

A General Anti-Tech Reading List

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On General Political Reading Lists

(some initial caveats)

Below is a quickly sketched map of texts with importance and influence in the anti-tech milieu. It is not a map of *ideas*, which are distinct from texts and flourish in political spaces often with little or no reference to formal texts.

The point of this map is to provide those new to the anti-tech milieu with a quick way to understand “what matters” to anti-tech folk. For pro-tech folk, the use value might be attempting to better understand the threat of technophobic conservatives & eco-fascists in your community.

Most sections have a critique sub-section where I’ve unashamedly included critiques with prescriptions that sometimes contradict one another. The aim is to find some critiques that are close to each specific ideology, giving zealots from those ideological tendencies the best chance of resonating with the critique.

This is decidedly NOT a bibliography for answers to questions about “Is Pro or Anti-Tech Ideology Meant For You?” I would have made a completely different map for the uninitiated looking to grasp foundations or answer 101 concerns and questions. I might yet make that map, but it will be skewed to what *I* consider good arguments and counter-arguments, not necessarily every argument ever made under the banner of “anti-tech.”

Reading a ton of books and zines is no replacement for having personal discussions and arguments with actual living people in the milieu. Ideally at actual gatherings and festivals, and away from online echo-chambers filled with people who have bootstrapped themselves with a lot of *formal learning* but little tacit knowledge or cultural continuity.

Too often bibliographies of political milieus are wildly biased documents clearly pushing a specific party line or actively trying to re-write history by ignoring major texts and inflating minor ones. I have my own leanings, both ones with historical pedigrees and those operating as largely novel projects, but this is an attempt to map out the anti-tech milieu warts-and-all, not the milieu as anti-tech folk would like it to eventually sort out. I believe in providing people with accurate maps to expand their agency, and perhaps that will better inform conversations. Especially as so many new people interested in anti-tech ideas today are so disconnected from the prior culture and movement.

I deeply despise a number of texts and writers included below (to say nothing of the ones I find tiresome or useless). It matters quite a lot that some of the authors of the texts below are fascists, apologist for child rape, etc. Other political traditions from Marxism to right-libertarianism have ugly histories also, however I think it’s imperative to be up-front about them.

This also involves a dance around whether people that explicitly rejected identification as anti-tech should be included. I have included Ultimo Reducto for instance even

though he rejects the label because he has a longstanding influence on the anti-tech milieu and even got Ted to acknowledge logical errors in his writing.

There are many ‘missing sections’ (like short intros, anthropology reading, survivalist reading, etc) where there aren’t classic *books* per se to be linked, but where much of what there is of importance/influence is easily found online. I’m also sure I’ve forgotten stuff in the couple hours I’ve given to this. It’s a simple wikipedia style web page, so if you like you’re very welcome to help improve it by clicking the little writers pen at the top, or adding ‘/edit’ to the end of the URL. Or you can even copy the HTML and post it elsewhere, adding all the shit you hate me for not including.

Milieu Histories

- Stop the Machines by Mauro Lubrano (2025)
- Rebels Against the Future (1995)
- Religion, Violence and Radical Environmentalism by Bron Taylor
- The Unabomber and the origins of anti-tech radicalism by Sean Fleming (2021)
- Harvard and the Making of the Unabomber (Jun 2000)
- Coyote in the Maze by Peter Quigley (1998)
- Earth First! Environmental Apocalypse by Martha F. Lee (1995)
- A Historical Scholarly Collection of Writings on the Earth Liberation Front (2019)
- Fires in the Night by Matthew Wolfe (2026)
- Burning Rage of a Dying Planet by Craig Rosebraugh (2004)
- A Shorter History of a Northwest E.L.F. Cell by Tides of Flame
- The Rise and Fall of the Eco-Radical Underground by Vanessa Grigoriadis
- Children of Ted and a Response by John H. Richardson (2018)

Conservative

Primary Source Reading

- The Forest Passage by Ernst Jünger
- The Abolition of Man by C.S. Lewis
- Our Posthuman Future by Francis Fukuyama
- The Case for an Environmental Conservatism by Roger Scruton
- The Classical Vernacular: Architectural Principles in an Age of Nihilism by Roger Scruton
- Living Within Limits: Ecology, Economics, and Population Taboos by Garrett Hardin

Critiques

- The Trouble with Wilderness by William Cronon (1995)
- Governing the Commons by Elinor Ostrom (1990)
- The Wizard and the Prophet by Charles C. Mann
- In Defense of Posthuman Dignity by Nick Bostrom
- Citizen Cyborg by James Hughes

Eco-Fascist

Primary Source Reading

- Revolt Against the Modern World by Julius Evola
- The Crisis of the Modern World by René Guénon

- Can Life Prevail? by Pentti Linkola
- Harassment Architecture by Mike Ma
- Bronze Age Mindset by Bronze Age Pervert
- New Nobility of Blood and Soil by Richard Walther Darré
- The Land and the People: The British Union Policy for Agriculture by Jorian Jenks
- Spring Comes Again by Jorian Jenks
- The Impeachment of Man by Savitri Devi
- Man and Technics by Oswald Spengler
- The Way of Men by Jack Donovan
- Becoming A Barbarian by Jack Donovan
- The Metaphysics of Technology by David Skrbina (2014)
- Anti-Tech 101 (2023)

