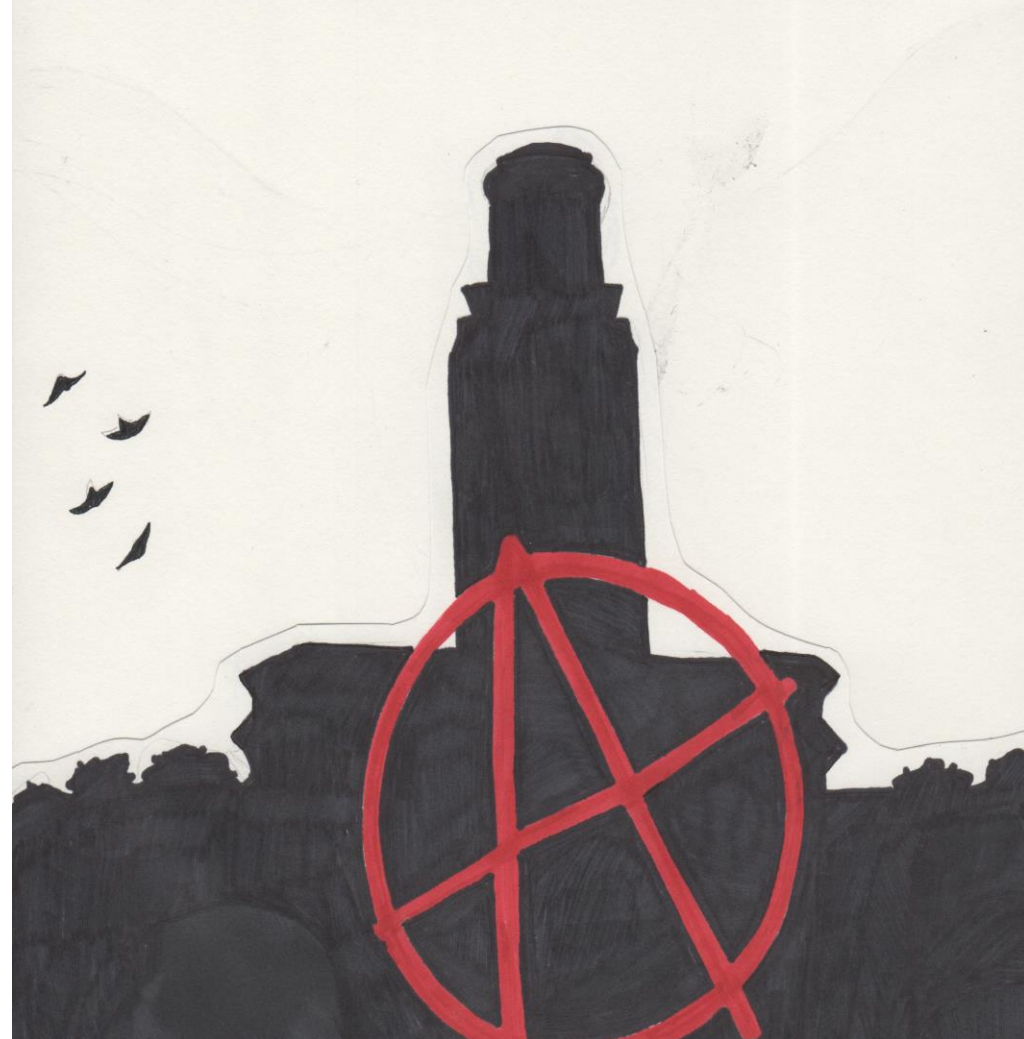


The zine formerly known as "The Call" presents

Disorientation

AN INTRO TO LEFTISM ON CAMPUS



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Greetings from the Autonomous Student Media, and welcome to the new battle against oppression!

We here at ASM are excited to offer the aspiring leftist a look at all the revolutionary opportunities and leftist outlets on campus.

This zine is focused on the basics of leftist practices on UT's campus, as well as DisOrientation.

“DisOrientation names the strategies we use when we reclaim space here in opposition to the University, when we enter all the subcultures and social spaces that exist beyond it. —

This is why we feel this zine is so important.

