

# Withdrawal of

# Consent



**In prefigurative politics, we are not waiting around for some revolution to press the reset button. We have to create the world we want to see in the future by enacting life affirming politics that refuse hatred, cynicism, and death.**

**We realise that to create this change we are seeking a socially “transformative moment,” triggered by the mass withdrawal of consent from oppressive social institutions and relationships.**



**This is the moment understood that will serve as the basis of a new social order (Cornell, 2011).**



# Part One: Withdrawal of Consent

Stop consenting to the dominant and domineering institutions & social mores that bind society.

Some ideas to consider include:

- Rejecting militarism and violence associated with hierarchical social structures
- Refusing to enable abusive, undermining behaviours in your social groups
- Being intentional about where you spend your money, i.e., join the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement
- Negating consumer identities/brands or marketed aesthetics
- Limiting participation in surveillance technologies and behaviours



**But it is not enough to go it alone;  
we must work together to realise  
this transformation.**

**So as personal and interpersonal  
choices and behaviours shift,  
capacity for social change must  
be scaled upwards by turning  
individual activities into  
collective action.**



# Part Two: Organizing

Find your affinity and take action! Together you can create new institutions within the shell of the old society and provide the necessary infrastructure to sustain meaningful change. Building alternative institutions help communities grow their power together...

Some projects worth considering include:

- Food & Housing Co-ops and Community Gardens
- Infoshops, Collective Bookstores and Social Centres
- Media Centres and/or Collectives, Zine Distro
- Reading Circles and Freeschools



# **Part Three: Networks**

**Projects & people need to be connected. It's not enough to be creating a cool piece of the new social infrastructure without being able to connect it with others.**

**Be sure to form secure channels of communication that spread across collectives and establish a sense of community.**

**Some examples of this type of infrastructure include, but are not limited to:**

- An online community calendar**
- Signal chat group(s)**
- A Telegram channel**
- Regularly publishing newsletters or info-zines**



# Collective Autonomy

As these three aspects to prefigurative action start to coalesce, an emergent collective autonomy will develop and grow through shared identity processes.

Collective autonomy is much like individual autonomy – defined as freedom combined with responsibility – only it starts in groups &



expands between people from the ground up.

Having collective autonomy means you are free to collaboratively make decisions, without asking permission from a higher power (sub.Media, 2016).

You have only your shared agreements to guide processes of relating, ranging from decision making to assuming roles and responsibilities for outcomes.



Will there ever be a mass refusal of domination? Building towards such a transformative social moment requires raising collective awareness of the changes that are necessary, while taking action to see them through.



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