Critiques

- Ecofascism: Lessons from the German Experience by Janet Biehl and Peter Staudenmaier
- Ecofascism: An Aberrant Branch of Leftism by Ted Kaczynski
- Against the Modern World by Mark Sedgwick
- Social and Political Thought of Julius Evola by Paul Furlong
- Ur-Fascism by Umberto Eco (1995)
- Hitler's Priestess by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke
- The Origins of the Organic Movement by Philip Conford
- Nature writing's fascist roots by Richard Smyth
- Skrbina's Creative Reconstruction vs. Kaczynski's Anti-Tech Revolution (2023)

Anti-Tech Vanguardist

Primary Source Reading

- Industrial Society and Its Future by Ted Kaczynski
- Technological Slavery by Theodore John Kaczynski
- Anti-Tech Revolution by Theodore Kaczynski
- Ted Kaczynski's Letter to an Eco-Centrist by Ted Kaczynski
- Hit where it hurts
- Derrick Jensen Letters (1998–2000)
- The Philosophy of Ted Kaczynski by Chad Haag (2019)
- The Hermeneutics of Ecological Limitation by Chad Haag

Critiques

- Autopsy of Revolution by Jacques Ellul (1969)
- I Was a Teenage Luddite
- The Unabomber's Ethics
- On the Unabomber
- More Technology, Not Less
- The Fictions of Ted Kaczynski
- Pyrotechnic Insanitarium; American Culture on the Brink
- The Philosophy of the Unabomber
- Hit Where It Hurts, but in the Meantime...
- On Deep Green Failures or The Problem of Inert Strategy
- Against Deep Green Resistance

- A Critique of Ted Kaczynski's Anti-Tech Revolution by Ultimo Reducto (2018)
- Critical Comments on Ted Kaczynski's "In Defense of Violence" by Ultimo Reducto
- Critical Comments on Ted Kaczynski's "Ecofascism: An Aberrant Branch of Leftism" by Ultimo Reducto

Indomista / Wild Nature Worship

Primary Source Reading

- Human Ethology by Irenäus Eibl-Eibesfeldt (1989)
- The Natural and The Artefactual by Lee Keekok (1999)
- Civilized Man's Eight Deadly Sins by Konrad Lorenz
- Leftism: Function of Pseudocriticism and the Pseudo-revolution in Techno-Industrial Society by Ultimo Reducto
- Basic Requirements for Creating an Efficient Movement Against Technoindustrial Society by Ultimo Reducto
- Some Replies to an Anarcho-Vegan by Ultimo Reducto
- A Brief Comment on Pleistocene "Rewilding" by Ultimo Reducto

Critiques

- With Friends Like These... (2009)
- Ted Kaczynski's Letter to Facundo Bermudez (2008)

Eco-Extremist Nature Worship

Primary Source Reading

- Atassa 1 and 2
- Regresion Magazine
- Ishi and the War Against Civilization
- Collateral Damage by Anonymous

Critiques

- On eco-extremism and anarchy by Pack of saboteurs Heriberto Salazar (2016)
- There's Nothing Anarchist about Eco-Fascism by Scott Campbell (2017)
- Not Our Comrades by Scott Campbell (2017)
- Eco-extremism and the Indiscriminate Attack by L (2017)
- Of Indiscriminate Attacks & Wild Reactions by Edelweiss Pirates (2017)
- Against Green Reactionaries (2020)
- Public Criticism of Individualities Tending to the Wild (2014)
- Some Comments on the Communiques from Individualists Tending toward the Wild by Ultimo Reducto (2015)
- Eco-Extremism or Extinctionism by John Jacobi (2017)

Anti-Civ / Primitivist / Collapsist

Primary Source Reading

- Against His-Story; Against Leviathan by Fredy Perlman
- Future Primitive by John Zerzan
- Against Civilization by John Zerzan (2005)
- A Primitivist Primer by John Moore
- Uncivilisation: The Dark Mountain Manifesto by Paul Kingsnorth and Dougald Hine
- Stone Age Economics by Marshall Sahlins (2004)
- Against Domestication by Jacques Camatte (1973)
- Coming Home to the Pleistocene by Paul Shepard
- The Collapse of Complex Societies by Joseph A. Tainter
- Overshoot by William Catton
- The Long Descent by John Michael Greer
- The Philosophy of Civilization by Albert Schweitzer

Critiques

- The Dawn of Everything by David Graeber and David Wengrow (2021)
- The Truth About Primitive Life
- The religion of green anarchy
- Medieval smokestacks: fossil fuels in pre-industrial times
- A Quick and Dirty Critique of Primitivist & Anti-Civ Thought
- 15 Post-Primitivist Theses

