

# ANTISECT



So. Who's the enemy then? Who are they? The leaders, the movers that control us? The government? The banks? The multinationals? "It"? Yeah, to an extent, it is all of them. But this isn't the whole truth. Most of us aren't idiots. We know what goes on. We see and feel the effects. We just feel disconnected from where we perceive the power to be.

There are plenty people doing shitty things in the world. Plenty people that we do not have a cat in hell's chance of ever reaching. They're too far away from us to get to and we're too insignificant to them to matter.

We live in what we are encouraged to believe is a democracy. We are told that to directly influence what takes place we must take part in it's process. But if we don't believe in this system? We don't participate? We don't vote? - Tough shit. Then we have no direct say in how we are governed. An alternative is only tolerated if it's created within the existing system. Fuck that. How can it be right to actively take part in a process we don't believe in?

Those of us that don't believe in this system are, by our refusal to engage with it's mechanisms, automatically disenfranchised from it's workings. This suits the status quo down to the ground. Dissent is marginalised and discredited as we are portrayed as the great unwashed. The people who refuse to use the "proper channels". Bullshit. What if we don't recognise these channels as being "proper"?

So what gives? We exist on the margins or we take part in the whole charade. No matter what we do and how we live, we cannot exist outside its boundaries. "It's" shadow hangs over us wherever we go, wherever we are in the world. The essence of globalisation. There is no escape.

Feel good? Optimistic? We obviously give some kind of a shit, otherwise we wouldn't be writing this and you wouldn't be reading it. The thing is, if we want to change things, if we really want to change things, then we must find ways of communicating with those who don't think like us. Patting ourselves on the back at a punk rock gig is fine if we want a noisy night out but it ain't gonna change the world. The real challenge is out there stuffing it's face in Mcdonalds, pushing a pram at 16, laying around stoned all fucking day. We all do what works for us in order to survive. Most of us don't look at the bigger picture simply because we're too busy looking at our own. We prioritise, and that's fine, but it ain't gonna move anything on.

Who's the enemy?