

# A text dump on the 325 Collective

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# Intro

## 325 Collective's brief promotion of ITS

I think simply that the 325 Collective made a mistake in briefly promoting ITS and eco-extremist texts, without any comment or critique. The texts are still up on the anarchist library and one argument they give for hosting them without a critique is that they think the early communiques are anarchist texts and that ITS members only decided to break fully with anarchism later.

The 325 Collective however, explained that they think they did make a mistake in publishing them and made a point of publishing lots of critiques also to make up for their mistake.

The website was taken down because the location of the servers hosting the 325 site was raided. And an alleged member of the 325 collective was taken to trial: A text dump of Toby Shone updates & solidarity actions

The Dark Nights Collective continues to promote for example communiques of attacks on bus companies which mention positively the late eco-extremist Kevin Garrido, without comment or critique: A text dump on Kevin Garrido

Of potential intrigue also is that in the sidebar of the Dark Nights website they promote the websites 'Anarchist Libraries' and 'Library.Anarhija', but not 'The Anarchist Library', so a sign perhaps of their disagreement with the latter.

## An Intro to Individualists Tending toward the Wild

**Source:** The Politics of Attack.

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[ITS] has explicitly rejected association with anarchism, and via a subsequent (i.e. second generation) moniker, rejected both the label of "leftist" and "insurrectionary".

In a rare interview the group provided in 2014, it describes its purpose, stating:

[ITS] deemed it necessary to carry out the direct attack against the Technoindustrial System. We think that the struggle against this is not only a stance of wanting to abandon Civilization, regressing to Nature, or in refuting the system's values, without also, attacking it.

ITS has received international attention after repeatedly targeting scientists and researchers with lethal force. ITS has stood out from other bombers due to its lengthy, academic-styled communiqués and direct attacks on individuals from outside the typical target set: heads of state and corporations, officials in law enforcement, jailing, etc. ITS is unique in at least two matters: its stated objective to *kill*, and its specific, tech-related target set. In the 2014 interview, cell members explain:

Our immediate objectives are very clear: injure or kill scientists and researchers (by the means of whatever violent act) who ensure the Technoindustrial System continues its course. As we have declared on various occasions, our concrete objective is not the destruction of the Technoindustrial system, it is the attack with all the necessary resources, lashing out at this system which threatens to close off all paths to the reaching of our Individual Freedom, putting into practice our defensive instinct

... ITS has from the beginning proposed the attack against the system as the objective, striving to make these kinds of ideas spread around the globe through extreme acts, in defense of Wild Nature, as we have done.

According to their own historical account, the group began experimenting in 2011 with “arson attacks on cars and construction machinery, companies and institutions ... until we decided to focus on terrorism and not sabotage”. From 2011–2014, ITS deployed at least 13 mail bombs, two mailed threats accompanied by bullets, and assassinated Méndez Salinas, a biotechnologist with the Institute of Bio-Technology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Salinas was shot in the head, and according to ITS, killed by “the most violent cell of ITS in Morelos, being already familiar with the purchase and use of firearms.”

Through their various communiqués and interviews, ITS has claimed responsibility for a series of attacks, many of which were claimed under other monikers and later linked to the ITS network. For example, in August 2014, ITS declared the formation of Wild Reaction (RS):

After a little more than three years of criminal-terrorist activity, the group ... [ITS] ... begins a new phase in this open war against the Technoindustrial System ... we want to explain that during all of 2012 and 2013, various groups of a terrorist and sabotage stripe were uniting themselves with the group ITS, so that now, after a long silence and for purely strategic reasons, we publicly claim [10 attacks from newly affiliated networks] ... All of these have now fused with the ITS groups in Morelos, Mexico City, Guanajuato, Hidalgo, Coahuila and Veracruz ... Due to this union, the extravagant and little-practical pseudonym of “‘Individualists Tending toward the Wild’ (ITS) ceases to exist, and from now on the attacks against technology and civilization will be signed with the new name of “Wild Reaction”(RS).

Prior to this announcement, in April 2014 a group calling itself Obsidian Point Circle of *Analysis* (OPCA<sub>n</sub>) activated a new clandestine cell (which would later be absorbed into RS) called Obsidian Point Circle of *Attack* (OPCA). The formation of OPCA<sub>n</sub> was preceded by three commentaries on ITS and the authors “becoming tired of simply writing.” In its opening declaration OPCA writes:

It has been some time since we started writing about some situations that had arisen in Mexico concerning the terrorist group ITS; we published a total of three analyses, in which we have publicly demonstrated our support of the group ITS, in their actions as much as their position. Until now we have decided to solely be those who comfortably spread and highlighted the group’s communiques and actions, but that is over. The violent advance of the techno-industrial system, the degradation that civilization leaves in its wake and the oblivion they are forcing us toward, ceasing to be natural humans to the point of turning into humanoids: there must be a convincing response.

We abandon words and analyses in order to begin with our war ... We only seek confrontation with the system, the sharpening of the conflict against it. From this day we publicly put aside the word “analysis,” in order to become The Obsidian Point Circle of Attack.

Thus, according to its own narrative, ITS inspired public commentary and critique by OPCA<sub>n</sub> and, in September 2014, when ITS became RS, it was announced that RS included OPCA as well. In the first declaration by RS, the authors explain: “during this year ... two more terroristic groups have united with us who have put the development of the Technoindustrial System in their sights ... The ‘Obsidian Point Circle of Attack’ ... [and] ... The ‘Atlatl Group.’” Therefore, a complete history of ITS’s actions includes both attacks claimed under their name, those claimed under the OPCA and RS, as well as smaller groupings merged under the network’s banner. According to a chronology assembled from the networks’ communications, the network has claimed at least 27 distinct actions including 22 IED attacks (mostly mail and package/parcel bombs), three written threats, several arsons of property, one animal release, and one fatal shooting.

In early 2016, the ITS moniker saw its first usage outside of the borders of Mexico. In the second ITS communiqué of 2016, the “Uncivilized Southerners” cell “abandoned a homemade explosive charge” on a bus in Santiago, Chile writing:

The Eco-Extremist tendency spreads ... We are accomplices to its ideas and acts, forming part of it. We are giving life to an international project against civilization.

Because we are bullets to the head, mail-bombs, indiscriminate bombings and incinerating fire, we are:

Individualists Tending Toward the Wild – Chile.

A few days later, in the fourth ITS communiqué of 2016, an ITS cell in Argentina claimed responsibility for placing an IED in a Buenos Aires bus station. In the message accompanying the bomb, the attackers wrote: “ITS is in Argentina”. The emergence of new ITS cells appears to be an ongoing trend. Five days after the Argentina communiqué was posted to a Spanish-language insurrectionary hub, the same site featured a communiqué signed by five cells of ITS, three from Mexico, and one each from Argentina and Chile. The communiqué traces the origin and expansion of the ITS and RS monikers and announces “a new phase of the war against all that represents and sustains the advance of civilization and progress”.

In Mexico, ITS’s bombs have targeted civilian, seemingly ‘non-political’ scientists, professors, technical experts, researchers, and technocrats and within a politic most closely described as (Green) anarcho-primitivism. Famed “Unabomber” Theodore Kaczynski popularized this framework in the 1980s during a 17-year (1978–1995) bombing campaign involving 16 bombs, which killed three people and injured 23. Following the publication of “Industrial Society and its Future” – popularly known as the “Unabomber manifesto” and released five months after his final attack – Kaczynski’s spirit has been carried forth by ITS and a few similar networks.

## The group’s origins broadly

**Source:** Does the Unabomber have any relevance to anarchism?

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ITS Mexico were originally part of the green & insurrectionary anarchist milieus and likely grew up on earth first monkey-wrenching manuals from the 80s:<sup>1</sup>

The group draws its inspiration from anarcho-primitivism, an “*anti-civilization anarchy*” from which ITS is largely inspired. “*I took the theories of the ‘Earth Liberation Front’ further, and gave them a different tone,*” explains Xale. “*I was interested in the issues facing the American continent, in the indigenous cultures that opposed civilization,*” assures the Mexican member of ITS in the video.

With anarchism, the relationship at the moment is one of rupture, although there is no dishonor in accepting that many eco-extremists and some members of ITS come from anarchism, mostly from insurrectionist and eco-anarchist tendencies. Although at the time there were some ties, today the vast majority of anarchists hate us.

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<sup>1</sup> A text dump on eco-extremism

Referring to the groups history, Xale, a member of ITS Mexico wrote:<sup>2</sup>

This chronology could well be added to that of Individualities Tending to the Wild (2011–2013), or that of the anti civilization cells of the Earth Liberation Front (2008–2012), but we decided to focus on RS, for now.

Searching through the over 300 sabotage actions that occurred in Mexico between 2018 & 2012, and the at least 10 with ELF in the title of the post, there do appear to be a few attacks that fit ITS modus operandi and communiqués which fit their early idiolect.<sup>3</sup>

Early this morning, September 21, our cell placed a bomb made of butane gas at the gates of the headquarters of Nueva Escuela Tecnológica [*New School of Technology*] in the municipality of Coacalco, Mexico State.