- The Politics of Postanarchism
- Anarchism vs. Primitivism by Brian Oliver Sheppard (2003)
- Social Anarchism or Lifestyle Anarchism by Murray Bookchin (1995)
- Monkeywrenching Drives Me Nuts by George French

Deep Ecology

Primary Source Reading

- Basic Principles of Deep Ecology
- The Religion and Politics of Earth First! by Bron Taylor
- Deep Ecology for the Twenty-First Century by George Sessions
- Nature and Madness
- Thinking Like a Mountain by John Seed et al.
- Reinhabitation by Gary Snyder
- Gary Snyder and the Invention of Bioregional Spirituality and Politics by Bron Taylor
- Environmental Philosophy by Simon P. James
- The Presence of Nature by Simon P. James
- On Being None With Nature by John Clark

Critiques

- Against Holism by Simon P. James
- Theses on Social Ecology and Deep Ecology by Janet Biehl
- Social Ecology versus Deep Ecology: A Challenge for the Ecology Movement by Murray Bookchin

Notable Not-Wholly-Anti-Tech Influences

- Why the Future Doesn't Need Us by Bill Joy (2000)
- Why Things Bite Back by Edward Tenner (1996)
- War Before Civilization by Lawrence Keeley (1996)
- The Ecological Indian by Shepard Krech
- Techno-Fix by Michael Huesemann and Joyce Huesemann (2011)
- Civilized to Death by Christopher Ryan (2023)
- The Human Zoo by Desmond Morris (1969)
- Collapse by Jared Diamond (2013)
- Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond
- The World Until Yesterday by Jared Diamond (2012)
- Against the Grain by James C. Scott (2017)
- War in Human Civilization by Azar Gat (2006)
- The Evolution of Technology by George Basalla
- Enough by Bill McKibben

Forerunners

- Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes
- Discourse on Inequality by Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- Letters from Lake Como by Romano Guardini (1926)
- Technics and Civilization by Lewis Mumford (1934)
- The Technological Society by Jacques Ellul (1954)

- Propaganda by Jacques Ellul (1962)
- The Technological Bluff by Jacques Ellul (1988)
- The Population Bomb by Paul Ehrlich (1968)
- The Question Concerning Technology and Other Essays by Martin Heidegger (1977)
- Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television (1978)
- Shadow Work by Ivan Illich
- The Right to Useful Unemployment by Ivan Illich
- Deschooling Society by Ivan Illich

Nature Writing

- Walden by Henry David Thoreau (1854)
- Walking by Henry David Thoreau (1862)
- Greenland Lies North
- The Land of Little Rain
- The Best of Edward Abbey
- Desert Quartet
- Desert Solitaire by Edward Abbey
- My First Summer in the Sierra by John Muir

Frontier Life

- Journal of a Trapper
- Life in the Rocky Mountains
- Wild Life in the Rocky Mountains
- The Last of The Mountain Men
- Campfire Tales of Jackson Hole

Tribal Life

- The Ohlone Way by Malcolm Margolin
- The Forest People by Colin Turnbull (1961)
- Wayward Servants by Colin Turnbull (1965)
- The Baka
- Nomads of the Long Bow
- My life with the Eskimos
- Among Congo Pigmies
- The Nuer
- Memoirs of a captivity among the Indians of North America
- Indians of the United States
- Tribe by Bruce Parry (2008)
- Amazon by Bruce Parry (2008)
- Arctic by Bruce Parry (2011)

Pre-Industrial Writings

- Works and Days by Hesiod (700 BC)
- Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu (500 BC)
- Timaeus and Critias by Plato (360 BC)
- Idylls by Theocritus (280 BC)
- The Bhagavad-Gita by Various Authors (200 BC)
- Conspiracy of Catiline and the Jugurthine War by Sallust (40 BC)
- Eclogues by Virgil (39 BC)
- Stoic Six Pack by Epictetus, Lucius Annaeus Seneca and Marcus Aurelius (180 AD)
- Neither Lord Nor Subject by Bao Jingyan (300 AD)
- Saga Six Pack (Beowulf, The Prose Edda and More) (750 AD)
- Kaianere'kó:wa by Haudenosaunee (1200)
- The Romance of Tristan and Iseult by Joseph Bédier (compiles 12th century texts)

Novels

- We by Yevgeny Zamyatin (1921)
- Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell (1949)
- The Kin by Peter Dickinson
- World Made by Hand by James Howard Kunstler
- Retrotopia by John Michael Greer
- Quest for the Faradawn by Richard Ford

- Brave New World and Brave New World Revisited by Aldous Huxley
- The Machine Stops by E. M. Forster
- The Monkey Wrench Gang by Edward Abbey (1975)
- Sapphira and the Slave Girl by Willa Cather (1940)
- Repent, Harlequin! Said the Ticktockman

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To view a general anarchist reading list [click here](#). I've brazenly plagiarized most of the introduction from that text, simply editing sentences here and there to quickly make it work for here. I'll likely keep swapping out paragraphs until it's no longer plagiarized, though someone else is welcome to work on it also.

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