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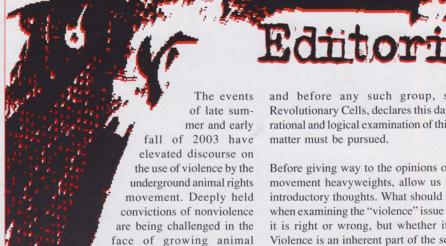
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dialogue are creating a divide over what could become a more prevalent force in the future of the animal rights movement - the physical elimination of our collective opposition.

exploitation industries and the more heated rhetoric of emerging

radical groups. Debates within

the movement and personal

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and before any such group, such as the Revolutionary Cells, declares this day to be over, a rational and logical examination of this complicated matter must be pursued.

Before giving way to the opinions of some of the movement heavyweights, allow us to offer these introductory thoughts. What should be researched when examining the "violence" issue is not whether it is right or wrong, but whether it is effective. Violence is an inherent part of the social fabric of almost all animal nations, especially people, and the survival of the world depends on various forms of it. Animals prey upon other animals for sustenance, and bloody human wars have been fought to topple tyranny and ensure freedom (present conflict excluded, obviously). Our opposition, who so loudly decries the "violent" property destruction they feel at the hands of the ALF, support and are funded by the violent torture and murder of billions of animals.

Violence and illegal actions have been a part of every major social movement throughout history. From the fight to end slavery, establish worker rights,

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organizations. It is not the place of this magazine to take a stand against any group or effort that truly seeks animal liberation. The means to the end for our collective cause is not controlled out of these editorial pages.

Much of the more established wings of the animal rights movement have quickly dismissed the actions of groups like the "Animal Liberation Brigade," the "Justice Department," and the "Animal Rights Militia" as misguided and alienating. Within the same breath they often condemn the non-violent actions of the ALF and controversial grassroots groups. Healthy dialogue and strategy discussions are silenced within such a hostile atmosphere. Fundraising prospects and personal comfort levels seem to be more paramount to their aims than assessing the most effective means of achieving animal liberation.

Within the pages of this issue, Bite Back fosters a rounded and reasoned debate on the issue of physical violence within the animal rights movement. Only through such open and frank dialogue will this baby movement start to teethe. This is only the beginning of such a discussion, and the opinions expressed within will hopefully spark more ideas and understanding. The modern animal rights movement and the ALF have more than 30 years of history steeped in strategic nonviolence, and enfranchise women, broken laws and bloodshed have been justifiable steps in these noble pursuits. To completely rule out similar actions on behalf of non-human animal nations is a speciesist insult.

The true debate surrounding controversial, illegal, and perhaps violent, tactics must be reframed. We should not be debating the methods within the public eye, but the more substantive issues behind them like the philosophical, ethical, and scientific reasons animals deserve rights. Within the movement, however, we should get serious and argue the strategic benefits and/or pitfalls of such approaches. Those philosophically opposed and unwilling to debate efficacy should pack their pacifist nonsense and take a hike. The 60's are over and the animals don't have time for their hippy dreams.

While this reflection and discussion continues to lay the groundwork for the future of the AR struggle, there should be no lull in the forms of direct action we all already agree upon. Liberations, broken windows, crushed traps, and burnt out meat trucks should continue unabated, as they are a little less taboo today in light of the growing trend to throw off the shackles of nonviolence.

Being an animal abuser has never been more uncomfortable... and that's the way it should be.

from behind the bars.



Benjamin Persky

DIN: 03R3916 Lakeview Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility P.O. Box T Brocton, New York 14716-0679

Benjamin Persky has been moved again. This should be his address for the remainder of his sentence. Please send him lots of letters!

He is in a "shock" program, which is basically like military training, and he is not allowed to receive anything besides letters, money orders, and photos. He can't even get books. Even before Benjamin was in jail he'd go through books like nothing else. So we imagine he's not having the best jail experience right now. Please write him!

NOTE: Benjamin will be turning 25 on January 1, 2004 - Please send birthday cards and well wishes to him!