The authorities in that municipality had previously implemented security systems that belong in the worst nightmares of Orwell.

Security cameras, artificial eyes guarding their damned social peace, throughout the major avenues in Coacalco.

In the commercial area, the police presence is evident, state police and the mediocre municipal police pass through the streets and on Lopez Portillo Avenue.

Guarding the centers of domination and domestication that are also protected by surveillance cameras and the idiot guardians of the imposed order.

Facing this situation of high surveillance, it seemed impossible to strike, but rebellious creativity is greater than the highest degree of ‘security’ that the state implements.

The Coacalco commercial area had been previously visited by eco-anarchist cells who conducted significant strikes right in front of the police, who were flabbergasted by an arson, a butane explosion, graffiti and paint spilled in anthropocentric business.

Our action was censured both by the directors of the Nueva Escuela Tecnológica and the Mexico State authorities. They hid the damage that we caused and concealed the evidence of our presence at night. This is not unusual; it happened after the ‘celebrations’ of the ephemeral bicentennial celebration which were held in ‘total’ peace.

The Agencia de Seguridad Estatal [*state security agency*] as well as detectives from the Mexico City police department are aware of our actions and

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

our presence; they know that we were there and that we detonated our explosive charge as the lackeys on patrol passed by unable to stop us.

We chose to attack the NET because it represents the new era of these centers of domestication called schools, where they learn things that are useless for a free life, but necessary for a life of slavery and alienation. They create beings that depend on technology in order to live in these concrete nests called cities, but more closely resemble large prisons. They train malleable minds to be used for entrepreneurship and to expand civilization over wild nature. We will not permit this.

Once again we say: not with their cameras, nor their police officers, nor with their investigators, nor their prisons, will they be able to stop us; we once again skinned the rotten bastards, godammit!

This action is dedicated to the Chilean anarchist prisoners, captured after the wave of repression in that country on August 14; we send much strength, from Mexico we remember them in every direct action.

We did not want to wait until the 24<sup>th</sup> to show our solidarity.

Support is not only for one day, it is in our everyday actions!

Direct solidarity for the eco prisoners Abraham López and Adrian Magdaleno, for the eco revolutionaries on hunger strike in Switzerland, for the animal liberation prisoner Walter Bond in the U.S., and the vegan warriors imprisoned in Italy!

Keep running Diego, you're fucking awesome!

Earth Liberation Front/Mexico

Upon reading translated Unabomber material they started along a road that began with committing arsons aimed at sabotaging evil companies and ended with them desiring to have the wider effect of terrorizing people through fear of injury or death out of a simple hatred for humanity:<sup>4</sup>

... in 2011 the (newly formed) ITS was testing various modus operandi (from known and attempted arson attacks on cars and construction machinery, companies and institutions in Coahuila, Guanajuato, and Veracruz State of Mexico, until we decided to focus on terrorism and not sabotage).

Here are old members of the FAI / CCF in Mexico acknowledging former collaboration and ideological crossover:<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Anonymous. Joint declaration of the insurrectional anarchist and eco-anarchist groups of Mexico [Essay]. War On Society. November 10, 2011. Original link. Archived link.



Exactly 5 years and seven months ago we signed a “joint statement” at the request of a comrade for whom we feel great affection and respect. That text was entitled “2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Statement of the Anarchist Insurrectional and Eco-Anarchist Groups”. ...

Back then, we let it be known publicly and energetically that:

“With these ITS partners, we can have theoretical differences and discuss them (always arguing fraternally in a constant attempt to update ideas and by building a unitary criticism attuned to the reality of the anarchist struggle), but we have never disagreed with the methods used, understanding anti-authoritarian violence and propaganda for the facts as they are : valid practices consistent with our ethical principles.”

Although ITS were one of the few clusters with which we did not directly coordinate when undertaking joint actions, we were in solidarity with them, in the same way that some of the comrades that made up our affinity groups obtained monetary resources for them to solve specific difficulties when requested. That has been (and is) the basis of practical co-ordination between the new anarchic insurrectionalism and eco-anarchism.

In their early communiques they would express solidarity with anarchist prisoners:<sup>6</sup>

Total support with the Anti-civilization prisoners in Mexico, with the Chilean comrades and with the furious Italians and Swiss. ...

One more time: Direct and total support with the anti-civilization prisoners of Mexico, with those eco-anarchists of Switzerland, to the affinities in Argentina, Spain, Italy, Chile and Russia.

Here is an answer members of ITS gave in a text interview in 2014 I think showing they were part of a leftist milieu, in that they only later rejected leftist mass movement building and so are not simply post-left-&-right:<sup>7</sup>

Individualists tending towards the wild formed at the beginning of 2011, and was motivated by the reasoning acquired during a slow process of getting to know, questioning, and the rejection of all that encompasses leftism and the civilized, and accordingly, employing all the above, we deemed it necessary to carry out the direct attack against the Technoindustrial System. We think that the struggle against this is not only a stance of wanting to abandon Civilization, regressing to Nature, or in refuting the system's values, without also attacking it.

Finally, ITS also claimed that more ELF and Anarchist groups joined them later when they briefly took on the name Wild Reaction:<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> A text dump on eco-extremism

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

First of all, we want to explain that during all of 2012 and 2013, various groups of a terrorist and sabotage stripe were uniting themselves with the group ITS, so that now, after a long silence and for purely strategic reasons, we publicly claim:

- 1) The “Informal Anti-civilization Group,” which on June 29, 2011, took responsibility for the explosion that severely damaged a Santander bank in the city of Tultitlan, Mexico.
- 2) “Uncivilized Autonomous,” who on October 16, 2011 set off a bomb inside the ATMs of a Banamex, located between the cities of Tultitlan and Coacalco in Mexico State. ...
- 4) “Wild Indomitables,” who on October 16, 2011 left a butane gas bomb that did not detonate in a Santander bank in the Álvaro Obregón district of Mexico City. The act was never claimed until now.
- 5) “Terrorist Cells for the Direct Attack – Anti-civilization Fraction,” which in 2010 and 2011 left a fake bomb in front of the IFaB (Pharmacological and Biopharmaceutical Research), and detonated an explosive outside the building of the National Ecology Institute (INE), both in the Tlalpan district of Mexico City.
- 6) “Luddites against the Domestication of Wild Nature,” who during 2009 to 2011 had taken part in various incendiary attacks in some cities in Mexico State and various districts of Mexico City, claimed or unclaimed.
- 8) “Earth Liberation Front – Bajío”, which on November 16, 2011 set off an explosive charge creating damages within the ATM area of a branch of the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) in the city of Irapuato in Guanajuato.

All of these have now fused with the ITS groups in Morelos, Mexico City, Guanajuato, Hidalgo, Coahuila and Veracruz.

Due to this union, the extravagant and little-practical pseudonym of “Individualists Tending toward the Wild” (ITS) ceases to exist, and from now on the attacks against technology and civilization will be signed with the new name of “Wild Reaction” (RS).

These were groups that other anarchists were relating to as anarchists also. As the *joint declaration of the insurrectional anarchist and eco-anarchist groups of Mexico* referred to earlier was signed by some of these groups who later merged with ITS or had a very similar ideology:<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Anonymous. Joint declaration of the insurrectional anarchist and eco-anarchist groups of Mexico [Essay]. War On Society. November 10, 2011. Original link. Archived link.

*Luddites against the Domestication of Wild Nature (LDNS)*

*Earth Liberation Front (FLT)*

*Free, Dangerous, Savage and Incendiary Individuals for the Black Plague(ILPSIPN)*

## Kaczynski's influence specifically

An ITS propagandist:<sup>10</sup>

Born out of various radical ideologies such as animal liberation, insurrectionary anarchism, anarcho-primitivism, and the neo-Luddism of Theodore Kaczynski, it has germinated and sprouted forth into something entirely other ...

ITS:<sup>11</sup>

We have never denied that the essay, "Industrial Society and Its Future" has been an important part of our formation into what we are now. For that reason, in the past we used such terms as "leftists," "power process," "feelings of inferiority," "liberty and autonomy," etc. that in the present we have omitted or changed for other words so that we distinguish ourselves from the "indomitistas" of Kaczynski. ...

Michael Loadenthal:<sup>12</sup>

[ITS] specifically address their relationship to Kaczynski in their fourth communiqué:

Have **ITS** copied Ted Kaczynski? The million-dollar question.

