
ATC Monthly Newsletter

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“This machine-technics will end with the Faustian civilization, and one day will lie in fragments, forgotten—
our railways and steamships
as dead as the Roman roads and the Chinese wall, our giant cities and skyscrapers in ruins like old
Memphis and Babylon.
The history of this technics is fast drawing to its inevitable close.
It will be eaten up from within...”

— Oswald Spengler, *Man and Technics* (1931), p. 103

Welcome to the Anti-Tech Collective's monthly newsletter!

Upcoming Events

- Every Friday (weather permitting): **Detroit Litter Cleanup**
(check out the Upcoming Events calendar for more details.)
 - Saturday, August 14 (12:00PM-1:00PM Eastern US): **Public Discussion**
Topic: TBD
(Zoom link available on the Upcoming Events calendar)
 - Saturday, August 28 (12:00PM-1:00PM Eastern US): **Public Discussion**
Topic: TBD
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Spotlight

Why not share the spotlight? You may have noticed that the Spotlight on the front page now displays a series of handpicked pieces instead of just one. Every previous Spotlight piece is now on display, including those written by Nayla Agameya, Darrell Bolin, and EJ Hass.

A new addition to the Spotlight is an article that we shared on our News Feed back in May, but that definitely deserves some more recognition.

“**The Unabomber and the Origins of Anti-Tech Radicalism**” by Sean Fleming (University of Cambridge) is a fantastic piece that closely analyzes the literary influences behind Kaczynski's famous manifesto,

“Industrial Society and its Future”. With a focus on Jacques Ellul, Desmond Morris, and Martin Seligman, Fleming does a great job exploring the evolution of anti-tech ideology and how it has led to modern radical groups like ITS.

Read the full abstract in the [Spotlight](#), and click the link below it to access the full article in the Journal of Political Ideologies.

We were also recently given the wonderful opportunity to talk with Sean about his article, and we look forward to sharing the discussion on an upcoming episode of THE ANTI-TECH CAST!

If you have something you would like to be showcased in the Spotlight, please submit your work to antitechcollective@gmail.com.

THE ANTI-TECH CAST

A few weeks ago we released our full interview with Chad A. Haag, which was featured in Episode 2 of The ATCast. You can check it out on [our website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Episode 3 will be released on August 16th!

We are also in the process of establishing an RSS feed for our Full Interviews so that we can upload them to Spotify, Apple, etc. We'll be sure to update you as soon as it's up.

Book of the Month

Our book suggestion for this month is **Jacques Ellul's “Technological Society”**. This is an essential piece of anti-tech philosophy. If you haven't read it yet, get on it! If you have read it, run through it again. It's a book that all anti-tech thinkers should be familiar with.

Description: As insightful and wise today as it was when originally published in 1954, Jacques Ellul's *The Technological Society* has become a classic in its field, laying the groundwork for all other studies of technology and society that have followed. Ellul offers a penetrating analysis of our technological civilization, showing how technology—which began innocuously enough as a servant of humankind—threatens to overthrow humanity itself in its ongoing creation of an environment that meets its own ends. No conversation about the dangers of technology and its unavoidable effects on society can begin without a careful reading of this book.

For more recommended reading, check out the [Library](#) section of the website. It features a wide variety of anti-tech literature, and some of the pieces are provided for free.

Anti-Tech Homework

Here comes another monthly anti-tech homework assignment from our fellow member, Nayla!

I can safely say that you guys can somewhat anticipate what this month's homework will be since I gave away the gist of what it entails in the previous assignment, oh well! With that being said, it's now due time to acquaint your home grown herbs with other colorful pals that will be sure to add some sweetness to your

ever growing collection of nourishing and hearty food. You guessed it, it's time to grow some fruits! But not just any fruit, the sublime papaya is what we will aim to grow this month, and there is a neat story as to why.

About a year ago a friend of mine and I were catching up in my previously ashy garden that was empty and void of any and all plants. Gardens are supposed to be a sight for sore eyes, a breath of fresh air, and should in turn, vitalize the soul. Unfortunately mine did anything but. One thing led to another and we ended up ordering a ton of fruits to the garden to munch on as a snack to curb the hunger. One fruit that my friend was immensely fond of was the papaya due to its luscious texture coupled with its mild sweetness that'll give you the kick you earnestly need to revamp your system. Being the irresponsible kids that we were and still are to this day, it seemed only fit to spit the seeds in the peripherals of the garden, go figure!

The cleanliness of the premise was put on the backburner and never was given much attention due to the dull and grim aura the garden perpetually gave off. Alas, little did we know that we had just ignited the fire that paved the way for a bright future of this once bleak garden. A couple of days after the seeds were thrown, a small but mighty papaya plant rose to the forefront which left us all flabbergasted by the fact that a mere sitting with friends and inadequate behavior (spitting the seeds), could lead to the revitalization of the garden that will soon be overwhelmed with papayas.

You too could potentially have a small area of the garden designated to papayas, or any fruit that bears seeds for that matter. All you have to do is buy 1 or 2 pots (for however many fruits you'd like to grow), fill them up with soil (maybe ask your neighbors for some more, or use the leftovers from the previous assignment). And lastly (the best part), buy the fruits you're interested in growing (preferably one of them being papayas), eat a bunch of them, keep their seeds, and make sure to drop them all in their appropriate pots. Be sure to place the seeds in a well tethered way, dispersed among the soil, whilst placing the pot as close to sunlight as possible. Watering it 3 times a day will be essential to getting the good juices, and will also act as an agent for diligent discipline on your end. Remember that one swallow doesn't make a summer. In other words, just because you don't see progress in the fruit growing process, doesn't mean it's time to throw in the towel. Fruits take time to culminate and may very well be en route to ripening behind closed doors, away from prying eyes. Give the process time, patience, and care, because all good things come to those who wait. Alas, once your seeds mature to become edible fruit, you can finally enjoy the fruits of your labor, no pun intended!

Ways to Contribute

We always encourage our readers to submit their suggestions, ideas, writings, recommendations, and questions.

Think something on the website could be improved?

Have a book recommendation for the Library?

Want to just chat with someone about technology?

Send an email to antitechcollective@gmail.com, whatever the content.

We love hearing from the community and are always looking to improve and expand the anti-tech movement.

Come join the discussions happening on the [ATC forum](#).

Some of the most recent topics include "How do you protect yourself from technology?" and "Language and Terminology in Propaganda and Discussions".

Dissenting opinions welcome!

If you are interested in seeing the latest in anti-tech news,
follow our account on Instagram ([@antitechcollective](#))
or check out the News Feed on our website.

Lastly, if you are feeling generous, we appreciate donations!
100% of all donations go toward maintaining the website, producing The ATCast,
and helping to bring about a less technological future.

Thank you,

-Anti-Tech Collective

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