

Revolution

The bi-monthly newsletter of [Infoshop.org](http://infoshop.org) and the Alternative Media Project

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Introducing Infoshop 3.0

Infoshop.org has changed quite a bit over the last 13 years. The website which started as a collection of pages in 1995 has evolved into an interactive website used by tens of thousands of people. Infoshop is currently one of the more popular independent political sites and the most popular English language anarchist website.

Over the past 8 months, we've added several new services and features to the Infoshop.org.

RSS feeds - Infoshop.org offers dozens of RSS news feeds, many of which are listed on our RSS directory: <http://www.infoshop.org/page/RSS>. You can track updates to our various subsites with your favorite newsreader.

Integrated site design - We have implemented consistent themes and navigation across the website, replacing an overgrown system that had aged over the years.

Content management system - Most of our legacy static HTML pages have been moved to a content management system called **Drupal**. This allows us to more easily update, maintain and develop pages and, more importantly, allows volunteers to edit pages.

Upgraded forums - The Infoshop Forums have been upgraded and are now easier to use with many new features for administrators and users.

Links database - We've finally set up a new database for links to external websites where users can contribute new links. www.infoshop.org/links/

Server - Due to the popularity of our website, our server has been overloaded for several years. We recently set up a new server with a high speed internet connection. This week we moved Infoshop News to this server. Users of the website should notice that pages load faster.

Upcoming in 3.5

We are currently in the process of improving the website and developing new services. Some of the projects on our development list may not be available this year, but we can share what we are working on currently. Yes, you can help us out! We are looking for volunteer developers, designers, testers, editors and anybody who can provide feedback.

Social networking - We are considering the development of a social networking service for our users.



OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

You are reading the first issue of the new bimonthly newsletter from the Alternative Media Project. With this newsletter we hope to do a better job of keeping our readers and supporters updated on the activities of our organization. The newsletter will have updates on the Infoshop.org website, our new publishing imprint Breaking Glass Press, special events, and other activities of the organization. It will also include special features such as reviews, special articles, resource guides and maybe the kitchen sink (perhaps an animation of the kitchen sink being thrown through some corporate window).

The newsletter is also part of our effort to publish more digital-only publications. It's up to you to print out a copy of this newsletter if you want. We may print a few copies to send to sustainers and for outreach events, but otherwise this publication will adhere to our ethic of keeping expenses to a minimum. While we still plan to publish books, a magazine, and other publications, we have to be realistic about the economics of publishing, which these days are hostile to the existence of alternative print publications. Printing costs are high. Postal rates have been changed and are more hostile towards small magazines. We also don't water down our politics to pander to liberal middle class readers, so we can't afford to waste thousands of dollars on projects like our liberal and progressive peers do. You can read this newsletter on your computer, or you can print it out for bathroom reading. We also encourage you to print off copies to share with friends.

Why the name Revolution? Well, why not? In an era where the word revolution is being used to sell everything from luxury cars to religion to hair care products to awful socialist newspapers, we thought we'd reclaim the word for our little newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

around the infoshop

infoshop office

We are in the process of setting up a small office for Infoshop.org and AMP in Kansas City, Missouri. The rent for this office will cost us \$50-100/month and another \$75/month for the Internet. The Internet connection is important because we've set up a new server to host Infoshop News, mail for Flag/Infoshop, and other projects. The move of Infoshop News will provide us with more bandwidth and will enable faster access for our readers.

The office will provide space for volunteers and collective members to work on the website and other projects. It will also be used for any mail order we do in conjunction with merchandise, magazines, and other materials.

seeking new collective members

Infoshop.org is part of an organization called the Alternative Media Project, which is run by a small collective. These collective members work together and with volunteers to run the website on a daily basis. We are developing AMP as a nonprofit organization that will be doing non-internet projects such as book and magazine publishing.