Without a doubt, we see this person as an individual who with his profound rational analysis contributed greatly to the advance of antitechnological ideas; his simple way of living in a manner strictly away from Civilization and the persecution of his Freedom in an optimal environment make him a worthy individual who due to a family betrayal is serving multiple life sentences in the United States ... If we cite Stirner, Rand, Kaczynski, Nietzsche, Orwell, some scientists and other people in our communiques they are only for references, we do not have reason to be in agreement with all their lines and positions ... It has been said that we imitate the Unabomber;

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<sup>10</sup> A text dump on eco-extremism

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Michael Loadenthal. The Politics of Attack: Communiqués and Insurrectionary Violence [Book]. Manchester University Press. 2017. Original link. Archived link.

perhaps we have seen as strategic the action of [Kaczynski's moniker] the Freedom Club against scientific personalities in the United States in the 70s, 80s and 90s, and we have adopted this, but let it be clear that we have not imitated all his discourse in its totality, since as we said above, there are points that are plainly contrary to the positions of the FC.

In their sixth communiqué, ITS (2012) notes that their early writings (i.e. first and second communiqués) did in fact borrow from Kaczynski, but that after reflecting on their “poor interpretations” the group has “discarded [Kaczynski's ideas] and now for us they have no validity.” Despite what many regard as similarities in critique, and despite ITS occasionally quoting Kaczynski directly, ITS subsequently denies ideological connections. In the first communiqué as “Wild Reaction, ‘Kill or Die’ Group” (2014) the group writes:

We deny being followers of Ted Kaczynski ... we have indeed learned many things from reading Industrial Society and Its Future, the texts after this and the letters before this text signed by ‘Freedom Club’ (FC), but that does not mean that we are his followers. In fact our position clashes with Kaczynski's, FC's ... since we do not consider ourselves revolutionaries, we do not want to form an ‘anti-technological movement’ that encourages the ‘total overthrow of the system,’ we do not see it as viable, we do not want victory, we do not pretend to win or lose, this is an individual fight against the mega-machine; we don't care about getting something positive from this, since we are simply guided by our instincts of defense and survival.

Here one can witness RS's declared revolutionary intent, to “bring it all crashing down” while avoiding the trapping of movement building and conceiving of the conflict in terms of winners and losers. In this communiqué, after the group changed its name, RS goes on to further declare their ideological independence from the prominent critics of technology (e.g. primitivists) as well as the global anarcho-insurrectional milieu through which their communications are circulated and consumed. In their proclamation of non-affiliation, RS states:

Thus neither Kaczynski ... or any other with the (supposed) “primitivist” stamp represents RS. Nor do the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire (CCF), Feral Faun, or any other with the “ecoanarchist” or “anti-civilization cell of ...” stamp. RS and its groups only represent themselves. (Wild Reaction, “Kill or Die” Group 2014)

Despite ITS/RS's insistence to the contrary, prominent anarcho-primitivist thinker John Zerzen, often spoken of as the “founder” of the movement, notes that “ITS group is real slavish to Ted Kaczynski” (Morin 2014). Zerzen goes on to say that he does not believe ITS's methods will prove successful

and that he is “turn[ed] off” by their usage of mailed explosives and their cavalier dismissal of human causalities (Morin 2014).

Sean Fleming:<sup>13</sup>

In thought and in action, Kaczynski is a lone wolf. His Manifesto articulates a theory or worldview that is peculiar to him and built from a unique combination of Ellul’s, Morris’s, and Seligman’s ideas. Terrorism scholars have recently questioned ‘whether it is time to put the “lone wolf” category to rest altogether’, since alleged lone wolves are rarely as independent as they appear: ‘ties to online and offline radical milieus are critical’. Yet, as I have shown, Kaczynski is unusual in that most of his ideological formation took place in a library, outside of any radical milieu. His association with radical environmentalists, who shared his disdain for modern technology, was a consequence rather than a cause of his radicalization. The Unabomber case shows that terrorists can emerge from a relative ideological vacuum, even if this is rare, and that the concept of the lone wolf might therefore be worth retaining.

Although Kaczynski began his anti-tech bombing campaign as a lone wolf, he has since become the leader of a pack. Just as he had hoped, his Manifesto has spawned an ideology – a public discourse of anti-tech – and inspired a cluster of anti-tech radical groups. Kaczynski is not just an extreme example of an anti-tech radical, but also the founder and lodestar of a new form of anti-tech radicalism.

In the immediate aftermath of his arrest, many of Kaczynski’s followers came from the outer fringe of the green movement. One of his early correspondents and confidants was John Zerzan, a prominent anarcho-primitivist. Another was Derrick Jensen, cofounder of the radical environmentalist group Deep Green Resistance. Kaczynski’s alliances with green anarchists and radical environmentalists were tenuous and short-lived. He ultimately fell out with Zerzan, Jensen, and their respective movements for the same reason: they are committed to many ‘leftist’ causes that he considers to be dangerous distractions. Whereas Kaczynski’s opposition to technology is stubbornly single-minded, Zerzan and Jensen see technology as only one facet of ‘civilization’, alongside patriarchy, racism, and exploitation of animals. Only years later did Kaczynski begin to attract a following that was committed to *his* brand of anti-tech radicalism. As he notes in his 2016 book, ‘it is only since 2011 that I’ve had people who have been

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<sup>13</sup> Sean Fleming. The Unabomber and the origins of anti-tech radicalism [Essay]. Taylor & Francis. May 7, 2021. Original link. Archived link.

willing and able to spend substantial amounts of time and effort in doing research for me'. Coincidentally or not, 2011 is also the year that the Mexican terrorist group ITS emerged.

John Jacobi, a follower of Kaczynski, distinguishes three clusters of Kaczynski-inspired anti-tech radicals. First are the 'apostles' of Kaczynski, the *indomitistas*, led by his pseudonymous Spanish correspondent *Último Reducto*. The *indomitistas* devote themselves mainly to translating and analysing Kaczynski's writings. They comprise part of his 'inner circle', which also conducts research for him and operates the publisher, Fitch & Madison, which prints his books. The other two clusters are the 'heretics', who are inspired by Kaczynski's writings but diverge from him and the *indomitistas* about the finer points of doctrine, strategy, and tactics. One is Jacobi's own group, the wildists, which broke away from the more orthodox *indomitistas* to build a broader coalition of 'anti-civilization' radicals. The other cluster of heretics, which is my focus in this article, comprises ITS and its offshoots. Whereas the *indomitistas* and the wildists focus on developing and propagating anti-tech ideas, ITS is eager for dramatic and violent action.

Journalists and terrorism scholars have labelled ITS 'eco-terrorists' and sometimes 'eco-anarchists', comparing the group to Deep Green Resistance and the Earth Liberation Front. ITS itself uses the term 'eco-extremist', which invites these comparisons. However, ITS is not just a more bellicose variant of radical environmentalism or green anarchism. An analysis of the group's communiqués shows that its ideology is a distinctly Kaczynskian form of anti-tech radicalism.

Although ITS was influenced by radical environmentalism, the 'eco' in 'eco-extremism' is misleading. It does not refer to 'deep ecology'; ITS rejects the 'sentimentalism, irrationalism and biocentrism' that it sees in many radical environmentalist groups. Instead, the 'eco' refers to the group's ideal of 'wild nature', which accords a central place to human nature. ITS's central concern, like Kaczynski's, is that 'human beings are moving away more dangerously from their natural instincts'. Adopting Kaczynski's 'bioprimitivism', as I have called it, ITS argues that 'the human being is biologically programmed ... through evolution' for the life of a 'hunter-gatherer-nomad'.

Although it shares the hunter-gatherer ideal with green anarchists, ITS vehemently rejects any such label: 'we are not "eco-anarchists" or "anarcho-environmentalists"'. The group describes as 'delusional' those who 'romanticize Wild Nature' and 'believe that when Civilization falls everything will be rosy and a new world will flourish without social inequality, hunger, repression, etc'. This thinly-veiled attack on Zerzan's anarcho-primitivism

echoes Kaczynski's essay, 'The Truth About Primitive Life', where he sets out to 'debunk the anarcho-primitivist myth that portrays the life of hunter-gatherers as a kind of politically correct Garden of Eden'. ITS follows Kaczynski in condemning green anarchism as 'leftist'.

Kaczynski's influence on ITS is difficult to miss. Many parts of the group's communiqués are merely paraphrases of the Manifesto: 'The essence of the power process has four parts: setting out of the goal, effort, attainment of the goal, and Autonomy'. But the depth of Kaczynski's influence on ITS is difficult to appreciate without knowing the origins of his ideas. ITS cites Morris's *The Human Zoo* in support of its claim that 'the Wild Nature of the human being in general was perverted when it started to become civilized'. The same communiqué later echoes Morris without citing him: 'it is totally abnormal to live together with hundreds of strangers around you'.

ITS explicitly acknowledges some of its debts to Kaczynski. But this has not been enough to prevent misconceptions, because Kaczynski himself has also been lumped in with radical environmentalists and green anarchists. It is necessary to understand Kaczynski's distinct constellation of concepts in order to appreciate the ideological distinctness of ITS. The group uses his signature vocabulary: the technological system, the power process, surrogate activities, leftism, feelings of inferiority, oversocialization, etc. This is not the vocabulary of radical environmentalism or green anarchism. With the exceptions of 'civilization' and 'domination', ITS explicitly rejects the 'leftist' vocabulary of anarchism: oppression, solidarity, mutual aid, class struggle, hierarchy, inequality, injustice, and imperialism. Further, as I have already shown, even the 'green' parts of ITS's communiqués have been filtered through Kaczynski. ITS is not an eco-terrorist or green anarchist group, but a novel kind of *anti-tech* terrorist group. The group's ideology is distinctly Kaczynskian, genealogically and morphologically.

