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## Noirceur Parfaite #1 — Friday, September 8, 2017

*a txt by shadowsmoke*

Anarchist News has a bad reputation, which is not undeserved.

It is not a safe space from transphobia, homophobia, racism, or sexism, for one thing.

It is not a particularly user-friendly site. It's hard to hold coherent conversations with people.

A lot of content posted is boring as fuck (every genre of anarchy is responsible: the ones I rep, the ones you rep, and the ones getting repped by that loser commenter – you know the one!).

If you read it long enough, you will encounter everyone's favourite thing, the perennial discussion about children and consent.

I have been reading Anarchist News (or @news for short) since 2007. Around 2014, after years of sporadic and anonymous commenting, I started commenting more regularly. Most people encountering this column on @news will already know something about me, my opinions, and my bad habits, but those encountering this column via local counterinformation projects in Montréal hopefully will not (unless those counterinformation projects fail completely, in which case... no shade directed at anyone, but it's happened before, lol).

I still like @news and its associated projects (LBC, anarchy101.org, etc.), and that might be in part because my point of comparison is not with any of the slick English-language anarchist internet projects from North America that principally concern themselves with the Disaster, revolt, solidarity, and security (examples: It's Going Down, crimethinc.com, sub.media, Gods & Radicals, etc.), but instead to a very different breed of websites: Facebook, Tumblr, Reddit, Twitter. For everything that is terrible about @news, these sites are worse.

I do not intend to talk much about myself in this column, but one thing you should know is, I'm internet-addicted. It's not cool and edgy like certain cyberpunk fantasias taught us it might be. I am not TWEETING on a drug called tek! that I administer by supersonic w/aaa/aaa/aaa/ve. It's just me typing in my bedroom after midnight. What I'm doing isn't even criminal, for at least two reasons: it provides for better state control by a number of metrics, and certain people are making a lot of money.

The people behind @news are not making a lot of money, and even if you don't consider them trustworthy (who do you consider trustworthy?), they aren't buddy-buddy with law enforcement,

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managers, and prison guards. You don't have to like them (or any particular one of them), but they're not Mark Zuckerberg. There will be idiocy, ignorance, oversharing, criminally prosecutable speech, and more on the internet. There will also be an audience for it. This will be true in anarchyland just as much as outside of it, because although we are different from the rest, we are not separate. @news sucks plenty, in the same way that I am sure a state-sanctioned safe injection site sucks. I would rather have it than not.

I'm not interested in ending my internet addiction right now, although perhaps when I am, this column will abruptly end. More likely it will abruptly end sooner, and for stupider reasons. No matter. Onwards.

There was some nonsense at an anarchist bookfair in Seattle. Someone ripped a copy of Atassa in half – and didn't even pay seven bucks for it first! The LBC tablers proceeded to attack this person, in a pretty brutal way for a bookfair I guess.

This column will not be a place for backstory. Needless to say, if you don't know what the fuck this is about, ask someone who knows their shit about ITS, eco-extremism, or Atassa.

*read more: <https://tinyurl.com/y7buk7co>*

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## not such a Noireur Parfaite

Hi shadowsmoke,

You start off by saying that @news has "a bad reputation, which is not undeserved." You go on to imply that the website is not "a safe space from transphobia, homophobia, racism, or sexism". A bold opening statement that seems to be waged against the caretakers of the website; as one such caretaker I wholeheartedly disagree to the point where not publishing your text is a no-brainer. Although, you don't seem like such a bad actor and it's intriguing to see other parts of your ideas hashed out. In the end, it was pushed out of the queue even without a title yet.

I'm curious and may even agree in parts perhaps of your next statement that "it is not a particularly user-friendly site." You mention conversations and perhaps instead of just a critique, you may have some ideas of what you'd prefer or like to see instead. We are in the process of a slow redesign of some things and maybe some larger ones over time, so I'd be open for suggestions.

Next up, you seem to find boring the fact that the site aims to be a non-sectarian source of anarchist news from around the world. "You're boring" etc, all - said like a true repper of the most reppet anarchy alive (yours)! Followed up by an even more bullshit sly comment about Hakim Bey, which who knows maybe it's you always commentating about.

Skipping down a little, you write "people behind @news are not making a lot of money". This assumes that you know the people behind thecollective (of which you don't, at least me) and/or that the

website makes money. Do you see ads or a way of making money here? There is no profit in @news, it is a project out of the love for the anarchist idea. You go on to the idea of "trustworthiness" online and seem to hint at something - as has been mentioned as a policy since OG site, we don't keep logs - this information is not available.

