## Gates

### 2NC Overview

#### 3) Death of product – they hang their project up in the gallery of debate to be criticized and torn apart by negative teams – turns the case

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**They overstate the importance of genealogy – merely exposing a power relation is insufficient. We need political action to generate traction for alternatives**

**Owen, 2005** (David, Reader in the Department of Politics and IR at the University of Southampton, POLITICAL THEORY, February, p. 113)

Yet even if we set aside this concern, there remains a more general issue

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that to conflate the two is unlikely to aid cultural or political reflection.

### AT: Agency

#### Their arguments about personal agency are ultimately conservative and de-politicizing – arguments for localizing activism within the purview of social location are the equivalent of privatizing social change, creating us as dependent on the necessity of their advocacy. The more successful their strategy is the more damage it does by making institutions necessary to our understanding of social change

Hershock 99 East-West Center, 1999.  [“Changing the way society changes”, Journal of Buddhist Ethics, 6, 154; <http://jbe.gold.ac.uk/6/hershock991.html>]

The trouble is that, like other technologies biased toward control, t**he more successful**

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**depletion of our resources for meaningfully improvised and liberating intimacy with all things.**

### AT: Debate Works

#### The battle for the public sphere is over—we lost. Conservatives and Liberals are now two sides of the same coin, and any movement that actually promises radical change will be destroyed as soon as it becomes visible. An invisible movement has the most subversive potential—voting neg to reject politics is the only political act

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**Whatever angle you look at it from, there's no escape from the present.**

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we can see and not avoid the conclusions to be drawn from it.

#### The affirmative’s deferral of freedom is what sustains an exclusionary national culture. We reinvest in the sentimental scene of national belonging over and over again while racism, sexism, and exploitation materially thrive. They turn debate into one more site of reinvestment, another place to locate ourselves and others on the path to shared prosperity. Through the toxic fantasy of speculative democracy, we can celebrate an abstract freedom that leaves genocide, slavery and murder in its wake.

Hoescht 08 (Heidi, PhD in Literature from UCSD, “Refusable Pasts: Speculative Democracy, Spectator Citizens, and the Dislocation of Freedom in the United States,” Proquest Dissertations)

The omissions and occlusions about the national history inside national culture depend on the idea

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or market-based inclusion to the groups they exploit to suppress conflict.

### AT: Perm

#### Attempting to combine discursive interrogation with the concrete historical example of the plan fails- it always collapses back into reinforcing dominant themes

Mann 91(Paul, Philosopher, “The Theory-Death of the Avant-Garde,” Book, 1991, page 28)

Perhaps Althusser's nonexistent generality is the sign of a desire to have it both ways

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then it must come to assert itself as such and make itself known.

#### INCLUDING ANY ELEMENT of the political strategy of the 1AC ONLY RISKS short-circuiting the radical potential of the alternative by making protest visible. Invisibility is a precondition for freedom of action

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Stay invisible. **Put anonymity on the offense.** In a demonstration, a unionist

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this society if you want help understanding the joy of being no one.

### 2NC Alt

#### To make micropolitics visible is to coopt it by giving resistance an object – this understanding allows resistance to be framed, to be declared a failure and prevents the immanence of imperceptible politics from coalescing around mundane practices and habitudes of existence

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### 2NC Absorbtion Link

#### **Absorption – the affirmative performs their position of opposition. This performance is trapped by its “Avant-garde”ness. It becomes a slogan, advertising a commodity. The Idea of resistance becomes a product to sell.**

Mann 91[Paul, Philosopher, “The Theory-Death of the Avant-Garde,” Book, 1991, page 108, 7/20/12]

It is not just that manifestos come to be written artfully but that a literary

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is a guide to governing the exceptions it endorses: a pataphysical handbook.