The *modus operandi* of ITS is not typical of radical environmentalists or green anarchists, who tend to be saboteurs or 'monkeywrenchers'. Environmental radicals almost always target property rather than people. ITS, on the other hand, declares that it 'is not a group of saboteurs (we do not share the strategy of sabotage or damage or destruction of property)'. Instead, as Kaczynski did, ITS aims to kill or maim people, such as scientists, whose surrogate activities propel the development of the technological system.

Anti-tech radicals and environmental radicals have different attitudes towards violence in large part because they have different ideals. As Bron Taylor argues, environmental radicals share 'general religious sentiments – that the earth and all life is sacred – that lessen the possibility that

[environmental] movement activists will engage in terrorist violence'. As he correctly points out, there is 'no indication that Kaczynski shared the sense, so prevalent in radical environmental subcultures, that life is worthy of reverence and the earth is sacred'. Kaczynski is instead committed to the ideal of wild nature, which serves to naturalize violence. He argues, and ITS concurs, that 'a significant amount of violence is a natural part of human life'. Part of what it means to be a wild human being is to be a violent one, unencumbered by the fetters of civilized morality.

The ideal of wild nature helps to explain anti-tech radicals' target selection. For Kaczynski and ITS, living things have value only insofar as they are wild, and to be wild is to be 'outside the power of the system'. When human beings become instruments of the system, they forfeit any value or dignity that they might have had. Scientists and technicians are permissible targets of violence because they have betrayed their wild nature, and they are desirable targets because they symbolize the technological system. Whereas environmental radicals' reverence for life tends to steer them away from violence, towards destruction of property, anti-tech radicals' ideal of wild nature serves to justify their violence.

Yet ITS diverges from Kaczynski about the purpose of violence. For Kaczynski, violence is primarily a means to overthrow the technological system. ITS, on the other hand, argues that Kaczynski's proposed revolution is 'idealistic and irrational'. Not only is this revolution bound to fail; Kaczynski also falls into the trap of leftism when he models his revolution on the French and Russian revolutions. For members of ITS, violence is not a means to revolution, but a way to affirm or reclaim their own wildness: 'the attack against the system ... is a survival instinct, since the human is violent by nature'. Kaczynski condemns ITS and accuses the group of misappropriating his ideas. He hurls the charge of leftism right back at them, along with a diagnosis of learned helplessness: 'The most important error that ITS commits is that they express, and therefore promote, an attitude of hopelessness about the possibility of eliminating the technological system'. This attitude of hopelessness gives ITS a more vengeful and nihilistic character than Kaczynski himself.

## A short thread

**Source:** <[x.com/rechelon/status/1799516136645484935](https://x.com/rechelon/status/1799516136645484935)>

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**nihilistgf:** book a friend gave me. no I'm not pro-ITS.

**Anon:** Counterpoint: you are an eco-fascist who has promoted ITS while pretending not to and approve of Atassa

**nihilistgf:** atassa and ITS are not eco-fascist. they're eco-extremist. I call myself an eco-extremism because it has a lot to do with indigenous resistance. cope.

**This Desiring-Machine Kills Fascists:** To be clear, ITS's "indiscriminate attack" is code for rape. It's a deeply misogynistic collective and anyone looking approvingly on at them is not a friend of anarchists

ITS and its english language press office Atassa are not technically "fascist" because they're not *nationalist*. They're just hyper reactionaries who want to exterminate everyone on the planet, delight in misogyny, praise nazis, and had an alt-right trad cath spokesman/editor.

ITS was basically just a Mexico City crew that weren't indigenous and tried to murder anarchists, plus, in the US, a trad cath Berkeley graduate lawyer who married a vivisectionist and hosted all their content on the Atassa site back before he turned it into a journal.

Like the Mexico City ITS crew, Arturo was not indigenous in the sense of involved in any tribe or community, etc, he just had some genes and fetishized that on occasion.

He was also, and this is important, a snitch who snitched on anarchists to the FBI

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200601041750/https://325.nostate.net/2018/11/16/eco>

Arturo *was* Atassa. He created the website and popularized it, pretty much exclusively as the press office of ITS, then later he got together a crew (of mostly white contributors like the rich WASP John Jacobi) and edited them together in a print journal version of his site.

What NihilistGF is attempting to do with the "ITS is just ecoextremism which is just indigenous resistance" is a long chain of blurrings. This turns on the fact that when Arturo published the print journal version of Atassa he included an article cheering rape of colonizers.

Later, when there was anarchist blowup over the absurdity of LBC publishing Arturo and his Atassa website as a journal, they crafted the second issue with a pinwheel design on the cover taken from indigenous americans in the most immature "this'll get them" level provocation.

Arturo is mexican and not a member of any tribe that used said pinwheel designs, plus the tribes in question explicitly retired and forbid use of the swastika/pinwheel after world war 2. Again Arturo is a trad cath. He's fucking catholic!

It's completely absurd to frame ITS and Atassa as being about "indigenous resistance", they're anarcho-primitivists who loudly and publicly ditched anarchism for nihilism, siding with Ted K over John Zerzan. Any reference to indigenous struggle was adopted opportunistically.

Ted explicitly rejected anarchism on the grounds that he believed that a non-industrial society would be patriarchal and warring, and that this was good. John clung to basic anarchist values against hierarchy. ITS were ideological primitivists who followed Ted in this.

ITS encouraged people to blow up nuclear plants and “kill 200 million in your local bioregion” as part of a campaign to exterminate humans. That kind of edgelording has absolutely nothing to do with indigenous struggles against settler colonialism and it’s gross to pretend so.

Now a whole fucking grip of edgelords in the US *loved* ITS, fucking adored it. The “anarchist” podcast Free Radical Radio that was prominent back then and run by the rich white dude Rydra pumped out endless praise for them and their “nihilism.”

In this original context “nihilism” was explicitly chosen as a term to signify a rejection of anarchism and break from it. Like ITS, over time Rydra repeatedly denounced anarchists and presented his nihilism as a rejection of anarchism.

While in Mexico City, ITS planted a bomb at an anarchist infoshop and planned to gun down an anarchist prisoner, in the US a bunch of rich white dipshit edgelords masturbated furiously to their provocations like endorsing murdering women for sport.

These US edgelords were completely unprepared for any sort of consequences, and after some Seattle insurrectos threw hands against them and the UK insurrecto journal 325 doxed Arturo and promised to murder him, they all fell apart trying to find excuses.

LBC tried pushing the line that Atassa was unrelated to ITS (utterly preposterous), and was just a journal that “raised interesting points that anarchists should engage with.” In this backpeddling the article praising indigenous warriors raping colonizers got held up.

In this desperate twisting, folks tried to reframe the entire issue as one of “do we abet violence and collateral damage in struggle?”

In this they tried to rally a bunch of older anarchists still smarting from the ideological nonviolence wars of the late 90s.

Basically LBC could go to a bunch of their genx and boomer connections and explain the backlash they were getting in terms these disconnected olds could get and would sympathize with. “The dastardly pacifists are back!!!”

Instead of being frank about the ITS/Atassa ideological platform of killing all humans, warring with anarchists, and endorsing rape and femicide as a return to “wild nature,” the shit got reframed as “some indigenous radicals said we should use violence and people hate that.”

But the problem is of course that while LBC’s middle aged book peddlers were terrified of drawing real fire and getting punched or even bombed and murdered by anarchists like we would respond to ITS directly, a bunch of younger edgelords didn’t want to retreat at all.

So the LBC line that Atassa doesn’t have anything to do with ITS got ignored, folks continued distorting ITS communiques (Atassa’s translations, but also it’s been widely claimed that Arturo just wrote his own communiques as ‘ITS’).

But of course occasionally they need to throw out defenses online when they get too much heat.

This creates a situation wherein the bullshit defense used to reframe Atassa as *not* ITS is now applied just as opportunistically to backpropagate into a defense of ITS.

Anyway, 325's line on ITS/Atassa was shared widely by insurrectionary anarchists: It's that ITS/Atassa should be ruthlessly murdered by anarchists and violence should freely be used against their defenders. This is not a pacifist position.

## On eco-extremism and anarchy

**Source:** <autistici.org/cna/2016/05/23/chile-comunicato-del-branco-di-sabotatori-heriberto-salazar-fai-fri/>

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We really do not want to stand in firm defense of every soul that sets itself up as an enemy against the state and every form of government (over man, animals and nature). We believe that — and many anarchist and other prisoners agree with this — not everyone can be friends and that it is not possible to develop a relationship with everyone.