First, to go beyond the Spectacle and reveal the entrenched powers at work at UT. Second, to keep alive a historical memory of this institution, its violence, and its failures so that we can escape the constant cycle of scandal, anger, and passivity that seems to plague student activism. And finally, to help initiate your process of DisOrientation, with the hopes that starting it early and with a guide will help make it a less painful process.

perhaps it would be better to examine instances from American history—and there is a plentitude of examples. Slavery was legal, Jim Crow was legal, policies that stopped women and people of color from political participation were legal, laws that banned same-sex unions were legal. Our government, too, stole indigenous children from their families. A quick perusal of a history textbook will doubtless bring up more examples.

Thus, what is good and what is legal clearly have not aligned throughout history, and don't line up today.

All the information comes from personal knowledge, but if you want to learn more about the Stolen Generation, I encourage you to check out

<http://www.australianstogether.org.au/stories/detail/the-stolen-generations> and

<https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/politics/a-guide-to-australias-stolen-generations>.

Legality vs. Justice

From a young age, we are taught that we have laws so people don't do bad things. And if you break the law—you're bad. And you go to jail—full of bad people.

The reality is that in our society, there is a chasm between what is legal and what is good; there is a chasm between what is legal and what is just. It is possible to follow the law your entire life and still do things that aren't beneficial to humankind, just as it is possible that breaking a law can be an act of good. When examining this concept, it is easiest to look back through history for examples. I must provide warning that some of these examples will be upsetting.

The Stolen Generation

Between about 1890 and 1970, it was Australian government policy to forcibly remove Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their homes and place them in government-run facilities or white foster families. Was this process legal? Absolutely. But these policies were inhumane, and had results that are still lasting to this day. Many members of what is now known as the "Stolen Generation" were abused, made to feel ashamed of their heritage, and many members experience depression, anxiety, and PTSD. Not only did these policies have abhorrent consequences, but they were based on racist ideology—white Australians hoped that by removing children from their culture, they could kill Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. These "Assimilation" policies also assumed that removing children from their homes would cause Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to die out—after a couple of generations of miscegenation with white people and society they would no longer exist.

America: Then and Now

The Stolen Generation is a stark example of a time when what is legal and commonly practiced is nonetheless abhorrent. But

In your DisOrientation, we hope you will find new connections with new friends and comrades that can help you survive and fight back against the

University. Whether you join a new leftist organization, learn how to keep your information safe, or find out which racist organizations and professors to avoid, we hope this guide will help prepare you for life in the dark underside of UT."

Until we find each other,

The Autonomous Student Network

Leftist Groups/Resources on Campus

- **Palestine Solidarity Committee**
 - An organization dedicated to building a student movement for Palestinian liberation. They focus on education, building community & particularly Arab leadership, and organizing around issues like the Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions campaign and a yearly “Israeli Apartheid Week” Event.
- **The Revolutionary Student Front**
 - A revolutionary anti-capitalist organization at UT dedicated to building student power. They organize on Marxist-Leninist-Maoist principles of the mass line and democratic centralism, with a leadership committee guiding the organization. They are heavily involved in antifascist work and demonstrations.
- **The Autonomous Student Network**
 - IT’S US! A revolutionary anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian organization at UT dedicated to building autonomy and student capacity. They organize on anarchist principles such as consensus based decision making, direct democracy, and autonomy. ASN focuses a lot of its work on media projects, collective student defense & anti-harassment organizing, and antifascist work.

eradicating neo-fascists from your community.

believe me when I tell you
societal collapse & institutionalized hatred
is not inherent to the human experience,
merely the current state capitalist one.

but no one wants to get their hands dirty
with a people’s revolution anymore these days.

they tell me that humanity cannot function
without corporations & governments guiding us.

well they said the same fucking thing about kings.

with their police records
their proud list of credentials.

there should be a half-life on governments
because our founding fathers are no gods
and our politicians no deities who are
worthy of orchestrating another's life.

don't worry what the state thinks of you
because their morality is arbitrary
with every book cooked
not in favor of justice
but mistrust
and the motto "*trust us*"
placed above every nsa bust.
change comes from the people,
not their prescribed voting booth.
it never arrives from politicians
promising the world, but:

from your great-grandfather
dying in the labor movement.

from your grandmother
fighting in the french resistance.

from your father
burning draft cards in the anti-war movement.

from your sister
clashing during the battle in seattle 50,000 strong.

from you

- **Queer & Trans People of Color Agency**

- An organization providing space for Queer & Trans People of Color to talk and build community. They exist to provide a space that explicitly centers non-white voices and people, contrary to the whiteness of many queer spaces.