Jen Greenberg

Every day that I spent in Rikers, I thought about how lucky I was to receive such gracious support from the outside world. I was never short on reading material and every piece of

mail I got helped so much in taking me away from loneliness for a few minutes. At this point I would like to say directly, a thousand thanks to everyone who took the time to write to me at any point of my incarceration. It makes a huge difference to anyone on the inside and helps to keep them sane when the rest of their world is telling them that they are "criminals" in need of "rehabilitation." There are a handful of animal rights activists imprisoned at this time, and plenty of Earth Liberation, Indigenous, and Party + Protest prisoners who deserve our support, and we can't let them down. Take a minute to jot a quick note, or if you have the resources, send them a book or a few dollars for their commissary. It will mean the world to them.

Until all are free, Jen



Josh Schwartz

Throughout my incarceration on Riker's Island, the one time every day that I looked forward to was 3pm: mail time. When I heard the gates open, before our names were

even called, I'd run up to wait for my letters, and always went back with a smile on my face. Every day I would have new inspiring stories of people's activism, make a new friend, or regain contact with an old one. Every day I was reminded that I was not alone and given courage to face the next. Because of your support, I emerged from "the worst prison in America" as I am today - stronger, smarter, and more convinced than ever that what we are fighting for is right. For those I cannot thank individually, my heart and thoughts go out in thanks to you every day. For those who are hearing from me for the first time, the fact that you are reading this now means that you are already active, but please, on behalf of the dozens of activists and billions of animals imprisoned across the world you are the only hope. Whether you choose to write a letter to a prisoner, attend a protest, or take direct action, you are ensuring the survival of our movement and moving us one step closer to victory. Whatever path you choose, remember to keep fighting!

Josh

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Dave Blenkinsop is the man famous for clocking the hated Brain Cass (HLS's managing director) upside the head with an axe stave. This one action changed the very tone of the HLS campaign and sent trepidation through the entire vivisection

industry. Many researchers longed for the days of the ALF and SHAC(with them all you get is a broken window or a 3AM wake up call).

Dave was arrested May 23, 2001 for attacking Cass on February 22 of that year and faced life imprisonment. The principal evidence against him was DNA recovered from a balaclava found close to the scene, and fibers on items of clothing and baseball bats that matched fibers found on the

balaclava and on clothing worn by Cass on the day of his attack. In August 2001, shortly before the trial was due to begin, the prosecution offered Dave a deal of that would ensure, at most, 5 years imprisonment for pleading guilty. Considering the evidence he faced, Dave accepted and was sentenced to 3 years.

Shortly after he was charged with attacking Cass, Dave was also charged with the burglary of 600 guinea pigs from Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm in September 1999. Again, DNA was recovered from a fragment of latex glove found at Newchurch. Although this was the only evidence against Dave, it might well have been enough to convict him. Dave pleaded guilty was sentenced to 18 months.

Just when it seemed it was all finally over, the police arrested Dave in prison on suspicion of possession of explosives and causing an explosion in relation to an arson at the slaughterhouse Mutch Meats, where ten incendiary devices were placed under meat lorries, destroying one of them (the others did not go off). DNA matching Dave's was recovered from of one of the devices that did not go off

The troubles didn't end there. The police visited Dave in prison again and charged him with more explosions in relation to the 5 arson attacks on cars

belonging to workers at Huntingdon Life Sciences in August 2000. Fibers found on a device which failed to ignite allegedly matched fibers found in Dave's jacket pocket at the time of his arrest for attacking Cass. Additionally, the devices were of similar design as those found at Mutch Meats. These charges were added to the Mutch Meats charges and Dave was facing 5 counts of arson, 10 counts of conspiracy to cause arson, and 2 counts of possessing explosives.

to Grind: The Dave Blenkisop Legal Story

The prosecution offered Dave another deal, and he accepted, knowing that, although the case against him was not strong, it was unlikely he would be completely exonerated. Dave pleaded guilty to one charge of possessing explosives and was sentenced to 5 ½ years to run consecutively with his other terms.

Dave has been sentenced to a total of ten years in prison, starting May 23, 2001 and will first become eligible for parole in May of 2006. If he does not get parole then he will be released on license after a total of 6 years and 8 months in February 2008.

Regardless of how you feel about Dave's actions, please understand his motivation to end the greater injustice of animal cruelty. Kind and uplifting letters of SUPPORT are appreciated.

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06/16/03 (SWEDEN) Two zebra-mice rescued from pet shop.