More specifically, we want to encourage discussion about direct action groups that reject anarchy as a political goal and as a daily struggle. These are the so-called eco-extremists who relentlessly shout “death to anarchy”, rejecting their own origin and formation, an idea that nourished them through a fraternal relationship with the urban guerrilla fighters of today and the past, only to later move on to emphasize certain aspects that have always been part of anarchist milieu and its struggle for the liberation of man, our animal brothers and the earth.

Far from the constant tension that we who want and fight for a life of anarchy want to maintain, a certain trend that is considered eco-extremist throws in the trash the libertarian ideal that manifests itself through the insurgent struggle.

One small group, tied to a certain imaginary of “symbolic” peoples and to musical/alternative and university environments (they reject the university they still attend... and study what they hate so much), hates the human animal and therefore sees the enemy everywhere.

In that “wild fog”, caused by their own smugness and messianism, they include the last worker, the victim of this crappy exploitative system, among their enemies. They talk about killing workers, farmers or any other person who, let's be honest, the discussion of our relatives over the years has not considered worthy interlocutors. Although we are accomplices, the enemy is someone else, and that is quite clear to any anarchist, libertarian, punk or nihilist. But for the eco-extremists, it is not so, in an attempt to be avant-garde and even trendy.

That is why we call on individuals and coordinated affinities who are fighting today to continue fighting for the liberation of all living beings and the earth, without losing sight of the political aspect of our actions, and the real enemies and targets.

Seven years since the death of Mauricio Morales, we salute the group “Manada de Choque Anarquico Nihilista” for its sober and insurgent action during the protests of May 1 and April 21, when they once again proved the success of coordination among affinities. In order to be clear and refute the “Maldicion Ecoextremista” page, which tried to present these acts as an act of irresponsible urban guerrillas, in order to appropriate libertarian activity!

We salute the fighters of the Paulino Scarfó Revolutionary Cell (FAI-FRI), who wrote in their statement of responsibility for the attack on the Santander Bank in La Cisterna: “ *The attack has its ethics and is not indiscriminate; we have embraced the arson attack and we no longer support the ideas that are trying to spread .*”

***Pack of Saboteurs Heriberto Salazar (FAI-FRI)***

## There’s Nothing Anarchist about Eco-Fascism

**Source:** <<https://itsgoingdown.org/nothing-anarchist-eco-fascism-condemnation/>>

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“When horror knocks at your door, it’s difficult to hide from. All that can be done is to breathe, gather strength, and face it....I shared news of the woman found in University City. From the first moment, I was angered and protested the criminalization of the victim. The next morning I woke up to the horror and pain that she was my relative.”

– Statement from the family of Lesvy Rivera to Mexican society

“[W]e take responsibility for the homicide of another human in University City on May 3<sup>rd</sup>....Much has emerged about that damned thing leaning lifeless on a payphone... ‘that she suffered from alcoholism, that she wasn’t a student, this and that.’ But what does it matter? She’s just another mass, just another damned human who deserved death.”

– 29<sup>th</sup> Statement of Individualists Tending Toward the Wild (ITS)

Some things shouldn’t have to be said, but as is too often the case in this disaster of a world, that which should be most obvious often gets subsumed to the exigencies of politics, ideologies, money, emotion, or internet clicks. The purpose of this piece is to condemn the recent acts of eco-extremists in Mexico and those who cheer them on from abroad.

This critique does not aspire to alter the behavior of Individualists Tending Toward the Wild (ITS), Individualities Tending Toward the Wild (ITS), Wild Reaction (RS), Indiscriminate Group Tending Toward the Wild (GITS), Eco-extremist Mafia, or whatever they will change their name to tomorrow. Like any other deluded, sociopathic tyrant, these individuals have declared themselves above reproach, critique, reason, or accountability. They have appointed themselves judge, jury, and executioner; the guardians and enforcers of Truth using a romanticized past to justify their actions. As absolutist authoritarians, they have constructed a theoretical framework that, while ever-shifting and inconsistent, somehow always ends with a justification for why they get to hold a knife to the throats of all of humankind. In short, they think and act like the State.

There was a discussion about ITS on an *IGD* podcast from last December. For those unfamiliar, ITS and its spawn of affiliated acronyms publicly emerged in 2011 as an anti-civilization grouping that blew things up and tried to kill people they didn't like, primarily university research scientists. In early statements, they spoke of favorably of anarchism and revolution. Over the course of just a few years and various groupings and splittings, they adopted a firm stance of rejection and reaction. They disavowed anarchism, revolution, leftism, or anything related to the social or human. They proudly adopted the mantle of eco-terrorism and proclaimed their disgust for the likes of John Zerzan or Ted Kaczynski, who they previously praised.

Unsurprisingly, through their increasing isolation and reactivity, ITS has turned into just plain murderers. (Or at least they'd like you to think so.) "The human being deserves extinction" and "We position ourselves against the human being, without caring about the use of civilization to carry out our acts" is now their creed. As such, in the State of Mexico, ITS claims it went out hunting for loggers to kill, but not finding any, they decided to ambush, shoot and murder a couple on a hike on April 30<sup>th</sup>, because, "We just want it to be clear that no human being will be safe in nature." They suggest humans should instead stay in the cities, but then claim responsibility for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> femicide of Lesvy Rivera at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, stating, "Not even in your damned cities will you be safe." The ITS phenomenon, while beginning in Mexico, has spread throughout much of Latin America, with groups using the ITS name claiming responsibility for attacks – including attempts at the mass murder of ordinary, working-class people – in multiple countries.

Understanding what led to the creation and evolution of groups such as ITS is a topic best addressed in a separate piece. As mentioned above and in the podcast, they find their roots in the insurrectionary and anti-civilization streams of anarchism. Mexico in particular has a vibrant clandestine, direct action insurrectionary movement. Mexico is also where 99 percent of all "crimes" go unpunished, where narcos, police, military and politicians either work hand in hand or kill one another and anyone else nearby in the tens of thousands. They also team up against aboveground social movements – repression being the only language the Mexican state speaks. It is not difficult to understand, in a country being gutted by neoliberalism, where appeals to the state

are met with batons and bullets, where anarchists are already blowing things up, and where everyone else with an agenda seems to be killing people and getting away with it, why a group like ITS would emerge.

Yet at the same time in Mexico, aside from a few websites, ITS and its actions have not been praised or embraced by anarchists or anyone else. This likely also contributes to the escalating violence on ITS's part – no one really pays attention to them except to dismiss or condemn. At least one anarchist group has publicly stated its belief that ITS is a state-run operation, designed to delegitimize the broader radical movement.

It seems more likely that ITS is a genuine group that believes what it says. Whether it has actually done what it says is another matter. Some attacks have certainly occurred, but a curiously large number of ITS attacks fail or go unmentioned anywhere except in their statements. They claim this is due to the police and media conspiring to not call attention to their acts. Yet the typical insurrectionary anarchist direct action is almost always reported with precise information, photos showing the damage caused, and can be verified in corporate media reports. How ITS is so much worse than other direct action groups at carrying out direct actions is an unanswered question. That ITS killed any of the three people they recently claimed to have killed is unlikely. The statement shares no details of the killings and only includes a photo taken from Facebook. Especially with regards to the femicide of Lesvy Rivera at UNAM, ITS is likely seeking to get a free ride on the coattails of a tragedy that has generated considerable action and coverage amongst the anarchists and radicals they hate so much yet whose attention they so desperately seek.

So do we anarchists give it to them? Admittedly, even the existence of this piece is a capitulation to their attention seeking. But worse are those that promote, even implicitly, the actions of ITS. Sites such as Anarchist News, Free Radical Radio, Atassa, and Little Black Cart. The “a retweet does not constitute endorsement” excuse doesn't fly here. As ITS says, “We've been warning you since the beginning.” And now they are claiming to have killed three humans simply because they were human. Will ITS fans continue to distribute the propaganda of a group that by its own admission is not only *not anarchist*, but proudly terroristic, rejecting of all ethics, morals, or principles of liberation? They solely exist to kill people. It should not have to be explained why such a position does not merit support. Of a less pressing matter is the way in which ITS conceives of “nature” is itself a social and civilizational construct. Their (already constantly shifting) ideological basis for murder falls apart under any real scrutiny.

Some defend the publications and discussions (or trolling, as it were) they engender because while perhaps they don't agree with killing people, the analysis ITS presents is intellectually stimulating and worthy of consideration. If ITS did kill her, Lesvy Rivera can surely appreciate that her brutal murder was found intellectually stimulating for some. It is the peak of colonial, racist arrogance that those from the safety of their U.S. or European homes feel comfortable debating the finer points of an ideology that amounts to brown people killing other brown people. We eagerly await the publishing

on these sites of ISIS or al-Qaida communiques due to their intellectually stimulating critiques of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East.

The only support ITS should be receiving from anarchists is encouragement that they practice their dedication to human extinction on themselves. Just as the fascists of ISIS are meeting a true anarchist response, the fascists of ITS should be called to task, rather than coddled.