In 2008, we want to add one or two new people to our collective. At this time, we are only interested in adding a woman and/or person of color to our project (or a person older than 55). To be considered, please send a message to the collective explaining who you are, what projects you've been involved in, two references, an explanation of your politics, what you would like to do as part of our project, and why you want to join us. All of this should add up to around 500 words, but we're not hard asses about the word count. Potential collective members should understand that being a collective member is a multi-year commitment. Potential collective members should also be in agreement with our "big tent" philosophy concerning anti-authoritarian and radical politics. Perks include subsidized travel to conferences and bookfairs.

new speakers bureau

The Alternative Media Project will be developing a Speakers Bureau service this year that will help people organize more speaking tours and appearances around the U.S. featuring anarchist and anti-authoritarian speakers. We will be providing a prominent and centralized location where people can sign up to be speakers and where people can find speakers for local events. AMP may fund certain tours, but this speakers bureau will primarily be an informational resource.

about us

Revolution is published by Infoshop.org and the Alternative Media Project, a worker-owned collective and non-profit.

The AMP collective is Chuck Munson, William Thake, Jamie 'Bork' Loughner, Richard Singer, Eric Laursen, Jeremy Wilson, and Dave Robison. We can be reached via snail mail or online:

AMP, PO Box 7171, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207

Email: <http://www.infoshop.org/scripts/feedback.php>

The next installment of this newsletter will be published on or around July 15, 2008

Calendar

Beyond Patriarchy conference // Eugene, Oregon // May 9-10

Anarchist Bookfair //

Lisbon, Portugal // May 23-25

Anarchist Bookfair //

Hamilton, Ontario // June 14, 2008

Anti-G8 // Japan // July 7-9, 2008

DNC // Denver, CO // Aug 25-28

dnctdisruption08.org

RNC // Twin Cities, MN // Sept 1-4

www.rncwelcomingcommittee.org

Practical Anarchy Update

We published the last issue of **Practical Anarchy** magazine in 2004 and officially ceased publication in 2006. We decided to end the magazine in order to publish a new general interest anarchist magazine featuring news, analysis and opinion. This new magazine will be titled **Infoshop News & Views** and will be published quarterly (if we have the resources). Subscriptions to Practical Anarchy will be transferred to this new magazine and former subscribers will get at least 4 issues of the new magazine.

We plan to make PDF versions of back issues available on the website (**www.practicalanarchy.org**) as well as new articles reflecting the idea of practical anarchism. We aren't ruling out the publication of future digital-only special issues, but the magazine has ceased publication in print form.

recent work from infoshop staff writers

Kari Lydersen

Korean Massage Parlors Thrive on Women's Struggle to Survive

<http://www.infoshop.org/inews/article.php?story=2008lydersen-trafficking>

Breaking Glass Press Update

One of our goals as an organization has been to establish a publishing imprint that will publish a printed magazine, books, and original digital publications. Our biggest hurdle over the years has been the scarcity of capital that isn't available to radical publishing projects. Despite this, we are committed to our plans.

Our first book, *The Black Bloc Papers*, is a collection of documents about the last 10 years of anarchist and anti-globalization protests in the U.S. and Canada. Most of the book is ready to go to the printer, but we still need several thousand dollars to print the book. We are exploring various funding options. It looks like *North American Anarchist Thought Since 1960*, which we are co-publishing with C.A.L. Press, will finally be published in late 2008.

Our new magazine, *Infoshop News & Views*, is still set to be launched this year, but an actual date hasn't been set. Several of our pamphlets and white papers will be updated this year. New titles will also be published.

donate today

As anti-capitalists, we don't like asking for money, but we need funds to run the website and our organization. More information about donating can be found at:

<http://infoshop.org/page/Donate>

infoshop t's!

A limited number of the first series of Infoshop t-shirts are available. The t-shirts are titled "Infoshop.org" and a subtitle "kill capitalism before it kills you." T-shirts can be purchased for \$10 via Little Black Cart or directly from Infoshop. Our stock is going fast and this version may not be available again for several months. We will be selling different t-shirts and other merchandise later this year. Please contact us if you have ideas and suggestions.



Changes at infoshop news

Infoshop News will be implementing several policy and content changes starting May 1, 2008. One important change is that the full text of articles from the mainstream U.S. media will no longer be allowed, but excerpts and links will be permitted. We also want to feature more news, analysis, and opinion from the alternative and anarchist press. Announcements are also affected.