07/08/03 (GERMANY) 75 hens liberated from farms over a few months by Project Liberated Animals

07/12/03 (NEW ZEALAND) Two chickens rescued from a broiler farm in Henderson Valley. The following week 20 hens were liberated from a battery hen farm in South Auckland.

07/13/03 (GERMANY) 30 baby hens taken in open rescue from a factory farm.

07/13/03 (AUSTRALIA) ALF cut and removed a large section of electrified fencing hampering a kanga cull.

07/23/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF raided a fur farm and 3500 animals were freed, "We started opening the cages and soon the ground by our feet was filled with curious mink anxious to get free."

07/27/03 (SPAIN) The 'Frente de Liberación Animal' (Spanish ALF) raided a rabbit farm in Valencia.

07/27/03 (SWEDEN) DBF freed 62 rabbits from a farm, covered house and shed with slogans.

07/30/03 (UK) Thousands freed from a Hampshire Pheasant farm. Tractors and other vehicles damaged.

07/31/03 (FINLAND) 12 hens freed from a battery farm.

08/01/03 (AUSTRIA) Nine chickens taken in an open rescue.

08/04/03 (SPAIN) Five mink freed in second visit to the fur farm.

08/13/03 (NORWAY) 3 dogs liberated from a vivisection breeding facility.

08/14/03 (SWEDEN) 150 partridges released and slogans spray-painted at a shooting estate.

08/25/03 (SWEDEN) Five rabbits liberated from a rabbit meat farm.

08/26/03 (USA) The ALF liberated 10,000 mink from a fur farm in Washington.

09/01/03 (ITALY) 3500 minks liberated by the ALF from a fur farm.

09/06/03 (NETHERLANDS)

Thousands of mink released, cages destroyed, & windows smashed in a daylight raid.

09/16/03 (USA) Four ducks taken in an open rescue from Sonoma foie gras farm.

09/18/03 (SWEDEN) 40 hens rescued from a farm, and machinery and thousands of eggs destroyed.

09/21/03 (FINLAND) Finland's biggest liberation: more than 7000 mink liberated from a fur farm.

09/21/03 (SWEDEN) A beagle liberated from a vivisection lab. A lab employee pepper sprayed.

09/22/03 (SPAIN) 300 rabbits rescued from a vivisection breeder. Slogans were spray-painted.

09/28/03 (BELGIUM) 3500 mink freed from a fur farm.

10/10/03 (ITALY) 18,000 mink released from fur farm.



05/22 - 6/03/03 (SWEDEN) 2 fur shops spray-painted, vivisector's home painted, fur shop windows etched, hunting platforms destroyed, angling shop windows smashed.

06/03/03 (NETHERLANDS) A car at a mink farm in Zeist firebombed.

06/05/03 (USA) HLS client AMEC attacked in Kentucky. Windshield & sides of an AMEC truck and office wall spray-painted, an electronic security keypad and lock glued.

06/06/03 (UK) Asahi Glass (HLS client), had locks glued & directors cars vandalized.

06/10/03 (NETHERLANDS) Activists vandalized ABN AMRO (banks connected to BPRC primate center).

06/11/03 (SWEDEN) Chinchilla farmer had his windows smashed.

06/12/03 (UK) A Sankyo (HLS client) director's house spray-painted & new Jaguar was vandalized.

06/16/03 (UK) A parcel labeled "a gift from the ALF" was left outside Act Tech UK Ltd. More than 100 employees were evacuated & roads sealed off. Half of the days production was lost.

06/18/03 (ITALY) A company related to Morini farm super-glued and spray-painted.

06/21/03 (SPAIN) Slogans Spraypainted at a pig farm.

06/22/03 (SWEDEN) The home and car of vivisector was spray-painted with slogans.

06/22/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF spray-painted slogans and glued locks at KFC, McDonalds, etc.

06/23/03 (SWEDEN) Two primate researchers had paint poured on houses.

06/23/03 (USA) Legacy, HLS market maker, has director's house covered in paint and phone/computer lines cut.

06/24/03 (UK) Sankyo director's house painted, Yamanouchi director's neighborhood sprayed painted, British Toxicology Society had new 4x4 covered with slogans.

06/27/03 (SWEDEN) Home of a vivisector was covered with spray-painted slogans.