## Eco-extremism and the indiscriminate attack

**Source:** <web.archive.org/.../325.nostate.net/.../>

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“And Severino Di Giovanni’s actions were never violent for the sake of it. They were never indiscriminate or striking at anything at all in order to create a tension that would favour power and its politics of consolidation. They were always guided by a precise revolutionary reasoning: to strike the centres of power with punitive actions that find their justification in the State’s violence, and which were aimed at pushing the mass towards a revolutionary objective. Di Giovanni always took account of the situation of the mass, even though he was often accused of not having done so”

— JW & AMB, *Anarchism and Violence: Severino Di Giovanni in Argentina* by Osvaldo Bayer, Elephant Editions

I don’t represent any organisation or group, I am writing this from my personal perspective, as nihilist-anarchist of an anti-civilisation insurrectional tendency. I have carried out direct action in defense of the Earth, so the state and society would probably view me as an “Eco-Extremist,” although I’m unconcerned with this term as it’s become a sect-like ideology of the Church. I haven’t written before about the Church of ITS Mexico or the idiot pseudo-nihilist(s) in Italy because over the last few years they clearly became reactionary and more akin to far-right “black” groupscules.

It has been some years since the Church of ITS Mexico said something like that “the FAI doesn’t represent us,” that the “CCF doesn’t represent us”... Well I can’t recall anything like that being said by CCF or FAI or anyone else in the first place, so why is the ITS Church still issuing sermons about it now and why have they not embarked on a one-way trip far away from the black anarchy they proclaim is irrelevant and gone off into the nihilising abyss like they said they would, leaving all us anarchist nuns alone?

It was obvious to foresee what this groupscule and their related neurotic fanclub was going towards—cultish green authoritarianism, paganism, irrationalism and indiscriminate attacks—and haven’t we seen this before? Although the Church of ITS Mexico

with its tiny few self-described eco-extremists and pseudo-nihilists like to pose as the *most radical* and *truly anarchistic* and *chaotic latest trend* that is *very different* and *abyssal*, far from anything that goes before, they are just another offshoot of an old idea with rotten roots in soil and blood, either that or they just have shit for brains.

The murders that ITS Mexico has done in their current phase and the words that accompany the actions are those of one of the enemies, no equivocation—it doesn't matter at this point what justifications and philosophical manipulations they use to explain how they became irrationalist fanatics. Those who indiscriminately attack regular people are authoritarians and would-be dictators, mass killers, and they and their fanclub of sychophants brag and boast as such behind a myriad of regressive ideas.

Reactionary, nationalist, neo-nazi, racist and pagan networks converging inward autonomously in Europe at least, is nothing new, because for decades we can find their groups dwelling in a spectrum of misanthropic nihilist-right planes of thought, often informed by various degrees of biocentrism, traditionalism, green authoritarianism, anti-humanism, anti-progress etc. It's easy to find their blogs with old runic indigenous obscurantism, glorification of mass murder, death camps, genocide imagery and glorification of weapons and killing.

In the UK in the 90's, a tiny few anarcho-primitivists also flirted with this eco-fascist thinking which had seeped in amongst "when animals attack"-type stories and news-clippings about earthquakes and plagues, in the newspaper "Green Anarchist." The idea was that indiscriminate attacks and/or mass killings of people are justified as "war against civilisation/society." There was a split in the newspaper "Green Anarchist" about the topic ("The Irrationalists" by Steve Booth). One of the editors left and started an eco-fascist paper. Green Anarchist continued to provide lists of direct actions which were taking place and had articles and reports. The controversy came during an operation by the state against the earth and animal liberation movement which was strong at the time (so-called GANDALF operation). The state spent millions of pounds trying to shut GA down and one of their editors was jailed. Looking back on the text that started the affair it is nothing in comparison to the shit that ITS Mexico have been spewing for the last few years, a hex upon them.

Indiscriminate killings and attacks only have authoritarian outcomes, the methods are elitist and fundamentally anti-individualist. The acts end up only entrenching power and the existing strategy of the techno-industrial system. It is a very dominant and conditioned human behaviour of mass psychology to harm or kill indiscriminately. It's what humans do to each other all the time, it gears the machine and it's certainly not an anti-civilisation act or one that cuts radically to the social system. Each person is just pathologically programmed under the stress of society—by religion and hierarchical orders—socially coded to distrust, hate, abuse and kill others. I want something different; it enlightens me as an anarchist and a nihilist—an individual defending their life and experience of the world. Discrimination of thought, choice and action.



The last couple of months in UK there have been three spectacular indiscriminate killings: the Manchester suicide bomb against a crowd of mostly (very) young women at an Ariana Grande concert, the London Tower Bridge suicide van and knife attack, both by those inspired by Daesh, who ITS Mexico and their adoring flock seem to idolise and fetishize now, much like the rest of the misanthropic and nihilist-right; and there also was the Grenfell Tower fire, which killed unknown scores of people, arguably a massacre which had an unavoidable class basis and which is a social murder. But who cares, society is the enemy, right? In the ultra-moralising Church of ITS Mexico where they issue regular sermons you don't have to think about things too much.

The Church and the sheep have already rejected anti-authoritarianism and "liberation," so such concepts do not illuminate them, by their own admission, opting for a direction where from their friendless epic-loser script they endlessly preside over their dastardly marginalisation of anarchy and the extermination of humanity in the lowly and minor acts they have recently been taking responsibility for.

Their critique of the anarchist movement is both nothing new and yet deluded with ignorance about many facts and yet they want to use the names of Severino di Giovanni and Mauricio Morales to cover their cowardice. I'm no stranger to criticising civil anarchism but the Church of ITS Mexico have remained so boringly obsessionate in their anti-anarchism discourse that it is obvious that they don't know when they are banging a dead horse. Their desperate clinging to the anarchist movement—now issuing death threats against anarchists that bother to publically criticise them—is indicative of individuals who, claiming to have shot dead a hiking couple from the bushes and choked a woman to death in a phone box at university, at heart don't appear to feel they have any power in their own lives and obviously spend too much time on the internet worrying what others think of them whilst taking their pain out on other people. Sounds like quite a few civilised people I know except some don't see the results of their actions. I mean, haven't ITS actually killed some people, why are they crying about it on the internet? As the saying goes, they *"gotta lot to learn"* as a terrorist group. Hearing that ITS apparently got *"tired of waiting for 325's critique"* is a sloppy, revealing and highly amusing admission of how much they actually do care about being the subject of dialogue and discussion amongst an (unruly and anarchic) humanity they hate!

To go back to why I haven't bothered to write anything before now about ITS recent experiments in serial killerdom, I think just simply I had better things to do and my comrades were debating whether or not it was even worth making any critiques since, we figured, we don't make critiques of any other random serial killers?! Why would we bother contributing to the fiction that ITS are actors with any validity by commenting on their wanton acts of pointless and sadly untargetted murders? And nor are they anarchists, saying for many years to the anarchist movement internationally that they were not interested, and were even hostile to concepts such as prisoner solidarity, internationalism, anarchist revolution (so leftist!) and so on and to just leave them alone. So we did... And so why are they now chasing after our views

and after the opinions of FAI/IRF cells, anarchist-insurrectionalists, blogs of counter-information, etc. when they have been rejecting them for years and years? Why is their fanclub sending us their ridiculous texts and claims? To remind us they exist in anger and frustration? And who cares? I don't care but the Church of ITS Mexico evidently does care and can't bear that somehow others have a path separate to theirs. It shows up their blatant isolationist narcissism and sociopathic psychosis.

## Consequences...

Reading the nationalism, racism and homophobia evident in the recent communique of ITS, a new pathological, repetitive, singular voice trying to lash out vainly is emerging. I'm sure they will respond with a threatening old testament sermon; or is that an earthquake coming?!

Although the Church has given many sermons where they pontificate about feeling superior, laughing in fantasy, it's striking how much they reveal their silly obsessions, psychological loops and regressive traits in public. This key weakness is certainly a sign of the regressive nature of narcissistic authoritarians, who as individuals display, collectively, unintegrated psychologies, lacking in empathic intelligence and emotional centering.

Maybe in the age of the internet the ITS Church did not know there was a far-right of maladjusted pagan eco-religious fanatics in Europe already? Join and share your savage racist rituals of purity, blood and black metal records! The Pope of ITS Mexico should issue an immediate elect order to direct the faithful sheep to send their bible of testaments to those web-crazies of the nihilist-right and failing that, "*New Scientist*" magazine or some such other shit as they seem to be obsessed with, instead of bothering those nasty sectarian anarchist nuns who have excommunicated them. Wouldn't want you to get upset and send in the inquisition after killing some women.