- **Native American & Indigenous Collective**

- An organization representing the indigenous community on campus. Their work focuses on community building and centering Indigenous knowledge through events such as Indigenous People's Week.

- **University Leadership Initiative**

- An organization representing the undocumented community at UT, focused on building leadership and advocating for the needs of undocumented students.

- **Solidarity 6.104**

- An organization getting Social Work students involved in activism and organizing.

- **Inter-Cooperative Council**

- A non-profit organization in charge of many of the housing cooperatives around UT, such as New Guild & House of Commons. While bureaucratic, one may find potential allies or support here. ICC has a Committee for

- Combating Oppression who may be able to provide support to your projects in some way. Some of the houses under ICC also have fairly radical house cultures—but be sure to get to know the house and its history first, as some houses may have equally repulsive histories or members.

- **Oh Shit! What Now?**

- A radical educational collective focused on sharing resources & skills for activists and the newly politically active in the wake of Trump's election. They host self-defense trainings, discussions, reading groups, and teach-ins on topics ranging from cybersecurity to antifascism to polyamory.

- **Peaceful Streets Project**

An anti-police state organization in Austin that organizes regular copwatching efforts. Copwatching involves filming the activities of police as they interact with the public. They patrol Austin on weekend nights to film police encounters and hold the police accountable—to the public and in court. They often come to Austin-area protests to film police interactions with activists and provide support to prosecuted

the hatred of twenty.
and then watched
the same police
on the same day
snap a peaceful
pro-equality demonstration
into bloodlust with the cruelty of
horse rifles, tear gas, and boots to the face.

so you tell me which side they are on.

because it is not ours.

i need you to understand that police
are not here to protect us.
modern police forces
were birthed in the 1800s
out of slave catching patrols
who sold their presence to whites
as racist security and then america
bought it forgetting to keep the receipt.

if you want true security
then kick the police out,
forge community militias & response teams
as george orwell did in spain in the 1930s,
the mexican zapatistas in the 90's,
and rojova in modern syria.

put us on your watchlists if you want
because we want you to see the revolution
when you hear the people's voices
emerge for the first time in a generation

we drop food not bombs.

we are not what the red scare
or Hollywood taught you to believe.

we are not the purge.

anarchists do not
and have never
advocated lawless chaos.

We do like you enjoy
organization in our
lives. just not the vi-
olent oppressive type

i remember the first time i
was caught spray painting
"STOP HATE"
graffiti on the stop signs.

i was assigned a work detail
to erase my words and
it was that day i
learned exactly the
messages they wanted heard.

from the steps of our state capitol
i watched the police line grow
into a domestic army
protecting a white supremacist rally
against the one thousand of us
who showed up to silence

- activists. They hold a staunch ACAB (All Cops Are Bastards) line and are police abolitionist in many ways.

- **Serve the People—Austin**

- A Marxist-Leninist-Maoist mass organization in Austin. Their work focuses on programs that “Serve the People” such as weekly food servings, free stores, and more. They are dedicated to building revolutionary people power and combatting gentrification.

- **Defend Our Hoodz/Defiende El Barrio**

- A militant anti-gentrification organization working in East Austin. Their main focus area is organizing against the Blue Cat Café, a gentrifying hipster Café that broke a community boycott on a lease and has garnered support and defense from white supremacists and infowars.

- **Austin Anarchist Black Cross**

- An anarchist prisoner support organization. They host prisoner letter writing sections and release zines of content from prisoners in Texas, particularly queer and trans prisoners. They have also hosted film screenings or discussions on abolition and with other organizations, such as the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee, which

- helped organize the September 2016 prisoner strikes.

- **Black Rose Anarchist Federation / Federación Anarquista Rosa Negra**

- An national Anarchist organization with a chapter in Austin. Focused on building bottom-up power, they are building a specifically anarchist organization to concentrate analysis, ideas, and tactics to build popular movements and power.

