

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE
ANARCHISM (!)

Terms and concepts to know:

Philosophical anarchism	Free market anarchism
Anti-capitalist anarchism	Proudhon / Bakunin / Kropotkin
Spanish Civil War	Violence and social movements
State / government	Force / constraint
Mutualism	Individualist anarchism
Social anarchism	Anarcha-feminism
Green anarchism	Anarcho-primitivism

Study and discussion questions:

1. Should those who seek to replace the market with the state be called ‘anarchists’?
2. Discuss the proposition that the new social movements like the movement for peace, environmentalism and women’s rights embrace part of anarchism rather than anarchism as a whole?
3. What do anarchists understand by ‘hierarchy’ and does it interfere with the demands of political organization?
4. The title of this week’s article has an interesting double meaning. What meaning do the authors imply and what are your agreements / disagreements with their conclusions?
5. Is the notion of a stateless society a mere anarchist fantasy?
6. Explain the basic outline of the Introduction to the AFAQ. Do these anarchists clearly describe the problems (and solutions) within contemporary society?
7. Martin and Pimentel suggest “anarchist principles...be examined as a possible counter to oligarchic rule.” Analyze their argument and point out areas of agreement or disagreement you might have with their perspective.
8. Howard Zinn was a famous historian and anarchist. In the interview with Ziga Vodovnik, what does he say that sticks out as interesting and relevant (or the opposite) in the 21st Century?

Readings:

Hoffman and Graham: Chapter 11 and WEB.

Video:

No Gods, No Masters (Part 3 of 3).