06/29/03 (NETHERLANDS)

Yamanouchi manager's car was spraypainted, had tires slashed, windows etched.

06/29/03 (USA) McDonalds spraypainted and windows smashed in NJ.

06/30/03 (AUSTRIA) Over 100 circus signs destroyed.

06/30/03 (NETHERLANDS) Chicken slaughterhouse burned, resulting in millions of dollars in damage.

07/01/03 (NORWAY) The DFF firebombed a fur feed/fabric storage facility.

07/03/03 (UK) HLS supplier, LIG, director has car vandalized.

07/08/03 (IRELAND) Circus Vegas posters were removed, covered with "Cancelled" stickers, & spray-painted. One truck also vandalized.

07/09/03 (SWEDEN) Fur shop owner had his home spray-painted with slogans.

07/09/03 (UK) Newchurch Mania: Vivisectors who use Newchurch guineas had credit cards stolen and thousands of pounds charged to them. Employees homes painted, cars vandalized, fireworks set off, and marbles poured on steps.

07/10/03 (UK) 2 Sumitomo (HLS client) employees had their homes painted and cars vandalized.

07/13/03 (UK) 2 bomb scares against HLS employees.

07/15/03 (UK) Laundry service to Huntingdon Life Sciences had 13 vehicles vandalized.

07/19/03 (UK) John Parker's poultry farm had equipment vandalized, 1000's of eggs smashed, 100's of cages, belts, feeding tools destroyed, all light bulbs smashed, cables cut and locks glued.

07/20/03 (UK) 2 directors from Gregory Associates (drug licensing for HLS) visited. Cars vandalized.

07/20/03 (USA) Home of Daryl Dorcy, an employee & lobbyist for Abbott Labs (HLS client), vandalized.

07/23/03 (NETHERLANDS) An ABN AMRO bank in Amsterdam and four in Arnhem vandalized to protest the bank's connection with the primate center BPRC.

07/25/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF placed incendiary devices in an empty fur farm in Bjornhult. The owner was planning to begin farming minks.

07/26/03 (GERMANY) Nippon (HLS client) had walls covered with red paint and slogans.

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07/26/03 (USA) Four train cars of the Ringling Bros. Circus spray-painted in New Orleans.

07/27/03 (USA) The ALF visited the California home of Didier Jaubert (a foie gras promoter) and left messages in red paint and glass etching cream on his front door, windows and garage doors.

07/28/03 (NETHERLANDS) 8 trucks of Circus Herman Renz painted, one window smashed.

07/28/03 (ITALY) A car set alight in the car park adjacent to Yamanouchi (HLS client) offices. An electricity box was also damaged, leaving the office without power for the day.

07/29/03 (USA) The California home of Laurent Manrique (a foie gras chef) was painted and had cars vandalized.

07/30/03 (UK) A Bristol University vivisector & a Surrye University vivisector both had cars paint stripped.

08/02/03 (UK) The director of Fetch Europe (HLS supplier) had 2 cars paint stripped.

08/03/03 (UK) A vehicle storage building owned by Huntingdon Life Sciences and several trucks used in primate importation were destroyed by flames. (see cover)

08/04/03 (NORWAY) 7 fur shops in Oslo attacked. Windows smashed and painted.

08/06/03 (NETHERLANDS) The entrance to the primate center BPRC & a security cabin were paint-bombed.

08/07/03 (UK) Oakwood Vets (who sign the death certificates for the monkeys at Huntingdon) had their office in Harleston sprayed with "MONKEY KILLER" and "DUMP HLS."

08/10/03 (ITALY) Morini farms owner (a vivisection animal breeder) had her car torched. For more info on the campaign: www.morinicampaign.tk.

08/10/03 (ITALY) A Morini farm owner's car was torched.

08/13/03 (NETHERLANDS) The ALF spray-painted the house and two cars of a Yamanouchi (HLS client) employee.

08/18/03 (USA) Abbott Labs (HLS client) subsidiary offices hit with paint bombs.

08/22/03 (USA) A new foie gras restaurant had drain holes filled with cement and water flooded the building.

08/23/03 (USA) Linda Short, Chiron VP (HLS client) had car windows etched.

