

# THE ANARCHIST CRITIC.



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We will try to produce this bulletin on a regular basis highlighting policies and events that influence our lives but are dictated by corporate institutions and governments beyond our control. If we, the ordinary people desire a world for all our children, we must resist, organise, and take control.

## BEHIND THE CLAPHAM RIOTS: 'THE POLICE ARE THE ENEMY'

The following is a short extract from an article on the recent riots by Amanda Conroy which appeared in The Guardian.co.uk on Wednesday 7 September. It is a change from the one dimensional crap uttered by our millionaire parasite politicians. They all mouth off about mindless violence, criminality, rampaging thugs, etc.. It is refreshing to read something from the mainstream media that has a little more depth. I'm sure that in a fair and just society there would be no riots, and only a brain dead politician would fail to see that the riots are saying something very loud and clear about the way citizens see this society. People will not destroy what they believe they are part of and what they perceive as theirs. Vast swathes of people in this society do not feel in any way connected to, or involved in, the way decisions are made that shape their lives. However, don't expect our political masters to see it that way, they live in a different world, a world of opportunity, security and affluence, and they will do their utmost to hold on to it at any cost.

By Armanda Conroy, The Guardian Wednesday 7 September:

The BBC has come under criticism for referring to those involved in the rioting and looting as "protesters". The debate over what to call the social unrest is about more than journalistic accuracy; the question is whether those actions were, ultimately, about "things" or about "politics". The London riots have been cast as episodes of "opportunistic criminality", senseless, barbarian and apolitical, because of their apparent lack of leadership, stated political goals or formal engagement with what may be called mainstream politics. In the weeks that have passed since the riots in Clapham – my neighbourhood – I've had the opportunity to speak to members of local communities, youth group leaders and young residents of local estates. I've come to the conclusion that while the looting and destruction in south London may have been about "things", it cannot be separated so cleanly from political protest.

For many people that I spoke to, the opportunity to "fight" with the "government", by fighting the police, was political. It was a significant part of the decision to take part in the riots. These kids in Clapham and elsewhere, said a Brixton youth group leader, "are surrounded by a culture of 'fuck the police' and these riots gave them the biggest opportunity they could to fight [them]". This "fuck the police" culture, said several young residents from a Wandsworth council estate who knew people involved in the Clapham disturbances, stems from the fact that residents are constantly being stopped and searched. "When you get stopped by the police and you come from a certain area, they have zero respect", a young male council estate resident told me. The police are seen as nothing but a barrier to making money and having fun, said the Brixton youth group leader. For many young people living on council estates, the police are the enemy. They are the representation of the limits of their life, their lack of choices – the most immediate manifestation of what they cannot have or do.



## WHAT'S YOUR PENSION WORTH???

As our well manicured millionaires that haunt the Westminster Houses of Hypocrisy and Corruption force us to work longer and contribute more to our pensions, for less at the end, while spouting about us all being in this together and other crap about the broadest shoulders taking the greatest load, etc. we should take a look at their millionaire CEO chums pension pots. Jeroen van der Veer, former boss of Royal Dutch Shell, £1.4m a year. Former Barclays boss John Varley £1.2m. Sir Frank Chapman, CEO of BG Group, and David Brennan, CEO of AstraZeneca, more than a million a year. Diageo's CEO Paul Walsh, more than £930,000 a year. Yea, we're all in this together!!!



## DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.

In a recent post, **UK armed police**, I mentioned the death of Mark Duggan, by armed police, and the three deaths at the hands of the police since that event. I referred to this as a recent spate, as it should be noted that death at the hands of the police goes away back in our history.

Though he wasn't the first, we could start with **Blair Peach**, killed at an anti-racist protest in April 1979. In spite of the fact that 14 witnesses stated that they had seen Blair Peach being hit by members of the Metropolitan Police Special Patrol Group, (SPG), nobody was ever charged with his murder. Prior to the **Mark Duggan** killing, which sparked the recent riots, the previous high profile death at the hands of the police was **Ian Tomlison**. Ian was hit from behind and pushed to the ground by a police officer, he died shortly afterwards. This was April 2009 at the London G20 protest, Ian, however, was not at the protest, he was merely trying to find his way home through the protest, after work. He was walking with his hands in his pockets and his back to the police when he was brutally assaulted by the officer.