Spaces, or Starting from Where We Are

- **Gender & Sexuality Center**

- Located on the second floor of the Student Activities Center, the GSC is a space that provides support to women & LGTBQIA+ students on campus. One can hang out and study, talk to people, or find out about other organizations for women and queer & trans students. The GSC is limited in that it cannot be explicitly political as an institution, but offers opportunities for subversion and making connections with radical or potentially radical people.

- **Multicultural Engagement Center**

- Located on the first floor of the Student Activities Center, the MEC is a space for students of color on campus to hang out, study, and build community. Multiple organizations, such as the NAIC, are housed out of the MEC.

confessions of an anarchist
Brent C. Green

i am going to share with you a truth
which many will not believe:

that anarchists are the freedom fighters
the world does not want you
to know about.

we are the anti-fascist network
counter-marching neo-nazis in houston streets,
fighting kkk rallies in anaheim,
erecting barricades to coercion in greece,
protecting our community in chiapas,
battling white supremacists at texas a&m.

we are the undiagnosed realists
fighting to destroy the patriarchy,
homophobia, racism, fascism,
every form of economic oppression.

however

you will not know this
while you're hamstrung
by strung perceptions
from not understanding

A Godless Penance
Alexis Sleeper

They scoff. Call it “poisonous unrest,” call it “criminality,”
call it unnecessary bloodshed.

But, they don’t call it graciously revolutionary. They don’t call it a
rational response.

They don’t call it a tired tear for justice.

They tote some fabricated self-righteousness,

that’s really a muzzle,

and binds tightly with a foul taste to anything beyond

the

porcelain protestant.

And, I am with disgust. I am with petty shame, to look in the
mirror

and know outside these borders we are assumed as the same.

Them, with misdirected morals and hearts in a grave.

- **Monkeywrench Books**

- An anarchist bookstore and social space on North Loop. They host regular film screenings, study groups, Austin ABC prisoner letter writings, book talks, and more! You can find a bunch of radical zines and other goodies, largely for donation. If you make connections with the collective members, you can get some help with printing jobs, getting your zines and literature distributed more publicly, and reserve some space for your events.

Fascists? On *My* Campus?

Identifying fascist activity is no longer a matter of finding people decorated with swastikas and making blatant racist remarks. Fascism has evolved in a manner that creates a façade of rationality behind their outrageous ideologies in order to infiltrate our daily lives.

The crypto-fascist movement has already made its debut on UT's campus. Propaganda from groups such as Identity Evropa, American Vanguard (now Patriot Front,) and Turning Point USA have appeared on campus kiosks. TPUSA was even spotted tabling on Speedway. These groups often present themselves as traditional, patriotic organizations seeking disenchanted, conservative college students to join their movement of "taking America back."

Identifying these fascists' tactics is crucial to being a vigilant opponent to their backward, oppressive ideologies spreading. Some common identifiers include: historical revisionism, championing free (read: racist) speech, talking points on (white) "identity," cries of reverse racism, extreme nationalism, and espousing the ideologies of the alt-right and their figureheads.

So, what can an individual do to combat racist, sexist and homophobic organizations from establishing a presence on campus?

November 9, 2016 9:00 am

Alexis Sleeper

The past tense fails the thought of yesterday. Feels like a past life.

All of us, sauntering, our dying eyes.

I drank about it again. I droned about it again. I cried about it again.

I turned to you.

"This is the evil conquering Hell," you tried wittily to whisper through a twitching breath,

as the empire crumbled to dust and burnt bones between the words.

What did you want? To suckle at the desecration?

I'm just trying to keep it together like a bookend

History Repeats

Dax

Another boot on the ground, another machine gun pointed at a mother, sister, daughter. The system maintains its wealth with blood spilt in deserts, jungles and everywhere the working people suffer. They try to justify their war, their racism, their murder. Women sold as property and only to be raped and left for dead. Left right left, March on the fascism continues, endless perpetual ignorance of the world that we live in.

Again! Again! Over and over and over! Dead! Dead! Dead!

This is their law! This is their order!

We can only break the cycle if we choose to fight back! Their wealth is only maintained if their power doesn't crack!

