



CAPITALISM IS KILLING THE EARTH

Capitalism is a game, the rules of which are decided by those who are already winning. But there is nothing in the rulebook about climate change, species extinction, extreme weather patterns, or any of the other interconnected disasters we are already beginning to experience.

To ask those who are winning the game to change the rules so that we can all win is a fool's errand. **Our only option is to throw out the rulebook and break the game.** Only then will we have the freedom to build a sustainable society, based on solidarity, mutual aid and a caring relationship with our environment.

So what's the problem with capitalism?

Capitalism, whether Green or Neoliberal, requires the promise of constant growth. But as an economic system it is inherently unstable, and we often see what happens when the demands of growth cannot be met, most recently in 2008, but also significantly in the 1920s when global capitalism almost collapsed entirely. Each time, however, the state has been ready to pick up the pieces and make sure we get back to extracting finite resources, polluting the planet, consuming things we don't need and watching our standards of living fall.

This rabid need for constant growth and market competition drive a cycle of lowering wages to keep profits high, meaning prices must fall to maintain consumption, which in turn forces other costs down by:

- ★ Lobbying to remove expensive state regulations (often through the rhetoric of climate change denial)
- ★ Dumping the costs of dirty production on local and global communities
- ★ Not investing in new technologies and infrastructures, especially communally beneficial ones, because they don't bring short-term gains
- ★ Maintaining destructive practices due to the high costs of switching to more sustainable ones
- ★ Keeping workers unorganised so that they cannot push for more socially beneficial practices
- ★ Investing increasing amounts into advertising and marketing to convince people that their self-fulfilment can only be attained through consuming products and services rather than through community connections and self-worth.

And we ourselves must also recognise when we are reproducing the rules of the capitalist game. The structures of patriarchy, white supremacy, nationalism, ableism and cis-heteronormativity keep us all divided. To see immigrants and refugees as your enemy is to be a pawn in a game you can never win. **Only when we recognise that our diversity comes from our shared interest in living fulfilling lives can we come together to make that a reality for all.**

What Is The **GreenAntiCapitalistFront**

The Green Anti-Capitalist Front (GAF) is a banner for all those who recognise the capitalist roots of environmental and ecological catastrophe and who realise that compromising with those whose interests (the capitalist class, the state, the police) are completely opposed to our own is not an option.

We bring together anticapitalists of all stripes, be they anarchist, communist, socialist or those who simply know that capitalism must be smashed. As a diverse group we take diverse actions, from challenging capitalist narratives to organising workers, from taking part in demonstrations to sabotaging fracking facilities.

Together we can build a movement that doesn't ask for a nicer form of capitalism, but rather one that builds alternatives to the market economy, smashes the destructive structures of capital and rejects the obvious lie that "there is no alternative".

We believe that without the imposed scarcity of capitalism and the alienation and isolation it causes, we would be able to build communities which fulfil everybody's needs while reducing our environmental impact to a manageable level, to be balanced through conscious, sustainable and rational practices of growing food, capturing clean energy and providing shelter, comfort and safety for all.

We would also have time and energy to deal with environmental destruction that capitalism has already caused by pursuing new ideas, techniques and technologies not driven by the profit motive.

The option is clear: a future where we can flourish, or the capitalist-induced hellscape awaiting us if we do nothing!

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