Though some of the deaths on the street by the police, may get some media coverage, there never seems to be much coverage in the media of the number of deaths at the hands of the police while the person is in custody, but the numbers are considerable. From 1997 until 2007, in England and Wales, 530 people have died in police custody. Not one single officer has been convicted in connection with these deaths. During the period, 1990 until 2011, armed police have killed 53 people, 21 of these were by the London Metropolitan Police. A lot of deaths, no convictions, it doesn't seem to add up.

## IT'S OUR WORLD - OR IT'S THEIR'S !!

So you think we have democracy, well just ask yourself, why do the banks lose a lot of money and then get the ordinary people to pay the bankers what they have gambled and lost? Apart from a great big con, it is one way of getting all public assets into private hands. The march of corporate fascism is well under way and is coming your way, you might not recognise it, but those cuts are the sound of the footsteps of corporate fascism. It will take hold of everything and turn it into a profit making exercise for their shareholders. Your Health Service, your education system, your libraries, all are in the sights of the corporate world.

You fight now, or you lose everything you and your forefathers fought for, fight now or you will leave a world of deprivation for your children and your grandchildren to inherit. It is our world, we the people made everything on this planet, we have bought it with the blood sweat and tears of our forefathers. It is time to claim it back

## TODAY'S SOCIETY??

“Fascism should more properly be called corporatism because it is the merger of state and corporate power.” “Fascism is an extreme right-wing ideology which embraces nationalism as the transcendent value of society. The rise of Fascism relies upon the manipulation of populist sentiment in times of national crisis. Based on fundamentalist revolutionary ideas, Fascism defines itself through intense xenophobia, militarism, and supremacist ideals. Although secular in nature, Fascism's emphasis on mythic beliefs such as divine mandates, racial imperatives, and violent struggle places highly concentrated power in the hands of a self-selected elite from whom all authority flows to lesser elites, such as law enforcement, intellectuals, and the media.”

Il Duce Benito Mussolini, 1935

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## SO NATO SAVED A MASSACRE!!

So the West's white knight in shining armour that goes by the name of NATO rushed in to save the Libyan people from a massacre. Six months later the Libyan people are looking at 50,000 dead and 200,000 wounded, the destruction of their water supply, electricity and their hospitals. Meanwhile friends of the white knight are queueing up to get the contracts to rebuild the destruction, of course the Libyan people will have the privilege of paying the bill. Considering that the Libyan people had the best education system and health service in the area and free clean water to everybody, some of them will be asking, could we have done a better job ourselves? Also would the white knight have rushed in to their rescue had their main export been turnips? Don't turnip growers deserve protection as much as oil producers??

It is sad, for at this moment in time so many Libyans will be filled with hope for the future of their country, only later will they find out that they have lost their country's assets to the Western corporate world, who are not a benevolent bunch. If and when the reconstruction of their country starts, they will see their debt pile up but their assets will not be theirs to pay the bills. They will become just another nation in debt to the corporate world. How much of the oil money will now go towards giving them some of the basics they had before the white knight rushed in to save them, free education, free health care, free clean water and cheap fuel?