There is only one solution and that is revolution!

End their wars, their racism, their sexism and pollution!

If nothing is done now we really are going to be fucked, our world on fire by some nuclear bomb.

Again! Again! Over and over and over! Dead! Dead! Dead!

This is their law! This is their order!

Again! Again! Over and over and over! Dead! Dead! Dead!

This is their law! This is their fucking order!

1. Be observant – keep your eyes on kiosks, poles, the back of signs, and anywhere else propaganda can appear. This will help you identify when fascists have been active on campus.
2. Report – Alert others who can help you take locate and take down fascist propaganda. These people may range from anti-fascist sympathizers to members of political groups on campus (probably don't want to ask the YCT, though)
3. Act – If you see fascists actively flyering, tabling, or otherwise operating on campus, consider taking an active role. To do this, you may want to consider joining a larger network of leftists, such as the active groups on campus, to have safety in numbers.
 - a. Make a scene – this is recommended for challenging fascists who are stationary and in a very public setting. Tactics such as chanting, counterflyering, and warning others of the malicious agenda being pushed by fascists are good examples.
 - b. Mask up when necessary – you should always be mindful of your own safety. Your identity can be used to target you in the future
4. DON'T BE STUPID – endangering yourself and others is NOT cool. Evaluate your situation and act accordingly.

Here are some fascist organizations who have been active on and around campus:

- American Vanguard / Patriot Front
 - White Supremacists – the group Heather Heyer’s killer is associated with
- Identity Evropa
 - White Supremacists – use a triangular symbol
- Turning Point USA
 - Organization behind racist, pro-fascist “professor watchlist,” and other general reactionary demonstrations
- Young Conservatives of Texas
 - Have hosted events such as the infamous “Racist Bake Sale” and “Illegal Immigrant Roundup.”
- The Daily Stormer
 - an Alt-right “news outlet,” racist posters went up after the campus stabbing with a link to this website

Bubbling
Zackary Davis

I am the voiceless customer,
Grinding my two cents in plastic.
I am the comfortable,
Placing bets on the stock of gods.
I am the zealot,
They protect us.
Molding myself to fit
That corporate coffin.
That cozy drop
Into a place of contentment.
I am the shit stains of a world occupied.
I am the dirty puddle,
You avoid in the street.
I am the kicked dog that
You kicked harder
Because I bled on your shoes.
I am the consumed,
Ordering my body
to disembowel my mind.
I am the consumer,
In a warm bowl of water.

The False Reaper
Zackary Davis

I know a cop, such a great guy.
I asked about his tattoo; he said that he would try.

The Grim Reaper, gatekeeper of Death,
But what that good cop said, took away my breath.

That's me you see; I take out the guck.
I had to hold back shouting *What the -?*

You're a public servant, nothing more, nothing less!
I wish I'd said something, but I didn't, I confess.
Things have to change; we can no longer digress.



From the Anarchist Library:

The theory that all forms of government are oppressive and undesirable, and should be abolished;

2. Active resistance and terrorism against the state, as used by some anarchists

3. Rejection of all forms of coercive control and authority.

Anarchy is an ideology that emphasizes individual autonomy and fighting hierarchal power structures such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and transphobia.

While smashing things is fun, it is by no means the only part of anarchism. We do eat the rich, though.



From Hot Topic Website:

If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal. Let's be real - anarchy is the only answer to all of our political problems. Black T-shirt with red anarchy symbol and text design that reads, "Anarchy 2016." Fall in love, not in line!

The Art of the Con
Zackary Davis

There once was a man named Victor Lustig, a con who mastered his art.

He saw a bullseye in the Eiffel tower, and began looking for his dart. Falsely claiming his nation's pride, he sold it through and through. When all was said and done, there was nothing for the conned to do. While many just laughed, the people were quite shaken,

But there was little to do, for the Poisson was already taken.

Though it didn't

Work the second

Time, the people

Knew the con.

They never would

Love or respect

That evil little Don.

He threw a fit

As he was

Insulted and resisted.

To spite this

Cruel man, many

Happily enlisted.

So watch that man,

And watch his cons,

They're obvious, you'll see.

Be ever cautious,

And speak out now,

Or his victim we will be.