

Anti-Tech Collective February 2022 newsletter

Hello friends! Sorry it's been so long since our last newsletter. Times are crazy, but we're chugging along. February marks one year since we first started the Anti-Tech Collective, so we thought this would be the perfect time to send a brief update.

Upcoming Events:

Public Group Discussion

Date: Tuesday, February 15th @2pm ET

Topic: TBD

(Date subject to change // Link available on the front page under Upcoming Events)

Public Group Discussions:

If you're curious to unpack and converse further pertaining to potent topics such as totalitarianism, education, and ethics, then our group discussion is definitely the place to be. We converse on a myriad of topics and aim to ascertain how technology ultimately fits into the grand scheme of things, and how at the heart of a lot of prevalent issues lies the greatest antagonist of all: technology. Don't miss out on conversations regarding these enlightening topics. You won't be disappointed! Group discussions are a great place for every and all perspectives to freely share, listen, and learn!

You can also check out the recording of our December 18th Public Group Discussion on our YouTube channel!

New Anti-Tech Works:

Laura Drake - "Frictionless Technologies: The Innovation of Human Obsolescence"
(free PDF)

John Jacobi - *Repent to the Primitive*
(free PDF)

Ford Cadman - "The Anti-Tech Perspective on Politics"
(free PDF)

Jesse Dustin - *The History of Nicholas & The Oracle of Knowledge*
(first eight chapters available for free!)

Check out the Library for links to these works, and much more!

If you're writing something related to anti-tech ideology, please submit your work to antitechcollective@protonmail.com, and we'll share it on the website!

THE ANTI-TECH CAST:

Episode 5 of THE ANTI-TECH CAST has finally been released! In this episode, Ryan and Griffin talk with local anti-tech thinker Charlie Clendening. They discuss Covid, anti-technique, low-tech forms of entertainment, and much more. Check it out on our website and YouTube channel now!

The next two episodes will feature interviews with our very own Nayla Agameya and her inspirational mother, Mai Mokhtar; as well as the founder of Heartland Goats and author of *The History of Nicholas & The Oracle of Knowledge*, Jesse Dustin. Stay tuned!

If you have suggestions for our next podcast guest, or if YOU would like to be our next podcast guest, send an email to antitechcollective@protonmail.com (Zerzan is already on our list!)

Apolitical Podcast:

If topics that include but are not limited to: autonomous living, eco awareness and natural freedom pique your interest at all, it would be well worth your time to check out the Apolitical podcast on Spotify and iTunes where these potent topics unfold in a manner that is utterly unique, versus how mainstream media demystifies them, to pose an example. With that said, a unique vantage point is exercised, along with novel ways to make sense and derive meaning from aspects we've previously doubled down on an opinion about. Alas, if you want your retrograde 'knowledge bank' to be put to question, you'd be going to the right place!

Book Suggestion:

This month we recommend checking out John Jacobi's book, *Repent to the Primitive*.

Description: Rewilding is the process of restoring nature, including human nature, to its unmanaged, wild state. Rewilding is happening everywhere. In conservation, vast tracts of land have been set aside and guarded from artificial management. In politics, many people, now and throughout history, have resisted the influence of civilization while surviving as individuals and small groups in nature. They have fought wars, escaped slavery, destroyed factories, and lobbied governments in the process.

John Jacobi presents a philosophical foundation for rewilding. Human nature, he argues, must be tamed for humans to live in civilization. But the civilizing process does not work perfectly. Those who fall through the cracks — wild wills — tend to dislike civilized life, its manners and rules, preferring instead the company of flora, fauna, and a small band of friends. This perspective can be philosophically justified, argues Jacobi, and, as the ecological crisis worsens, it will only continue attracting adherents.

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

Stickers!:

Since inception, the calibration of all the content we provide, as well as the philosophy it is predicated on, has been done with sheer grit, immersion, and diligence. With that said, we would love nothing more than for the people who support our work, to display our work on an omnipotent surface for the whole world to get curious about/see. So it is with a proud intention that we potently stress the acquisition of our stickers that indeed are mere objects in fact, but go a long way in exemplifying what we believe in, so go check them out!

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@protonmail.com, whatever the content. We love hearing from the community and are always looking to improve and expand the anti-tech movement. Writing your thoughts down and presenting your arguments for critique is the best way to refine our understanding of the issues we face and how to solve them!

Come join the discussions happening on the ATC forum. 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.

If you would like to become a member (or be considered an ally) of ATC, and be featured on our About page, please send a request to antitechcollective@protonmail.com.

Lastly, if you are feeling generous, we appreciate donations. 100% of all donations go toward maintaining the website and working to unite those seeking emancipation from the technological system. We also have a store where you can get a pack of stickers in return!

Thank you for your support,

Anti-Tech Collective