I've also tabled for LBC in NYC pre-occupy days at the anarchist book fair (not bookfair btw, although there seems to be some alternative uses of the words together). If people start attacking the people associated with anarchist news and related projects, which your comment seems to imply, shits not going to go well. I can only imagine if that was me. Unfortunately, your comment is not unique and something I have experienced face-to-face with other anarchists in passing, saying it aloud unknowing that it's me who is target of their comment. It's not the Bay, certainly far from it, but we're a group of anarchists trying to do a counter-information project. It's something that hurts for sure, especially coming from other anarchists to hear, but it only makes one think deeper on these relationships and the over-the-top knee-jerk reaction of so-called friends to burn down everything ever associated with your projects and ideas. Disturbingly sad, but that's life sometimes. I'm going to stop here for now with the critique of your essay, but perhaps more later.

- thecollective 1.8

<https://anarchistnews.org/content/ab-out-us-0>

from <https://tinyurl.com/ybsolu5o>

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## So this is a funny thing about intentions

You may not believe it, but I didn't intend any kind of attack on thecollective. Yet interestingly, my intentions seem not to have mattered in this case, because what was communicated was (from what I'm gathering) aggression and hostility.

A lot of the problems of this website are problems related to folks who use this website, as opposed to thecollective. Maybe y'all also contribute to what is often, for instance, a racist/sexist/blahblahblah commenting culture, but I am not making accusations to that effect. I do not know with certainty what you do in the shadows, haha, but from what I've heard on the @news podcast, y'all mostly seem more reasonable than that. I was not thinking in particular of Hakim Bey when I mentioned the pedophilia discussion, but perennial commentator Sir Einzige, whose behaviour you (at most) enable. In the past, I have argued with angry ban-demanding anons that, as much as I agree with them that this shit is vile, certain moderation policies would be worse, so that's that on that.

@news is a cesspool, a septic tank, etc. Almost everyone in my life that reads it, or used to read it, agrees. And that's okay. Please note that, as maintainers of the site, I am saying you are maintainers of this septic - but following the same metaphor, I am saying that I am swimming in it.

Anyway, I think the money thing should have been reworded, so that is a serious flaw on my part. I did not intend to identify @news as a money-making project, but instead

pay attention to your incomes - which I happen to know nothing concrete about, by the way. I assume, like lots of anarchist projects, people put a lot of their own fucking money, earned at fucking terrible wage labour, into money-losing endeavours that they feel are important. I've done that a few times, as have most of my friends. Perhaps you have seen anons alleging that Aragorn! (identified as @news big boss leader by all the outsiders who don't know what they're talking about or don't give a fuck about good faith) has a gigantic fucking income and pays for everything. Let's imagine that's true. He's still not Mark fucking Zuckerberg. Anyone paying attention - who listens to The Brilliant say - would know that when his motorbike's tires got slashed, it was a financial burden. Unless of course that was a psy op!

And then the trust thing. I am not trying to insinuate that y'all are shit; in fact, I asserted the opposite, sans proof, by saying you are not buddy-buddy with actual shitsticks. Personally speaking, I believe you are not logging things. I consider it unlikely that a deep state microdrone snuck into your server room and installed an invisible liquid metal phantom transmitter. But umm, people worry about these things, and might not believe you, and that's chill. Many people have argued to me that it is not safe to engage with @news because of all the "known unknowns" about y'all; similar arguments are sometimes made for other things, such as Riseup. My argument is that, well, either learn your shit and build your own systems, or don't use the internet, or adopt an attitude that is

realistic about what you're doing, what you want out of what you're doing, where you are ignorant about things, and what you're risking by engagement - which is more or less what I do.

I suppose that's it for me right now too. Not quite the footing vis-à-vis y'all I wanted to start on, but it's like that sometimes I guess.

-shadowsmoke

from <https://tinyurl.com/y9ond5kh>

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#### the collective 4.4

i didnt' think you were trying ot be hostile, but the bulk of your comments seemed negative, despite the caveats and asides. an issue with reading/writing, and i don't hold that against you.

i am somewhat irritated that you make a big thing out of someone (a! in this case, but whatever) miswording something that (to me) is not a big thing--you say it is indicative of bigger problems. perhaps you overvaluing it is, instead? or, also...

could be.

but you have months of mostly interesting and not jerky comments on your side, and i actually appreciate folks who have issues with the site being clear about what they are to our face (so to speak), so... come see come saw. ( see what i did there? ;) )

ps: we get sick of people saying that anews is a sty, especially \*on anews.\* after years of people talking shit and making no/little effort to actually \*have\* the conversations that they claim to want to have, my patience has become quite drained. so that is another part

of the the context you dropped your column in to. fwtw.