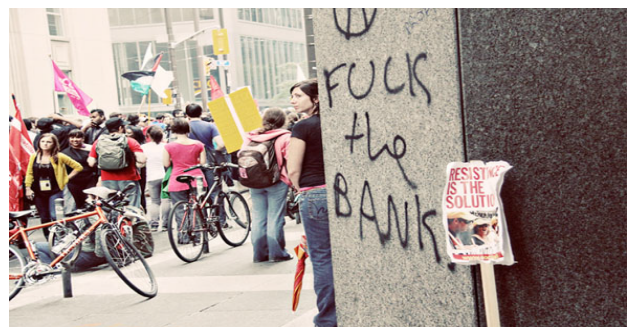


# International Mankind Fuckers

## WORLDWIDE FINANCIAL DICTATORSHIP.

Anarchists have always said, "Why vote, it changes nothing" and this has become more apparent in recent years than ever before. In this corporate capitalist system, when it comes to fiscal policy all national governments follow the instructions of the IMF (International Mankind Fuckers). Country after country introduces austerity cuts and in so doing devastate the living standards of its people. Elections come and elections go, Liberals win here, Democrats win there, Socialist win next door and Conservatives win down the road a bit. However, it matters not one jot, as the policies will all be much the same, it will just be a matter of how fast, how deep to make the cuts. Is this because the politicians of all persuasion want to screw the public? Or is it because they have no alternative but to follow the dictate of the financial world, The IMF, World Bank etc.?

Because of the financial sector's unbridled greed and gambling addiction, they went bust, so to get their money back and start their binge all over again, they had to plunder the world's public purse. This is the process we are going through at the moment. The following statement by Peter Gauweiler, CSU representative of the German Bundestag, is from an interview with Welt Online, "We're on the way to a worldwide financial dictatorship governed by bankers, -- We don't support Greece, We support 25 or 30 worldwide investment banks and their insane activities." I believe he is way off the mark, we are not "on our Way", we have reached, worldwide financial dictatorship. The policies they will pursue will be to create conditions in which all public assets will be transferred to the private sector, this will help to swell their coffers by billions of pounds worldwide.



National governments are no more than regional managers for worldwide corporate capitalism. The anonymous unelected financial rulers of the world will sit in a few offices scattered around the world and make the decisions that will protect and enhance their wealth and power at the expense of the ordinary people, their managers, (national governments) sitting in the capitals across the globe, will carry out those instructions. It's called corporate fascism, it is here now, and it is worldwide.

## **GET IN TOUCH.**



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opinions, so drop a note to;  
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Militant anarchist group, publishers of the  
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[www.freedompress.org.uk](http://www.freedompress.org.uk)

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[www.anarchistfaq.org](http://www.anarchistfaq.org)

Infoshop.org's Anarchist FAQ, details what anarchism  
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The Solidarity Federation, British section of the  
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[www.katesharpleylibrary.net](http://www.katesharpleylibrary.net)

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## **NATO, THE OIL INDUSTRY'S HIT SQUAD??**

Now as the Libyans look at a divided country facing a humanitarian crisis we should be asking ourselves whether the NATO carrying out of UN resolution 1973 has been a success or not. The UN resolution was to stop Gaddafi using the Libyan air force and army helicopters to attack the rebels and bomb civilian areas, in so doing prevent a humanitarian disaster. What UN resolution 1973 did not do was sanction regime change. It is also clear the resolution did not sanction an aerial campaign against the Libyan government nor the Libyan army. The NATO force was to be a defence force for the Libyan people, it was not meant to be an attack force for the benefit of Libyan rebels. However as usual, the Western powers deliberately misinterpret UN resolutions to further their own imperial designs. No matter your opinion of the Gaddafi regime the military campaign carried out by NATO against Libya was illegal, thus making the leaders of the governments involved, mainly UK, France and Italy, equally guilty of war crimes as the man they wished to replace, Gaddafi. It is not the first time that the Western imperialists have carried out regime change by means of military action, but it usually results in instability and/or civil war in the country they have targeted. The result can usually be classified as a humanitarian disaster, and from the reports coming out of Libya it would appear that this case is no exception as report after report paints a picture of a devastating humanitarian catastrophe. The only conclusion that can be drawn from the evidence on the ground is that the NATO carrying out of UN resolution 1973 has been an abysmal failure. The main beneficiaries being the Western oil companies who have already moved to get their slice of the action. It is sad to think that there are still people out there who believe that during their financial crisis, the Western powers spent all that money and effort simply for the benefit of the Libyan people