More info at:

<http://www.infoshop.org/inews/staticpages/index.php?page=2008inews-update>

sustainers

If you are a sustainer, or are interested in becoming one, information about sustainers can be found at:

<http://www.infoshop.org/sustainers.html>

review

Anchorage Anarchy #10 (August 2007)

Bad Press, PO Box 230332, Anchorage, AK 99523-0332

If you've read much of the American anarchist press of the 1990s, you've probably run across articles or pamphlets published by the Boston-based BAD Brigade. Joe Peacott was one of the primary authors of those BAD pamphlets. *Anchorage Anarchy* is a little zine published by Peacott that reflects many of the libertarian and anarchist themes he's written about over the years. In this issue, Peacott asks the important question "What's the matter with kids today?" He doesn't find anything wrong with today's kids, but he has plenty of criticism of the bad parenting that turns the lives of young people into an omnipresent paranoid reality. Parents react to the overhyped fears

promoted by societal institutions like the media by controlling and monitoring every minute of their children's lives. The risks to children are not greater than they were back when these parents were children. Then there is the irony that today's parents were the generation rebelling against overbearing parental authority in the 1960s and 70s. It gets even worse when irrational controlling parents enlist the government to enact programs and laws that make things worse for everybody and don't even reduce the risks that these parents fear.

Peacott works as a nurse, so he often has anti-authoritarian insights about the current healthcare system. In another article, he criticizes the Medicare system and the ways the government uses the program to screw over people and enrich corporations.

infoshop.org user's guide

Home Page

<http://www.infoshop.org>

Thousands of pages on all kinds of subjects and topics.

RSS Feeds

<http://www.infoshop.org/index.php?id=News>

Subscribe to news and update feeds.

Infoshop News

<http://news.infoshop.org>

Our popular, user-submitted news service. Over 30,000 news articles in our archive. Around 15-23 new articles are added daily.



Infoshop OpenWiki

http://www.infoshop.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

An anarchist encyclopedia and much more! Infoshop's wiki where our users can join with the core volunteers to create information on many topics.

Infoshop Library

<http://infoshop.org/library/>

Our comprehensive library of anarchist and radical books, articles, PDFs, pamphlets, graphics, and much more! Hundreds of items, soon to number in the thousands.



Infoshop Forums

<http://forums.infoshop.org/>

Our long-running and popular forums. A bulletin board for anarchists and beyond.

The Matrix

http://www.infoshop.org/octo/matrix/index.php/Main_Page

An anti-capitalist and anti-corporate wiki/database. In depth information on corporations, their activities against workers and the environment, and activism against specific corporations.

Infoshop Store

http://littleblackcart.com/index.php?main_page=publishers#Infoshop

Get Infoshop/AMP merchandise and publications. T-shirts and more coming soon!

American Gulag

<http://prisons.infoshop.org/>

News about prisons, prisoners, prison abolition, and the anti-death penalty movement. Encourages reader-submitted news, announcements, and opinion.



InfoJournals

<http://blogs.infoshop.org/>

InfoCites are a Collection of Online Activist Journals. Infoshop sustainers can create their own blog through this service. You can also start a blog with this service by special arrangement.

Anarchist Librarians

http://www.infoshop.org/alibrarians/public_html/index.php

News about libraries, books, infoshops, zines, censorship, government surveillance, alternative media, library activism and workplace issues. Home for the anarchist librarians movement.

Infoshop in other languages

<http://espanol.infoshop.org/>

<http://italiano.infoshop.org/>

<http://svenska.infoshop.org/>

Anarchist news, opinion, analysis, and information in non-English languages, including French, Spanish, Swedish, German, Portuguese and Italian.



SuperNova: The Science Fiction & Fantasy Wiki

http://www.infoshop.org/sf/index.php/Main_Page

A user run encyclopedia on science fiction and fantasy. Includes listings on books, authors, movies, cons, awards, television and more. Includes a calendar of upcoming conventions and other events.

Infoshop Portals

<http://infoshop.org/index.php?id=Portals>

The starting point for our collection of portals on different subjects: Activism, Anarchism, Anti-war, Environment, Housing, Labor, and many more.

Science News for the People

<http://science.infoshop.org/>

Science and technology news with a radical perspective.

Economics Kiosk

<http://economy.infoshop.org/>

Anarchism & economics, news on the economy.