08/27/03 (UK) A director of F2 Chemicals (subsidiary of Asahi Glass) had paint thrown all over his property.

08/27/03 (USA) Kazuo Okahashi, Senior VP of Sumitomo (HLS client), had his home spray-painted with slogans. Slogans were also scrawled on his surfboard.

08/27/03 (ITALY) A transport company that delivers Morini food to labs was painted and had locks glued.

08/28/03 (USA) 2 Pipe bombs explode at Chiron (HLS client). 2000 employees not allowed to work. Threatening communiqué promised violence.

08/30/03 (SWEDEN) A mink farmer had house his house covered in paint.

09/01/03 (SWEDEN) Greyhound racing track painted and a tower was destroyed.

09/02/03 (CANADA) The front entrance, walls and sidewalks of Sumitomo (HLS client) offices vandalized.

09/03/03 (UK) 3 directors of Mitsui Sumitomo (HLS client) had cars vandalized.

09/03/03 (NORWAY) The DFF burned down a fur feed co-op.

09/05/03 (UK) F2 Chemicals director has house and car covered in red paint.

09/07/03 (NEW ZEALAND) BPRC director and employee have locks glued and homes vandalized. Activists broke a window at the home of Ronald Bontrop (director of the primate center BPRC). Another BPRC employee had his locks glued and his house decorated with paint.

09/09/03 (SWEDEN) Vivisector Ingrid Stromberg's home vandalized.

09/10/03 (UK) Asahi Glass rep. (HLS client) had car vandalized

09/16/03 (ITALY) An electricity building owned by Solvay(HLS client) torched by the ALF.

09/16/03 (ITALY) A Marine vivisection center had 3 gates glued and vandalized.

09/17/03 (UK) F2 Chemicals director (HLS client) had fireworks shot over his house & his driveway was painted.

09/17/03-10/01/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF was busy correcting billboards; spray-painting and gluing the locks of KFC, a meat wholesaler and a poultry processor in Dunedin; supergluing the locks at 15 fast food restaurants, butchers and other exploitive businesses in Auckland; redecorating butchers' trucks with paintstripper; and spray-painting a milk truck and a Cancer Society shop in Wellington.

09/21/03 (NEW ZEALAND) Locks glued at Live Lobster Restaurants, and SUV tires slashed at area lots.

09/24/03 (USA) Lousiana State University Inhalation Toxicology Research Facility had 3 gas chambers, a cigarette-smoking machine and other equipment destroyed. Red paint was spashed everywhere, and computers were destroyed.

09/25/03 (USA) Revolutionary Cells bomb Shaklee Corp. (subsidiary of HLS client Yamanouchi). Windows were blown out but nobody was injured. Communique threatened future violence.

09/28/03 (USA) Four months of TX FROG action: gluing locks and pouring sand in the diesel/oil of over twenty trucks and other construction equipment, scattering nails at a construction site, removing signs at a GM cotton crop, and many other actions.

09/29/03 (SWEDEN) A fur farm feed producer had 3 trucks and a storage building fire bombed.

09/29/03 (SWEDEN) A leather shop had its windows smashed and paint thrown over the merchandise.

10/01/03 (RUSSIA) The ALF spraypainted slogans at three fur stores and one hunting shop in Moscow.

10/01/03 (GERMANY) The sales director of CRP (monkey breeder for vivisection) was hit with two buckets of red paint.

10/02/03 (USA) The Santa Monica, California home and car of the head of Animal Services for Los Angeles was splattered with red paint.

10/03/03 (USA) The credit card numbers of some Chiron employees were used to spend almost \$25,000 on concert tickets (Celine Dion), household appliances, etc.