-thecollective 4.4

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#### The internet is an unreal

The internet is an unreal world, where people are held captive reacting to fragments of reality amplified and often personally tailored to the bubble that is their individual interests.

The language of the internet is one of engineering which means endless feedback loops.

The language of finance is one of risk avoidance/risk management.

It's no evil plan or grand conspiracy that that's what makes for efficiently managed people in a culture that has trained them to believe they're atomised individuals at best.

Asking the unreal world to be more of one's operative reality is very strange, yet all too hypernormalizing.

Humans aren't very interesting or an exceptional species at this point in time. Predictably fearfull, superstitious, reationary, fanatic, held captive by mania stemming from their nervous systems constantly externalized by mediation.

What could really be said here is that the unreal world of the internet offers an over-stimulation that deadens one's curiosity. Instead of being curious about the real world we so often spend our time feeding the machine, which is undertaking a great campaign of weaponizing and monetizing data (further privatizing our inner lives).

On a positive note, the internet bears no loyalty to geography, to nation states. So, if the language of the internet could shift from engineering it might yet be useful to actualizing anarchist/anarchic activity.

from <https://tinyurl.com/yboxgazx>

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## We can still be worse

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Buenos Aires, Argentina: Reflections and considerations on the month following the disappearance of Santiago Maldonado

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### WE CAN STILL BE WORSE

Reflections and considerations on the month following the disappearance of Santiago Maldonado

On August 1st, members of the Pu Lof Mapuche community in resistance in the province Cushmanen barricaded National Route 40, along with allies in solidarity. They cut off traffic in solidarity against the legal proceedings confronting el Lonko Facundo Jones Huala (for the second time). Minutes later, cars and trucks arrived carrying about thirty border police armed with rifles. The peñis (Mapuches) began throwing rocks, responding to the presence of the bastard forces of order. The Gendarmerie advances to the shots, burning the precarious houses and belongings of the Lof, forcing the occupiers to retreat across a river. Santiago Maldonado (“Lechuga” or “el Brujo”) fell behind the rest. Some of the inhabitants of the Lof saw that the Gendarmerie grabbed Santiago; others testified as to hearing the police say they “got one.”

Afterwards, images and testimony began to circulate about how Santiago was missing, and that it seemed the Gendarmerie had taken him away in a “unimog” all-terrain military vehicle. The authorities were silent through this whole process.

On Friday, August 4, various anarchists and individuals in solidarity entered the seat of government in Chubut province, demanding Santiago’s return. The

place was ripe for destruction.

Computers, notebooks, windows, and decorations were all viciously destroyed, and fliers and graffiti were left behind referring to the repression in Cushmanen.

On Monday, August 7, a gathering was called in the Plaza del Congreso, bringing various organizations and groups together with Santiago’s family. The gathering ended up being quite large, and many comrades showed up. Enraged not only because of what had happened, but also because the political apparatus — getting ready for their elections — had been distributing fliers for their Leftist Front. On the same day, after the gathering, Entre Ríos street was cut off, and the occupiers threw rocks and firecrackers at the infantry, fending off the two city police and one National Congress guardsman who had been stationed nearby. Afterward, two police motorcycles were set ablaze. In the end, the group dispersed, without any arrests or injuries on our side.

On Friday, August 11, marches and actions were coordinated throughout various parts of the country: Bolsón, Bariloche, Rosario, and Buenos Aires. In the capital, human rights groups (including a section of the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, the mothers of individuals disappeared during the period of dictatorship), gathered alongside family members and friends of Lechuga’s, with more leftist organizations bringing together a “peaceful” gathering in the Plaza de Mayo, in front of the Pink House, the seat of government. In front of the multitude, one of Lechuga’s brothers read some of his

writing, leaving his anarchist, anti-police position completely clear.

One of the things that makes us quite angry is the way these events have been used by political parties — the PO, the MST, the MAS socialist convergence, and Kirchnerist parties — as well as NGOs, and unions like the CGT, with its dark history during the Peronist period, involving the AAA and para-police groups. They use partial images and histories of our comrade to give themselves a few more kernels of legitimacy in the middle of an electoral process. The kidnapping of Lechuga IS NOT A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. These scavengers would never feel strange defending private property, the border police, or even the same governments that repress them and bury them in the misery of everyday life — because they themselves desire to obtain that same power, and exercise that same authority. We have nothing to do with them, or with their conciliatory responses to the kidnapping of our comrade.

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