After banging their keyboards on anarchists for running around the world "intervening" in every topic under the sun other than killing random individuals in the name of some wacko gods, they offer out an invitation to intervene in Mexico and have it out with them! Why would anyone bother? I certainly shall stay here in my own native indigenous lands and get on with my life. If they feel that strongly, why don't they come here? We have gangs and murders here too, not just the Queen and Cricket. I think that the ITS in "Church of ITS Mexico" stands for "*Idiots Tending toward Stupidity*." Who knew that the Church was so linked to the "Mafia"? Pretty hilarious really, as it fits into their displaced wish to project a "strong" or "hard image"; "ruthless," "organised," "murderous" etc. The reality appears that they have dropped any individualist or nihilist-egoist values, any pretense of ecological struggle and are rather weak, conduct easy (basically cowardly), opportunistic, random and valueless actions and come across like a bunch of wet bananas with a hurting self-obsessed sociopath as leader, blowing their mouths off in public. So what's new?

The idiots that we know of in this “Eco-Extremist Mafia” are all wee dafties, like the pseudo-nihilist fool in Italy<sup>14</sup> and this Greek robot of chaos, Archie the Scot<sup>15</sup>, who are exactly the same types, socially disfunctional mal-geeks, arseholes basically and losers without a sense of humour, looking to play the bigman. They definity don’t have a sense of humour, but we guess you have to have some “human” values to have a decent sense of “humour” never mind “humility.” I mean, some of the actions we just laugh at, you are a joke, Church of ITS Mexico and faithful flock! Even the killings, you are embarassing yourself! Like a shit on a corpse! And you want the names of Severino Di Giovanni and Mauricio Morales to cover your shit?! Fuck off and die! You are a joke!! Ha Ha Ha!

*I shit on your pagan gods!*

*Love to all the friends and comrades; imprisoned, out and on the run!*

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<sup>14</sup> Psuedo-nihilist serial blogger, collector of doubtful “terror” manuals and writer of complex verbs and words.

<sup>15</sup> Antisocial evolution, “Falcon of Chaos,” “Archie” Archegonos or whatever he’s decided to call himself this week in a ten-thousand word gush of verbal diarrhea.

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## First Communique of the Individualists Tending Toward the Wild – 2016 (Mexico)

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*From Tierra Maldita:*

*We love tranquility, we let the mouse play; when the forests whisper, we are unafraid”*

–J.N.

### I

Individualists Tending Toward the Wild (ITS, before “Individualities”), is the continuation of the eco-terrorist Project begun in the year 2011. After the death of “Wild Reaction” in 2015, we have decided to continue this project...

### II

To refresh the memories of those who may have forgotten:

We continue this declared war against the Technological System, and against those who aim to improve and sustain it. We attack those who physically and emotionally insist on destroying and altering the wild and untamed places that are left.

Our acts aim to terrorize, wound, mutilate, and kill these intended targets. We use threats, explosives, and firearms to accomplish our immediate objectives.

Those who work toward the destruction of Wild Nature deserve punishment, so that their acts will not continue with impunity. ITS is not a peaceful organization that petitions governments to “punish those responsible”, collecting signatures, and playing the absurd legal-juridical game. We aren’t an NGO. We don’t need intermediaries to clarify things. For those who threaten Nature there are no courts; and even if there were, we will still take the law into our own hands as our fierce ancestors did. As we are

not interested in being a “vanguard” or being in the front lines of this war, we attack accepting the final consequences. (more...)

Tags: Ecological Destruction, Individualists Tending Toward the Wild (ITS), Letter, Mexico, Reacción Salvaje / Wild Reaction (RS)

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## Indiscriminate Anarchists

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*From Atassa: Readings in Eco-extremism, via anarchistnews.org, originally published in Spanish in Regresión 5 in October 2015.*

*How I dream sometimes of a world all in harmony: each tendency based in its own initiative, without clashing with another; without humiliating themselves, in order to be stronger tomorrow, when we should all run toward the great battle of the revolution! But all of that is only a dream.”*

**Letter of Severino Di Giovanni to Hugo Treni, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1930.**

In our time, the essence of particular things often changes. The real is modified and transformed into a pantomime that matches the supposed march of progress. Modernity has altered many things, from the environment to human behavior, and even political ideologies. This age demands from citizens (dissident or not) that they oppose vehemently inhumane violence of any sort. The moral values defended by civilization as a whole have brainwashed everyone. This brainwashing drives us toward individual amnesia and collective ignorance.

Many political ideologies have been distorted in modern times, and little by little they have evolved from being original and almost defensible to trite and abhorrent. This applies particularly well to anarchist ideology. With time it has changed and transformed itself into something that it wasn’t at its origins.

For some time now, many anarchists have rejected the concept and practice of indiscriminate attack as defended by the eco-extremists. For modern anarchists, to speak of an act that seeks to strike a target without worrying about “innocent bystanders” is a sin against “liberated humanity” and a “self-managed” future. This would be an “irresponsible” act that is incompatible with “revolutionary morality.” It’s true that in an indiscriminate attack morality doesn’t enter the equation, nor does revolution or anything of the sort. The only important thing is to strike at the target. (more...)

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# Of Indiscriminate Attacks and Wild Reactions (USA)

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*As we'll be publishing a collection of the critiques of "eco-extremism" from the nihilist-anarchist and anarchist-insurrectionalist tendency that were previously published on our site and elsewhere, we republish this PDF which looks slightly deeper into the Little Black Cart published journal, Atassa, and the Church of ITS Mexico, as largely our tendency has not seen fit to waste too many words on anything other than dismissals of this crap. Although we really disagree with the author's overarching positions on many topics "Letter to the Anarchist Galaxy", "Nihilist Recuperation" etc, that they use to give frame to their argument and find the tedious referencing and 'social-insurrectionary' style to be repetitive, fanciful, lengthy and overcooked (which is a typical feature of these kind of texts from that sector of the solar-system), nevertheless we think it's an interesting addition to the salt of critique advancing the dialogue against green authoritarianism and wee dafties. Where arrogance and stupidity meet, nothing good comes!!*

## **[USA] Of Indiscriminate Attacks and Wild Reactions An Anti-Civ Anarchist Engages with ITS and Atassa, their Defenders and Their false Critics**

The following is the introduction to a short book critiquing so-called "eco-extremism" in Mexico, and those in support of it in the United States. To read two essays on the subject already published on IGD, go [here](#).

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Author's Note to IGD readers: This essay was written a year ago, in haste. It was prompted by the escalation in 2017 of conflict between insurrectionary anarchists and proponents of a new school of purportedly anti-civilization ideology known as "Eco-Extremism", both in Mexico and the US. This conflict was signaled in part by the appearance of a US journal called Atassa: readings in Eco-Extremism, which presented ideas and writings associated with the armed struggle group known as Individualidades tendiendo a lo Salvaje, abbreviated ITS but most often translated from the Spanish as Individualists Tending toward the Wild (a group with a history stretching back to around 2011).

Some of you will remember the publication around the same time of two brief pieces of news/criticism on It's Going Down by Scott Campbell ("There's Nothing Anarchist About Eco-Fascism," and "Not Our Comrades: ITS Attacks on Anarchists") which also dealt with this conflict. These pieces appeared in the wake of ITS claims of responsibility for various apparently misogynistic or random murders, physical attacks on anarchists, and a ramping up of reactionary rhetoric on the part of the mysterious and media-savvy group. Fast forward to recent weeks, and a slew of the online Egoist mi-

lieu has issued its own analyses and condemnations of ITS, Atassa, and Eco-Extremist ideas in what appears to be an ongoing fallout. (more...)

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# Anti-tech terrorism promotion

## War is the supreme drama of a completely mechanized society

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“War is the supreme drama of a completely mechanized society.”

-Lewis Mumford

It is of no surprise that we see the ruins of an apocalyptic nature in a European city once again, Mariupol becoming the new Aleppo is not a coincidence, the memory casts back to similar images of Sarajevo during the Yugoslav civil war. Conflict between nations, between imperialistic superpowers have never left us. If anything, the war in the Ukraine is a continuation of the conflict waged against all life on this planet, geopolitics, the war itself are symptoms of a destructive process on a scale that is coming to a head, that of civilization and its mechanized total control. The warning signs are all around us of a dying planet and the technocratic elites are very aware of this.

War has always been the tool of regimentation to control the masses, but also to restrict the individual. The war in Ukraine we see as no exception along with any other continuing conflict as we see in Syria and Yemen. It is an illusion of propaganda, of a social media proportion, to believe this is a simple conflict between an apparently democratic nation and a fascist oppressor. Zelensky is no innocent amongst all this, there is plenty of evidence that he welcomed with open arms the neo-Nazi's who threatened the young Ukrainian state, Zelensky has even used the Azov alongside the SBU (the Ukrainian security service, trained by the CIA) to crackdown on the opposition, whether it is pro-Russian or leftist or communist and this is not to excuse Russia and Putin as it has also been documented with the contractors, Wagner Group, filled with Nazis committing atrocities in Syria, Libya and recently in Mali. Add to all this the fact that NATO has supplied arms, training and actively fomented the openly fascist groups such as the Azov Battalion and the whole picture of a proxy war

reminiscent of the cold war is complete. Who pays the cost of such a war? Those men who are forcibly conscripted, those women and children dead underneath the rubble, those buried in mass graves, those who believe the propaganda of a war fought under the mythological pretences, while the heads are turned away from the real strategy of the powers in play, which is to control those populations within the conflict, while the rest of the world engages in the spectacle, happy that their social peace is maintained, their comfort undisturbed, the safety of their endless consumerism continuing, the Leviathanic machine devouring what is left of the natural world, replaced with the veneer of the artificial.

Throw into all this one of the great beneficiaries of war, technology and the profit that is gained from it. Already in this conflict we see the hailed international help in the form of new technological weapons. Apart from the anti-tank missile launchers, NLAW's and Javelins. Drones are seeing a much larger use within the war, whether is it for surveillance or attacking purposes, but also AeroVironment Inc's, Switchblade drones that are described as kamikaze drones small enough to fit in a backpack, which is one step closer to the concept of "swarm drones" using artificial swarm intelligence.

Facial recognition that has been used already in a repressive context especially in surveillance, whether on the streets, on borders or during riots to identify anyone who dares to resist are now also being used to identify enemies or bodies of soldiers, using the biggest provider in the world Clearview AI. The company itself has already admitted to storing billions of images from Russian social media site Vkontakte, even from people's selfies, in a similar fashion to the program used by Facebook. As usual this technology is being justified with supposed beneficial uses such as uniting refugees with each other, but there is already evidence that it is been used by other Ukrainian government departments for other purposes, to keep its own population under control, surveillance society colonising another corner of the world.

Further to this, after an appeal from Zelensky, Elon Musk's Space X Starlink satellites are being used to provide internet to Ukraine after the breakdown of the internet network in many parts of the country. This is a further legitimacy of a new technology that not only furthers the colonisation and polluting of space, but increases the power of a technocrat and reliance upon them even within a war. The dream to blanket the planet in high-speed broadband is well on its way because you can't not be able to access Twitter or TikTok while your house is being bombarded into rubble and everyone is dying around you.

As we have mentioned before in previous publications we are surrounded by a monumental shift in the operation of society, the states, capitalism and all of civilization. Through this technological and scientific shift that will permeate further control into all our lives, there will be conflicts, wars, as certain powers compete to become not only the main controller of technologies, but to increase influence over parts of the planet and be the first to access dwindling resources and also new ones to create the new technologies. We see the war occurring in the Ukraine as a continuation of a process that has already been acted out in the still continuing pandemic, along with the

multiplied controls upon whole populations. Before this we had the “economic crisis”, the “war on terror”, always a continuation of a crisis of the authoritarian systems being created, but also a perpetuation of a state of fear, no matter whether they were created by it or symptoms of its failure.

Along with these recent occurring shifts, the so-called perfect picture of social peace is becoming unhinged. Already we are entering what is being described as a “cost of living crisis” that is seeing inflation along with energy prices increasing, a consequence of the breakdown of the economic system because of the pandemic but also not without its perpetuation by the capitalists and elites to force populations back to the galleys of work that have become even more so a prison of surveillance and utter control, whether it is the increase in automation or constant monitoring of every action or even absolute transformation of work to a slavery of Amazon proportions. Amongst all this it is also clear that not only is there a state of a “new cold war” brewing but also that which has been described as an “energy war”. Russia as everyone knows is one of the biggest sources of gas and oil in the world and the Western powers have already talked of their need to not be dependent on them, whether that is becoming autonomous in energy in their own right further exploitation of their own fossil fuel sources or increase renewable energy sources. The destruction of the planet by further increasing exploitation of fossil fuel in new areas, using even more destructive methods, along with the parallel increase of “green technologies” extracting further polluting resources seems more of a priority than ending a war.

Where do we place ourselves as anarchists within wars fought by nation states, superpowers and technocrats? Already anarchists in Ukraine have formed what is called the “Resistance Committee” that openly admits it is part of the “Territorial Defence of Ukraine”, which is in turn directly part of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. These “anarchists” are participating in a unit of the army of the Ukrainian state, the same Ukrainian state that has welcomed neo-Nazis into its army, those whose commanders were decorated by Zelensky himself who have openly declared their desire to “lead the White races of the world in a final crusade.” We could go on with the utter corruption and links of the Ukrainian state to fascists but we save that for a future text analysing the rise of nationalism, fascists and neo-Nazis in Ukraine and Russia, how it has actually become a focal point and training ground for the international fascist movement, encouraged by both NATO and the Russian state.

The Ukrainian state cannot be confused with some kind of throwback to the Spanish civil war with the Republic state, neither even an alliance of Makhnovists with the Bolsheviks, this is willingly joining an army that also has neo-Nazis as part of it and anyone who proclaims to be an anarchist should have nothing to do with it.

Further to this these “anarchists” have even forgotten the basic principles of anarchism and past anarchist involvement in conflicts. Anarchists do not fight within a state army, put on the uniform, take the orders, obey the authority of officers. Anarchists in the Spanish civil war lost their lives during the May Days in Barcelona in 1937 opposing not only the formation of a state or a counter-revolution but also

resisting the militarisation of their militias. In 1916 Kropotkin, Jean Grave and other anarchists wrote an inexcusable text called the “Manifesto of the Sixteen” encouraging anarchists to join World War I on the side of the Allies because the Central Powers apparently must be defeated, while millions were dying in the trenches for nationalism and imperialism. The same mistake again would be committed with World War II, Rudolf Rocker argued that the Allied effort in World War II, was just, as it would ultimately lead to preservation of libertarian values!

If the amnesia of the past is not enough, these “anarchists” seem comfortable joining an army that is supplied and trained by NATO countries soldiers, as other “anarchists” are who join the Kurdish forces in Syria. In that war they were even comfortable with the air and special forces of NATO countries joining in with them in the fight against Islamic State. There is a crossover here between what has been occurring in Rojava and now in Ukraine, a militarised and libertarian communist tendency that is not anarchist, that has its roots much further back, that has corrupted the international anarchist circles to such an extent that they start to mirror communists, liberals and leftists, descending into a practice that is not a threat at home, because their supposed revolution is never violently enacted where they originate from, encouraging an even more worse version of civility and activism. We have a long overdue critique to make in the future about this deviation in anarchist circles internationally.

Anarchists by principle are anti-militarist. They have refused conscription in many wars, even that of military service like in Italy and Greece. Anarchists threw themselves into anti-fascist armed struggle as partisans during World War II, establishing where possible (Carrara, Pistoia, Genoa and Milan) autonomous formations, or, as was the case in most instances, joining other formations, who were not part of the Italian army that was already under the control of Mussolini and his fascists, who had allied themselves with Hitler and the Nazis. The “Galleanisti” continued their own war against the American state despite it entering World War I against Germany. The military and its industry have been targets of anarchists for decades now. Whether it is against the U.S. missile base in Comiso, Italy in the 1980s, the Informal Anarchist Federation internationally attacking military targets and suppliers such as in the UK against a railway line connecting the Ministry of Defence and military companies, an arson attack on Royal Marines Reserves and an incendiary attack against BAE Arms. The last years arms companies and the military have become targets once again as Direct Action Cells in Greece attacked with an incendiary a military residence and several targets were hit in Germany by Autonome including the arson attacks against MAN military vehicles and the burning of defence company OHB’s offices in Bremen.

From this short and limited chronology, it is clear that the military and its suppliers, the profiteers of war and death have always been targets of anarchists, but as is shown even further back there is a tendency to fight against all states even in a time of war. When is there not a war going on somewhere in the world? Are we not constantly at war with our enemy, be it the state, capitalism, technology, fascists, civilization? And does this not include their armies?

Anti-militarism is part of our war against the existent, we are not the pacifists of the anti-Iraq war demonstrations that stopped nothing or the popular eco-liberals laden with doom. We do not fight nationalist or imperialist wars making impossible fronts with those who would torture and kill us once our backs are turned. Past anarchist struggles should teach us that there is no negotiation with anyone who perpetuates the existing prison, no matter how libertarian or democratic they promise it to be.

What occurs in the Ukraine with “anarchists” fighting within the armed forces of a nation state, one that has allied itself with fascists, is a betrayal of anything anarchist and should not be called as such. It is the failure to realise autonomy, to create conflict against all authority, against all states, all manifestations of power, with actual insurrectional violence rather than concentrating so heavily upon a post-modernism, identity politics, liberal leftist and even communistic deviations.

Instead, we propose, as we always have, informal anarchist organisation, affinity groups, even cells, the urban guerrilla in opposition to the soldier in uniform, who is conscripted against their will to the slaughter. We call once again for a new international coordination, not only against NATO and the Russian state, but against all states.

Our war is against all militarisation, against all regimentation, all negotiation with power and authority that permeates through all of society. It will not only be against the military targets, but against all manifestations of control, from the cops to the bosses, from the technocrats to the soldiers, all politicians and bankers, all that profits from and imprisons us, that destroys and kills all life on this planet. The military industrial technological prison complex must be shot, blown up and burned to the ground!

For 10, 100, 1000 Insurrectional & Revolutionary Anarchist Cells!

For a new International Anarchist Co-ordination!

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