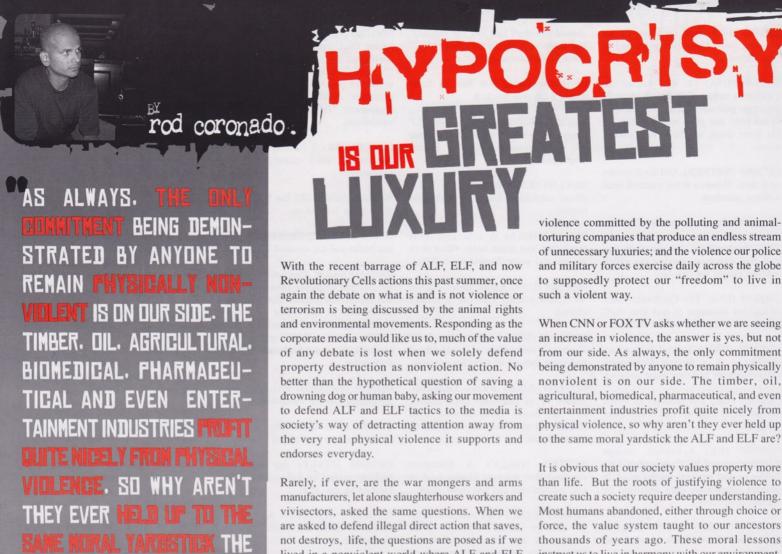
10/09/03 (SWEDEN) The owner of two McDonalds restaurants in Umea had his car spray-painted and his car port covered in paint.

10/12/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF smashed windows and sprayed slogans on a Swedish hunting association building in Umea.

10/16/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF super-glued 23 locks of various animal abusers (butchers, fish shops, leather shop, milk trucks) in Auckland. The locks at two police stations

were also glued.





lived in a nonviolent world where ALF and ELF actions alone were shattering the peace of our supposed civilized society. Yet daily we walk through life in privileged ignorance and apathy to the legalized violence all around us:

> Violence inflicted upon the Earth through the coal, hydro-, and nuclear-powered facilities that generate the electricity we co-depend upon; violence against indigenous peoples, animals and the environment to extract and burn the fossil fuels that

> > our

torturing companies that produce an endless stream of unnecessary luxuries; and the violence our police and military forces exercise daily across the globe to supposedly protect our "freedom" to live in

When CNN or FOX TV asks whether we are seeing an increase in violence, the answer is ves, but not from our side. As always, the only commitment being demonstrated by anyone to remain physically nonviolent is on our side. The timber, oil, agricultural, biomedical, pharmaceutical, and even entertainment industries profit quite nicely from physical violence, so why aren't they ever held up to the same moral yardstick the ALF and ELF are?

than life. But the roots of justifying violence to create such a society require deeper understanding. Most humans abandoned, either through choice or force, the value system taught to our ancestors thousands of years ago. These moral lessons instruct us to live in harmony with our environment, as if all other forms of life matter, as they surely do. Turning away from seeing animals and even rocks and trees, as entities unto themselves, we abandoned the only true road to peace. The dominating consumerist lifestyle we live in now will never cease to practice and promote violence. You cannot be a capitalist and claim to oppose terrorism and violence, because the foundations of this country were built on blood and terror and the exploitation of others both past and present. As

ALF AND ELF ARE?

opponents of not just state-sponsored, but all terrorism, we retain the free will to resist. But few of us who are given privilege in the same system are courageous enough to oppose it.

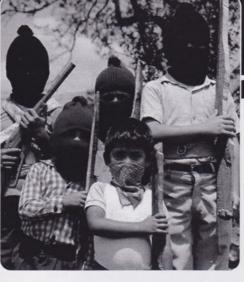
We continually hear animal rights activists and environmentalists talk about our society's violence towards animals and destruction of entire species and ecosystems. We recognize and eloquently describe the violent crimes our society commits daily against the animal and natural world, often comparing the animal rights movement to the struggles against slavery and racism. But the animal rights movement is nothing like the 19th Century anti-slavery struggle, unless you take into account the condemnation of the Underground Railroad by abolitionists opposed to aiding runaway slaves. Nor are we anything like the South African anti-apartheid battle, which was forced to armed struggle, and even car bombings, to win basic human rights. Let's be honest. The animal rights movement as we now know it will never become a revolutionary struggle because the representatives of the oppressed enjoy enough privilege from the system they oppose to prevent them from supporting, let alone engaging in, actual revolutionary activity that would risk those comforts.

Privileged academics like Tom Regan compare the

animal rights movement to other social justice struggles, but in the same breath condemn the actions of the calling them counterproductive. Priscilla Feral and her Friends of Animals support antipoaching efforts in Africa, including the killing of poachers, but shatter a few windows at an animal testing company and they're issuing press releases condemning

direct action. On a recent CNN news show, a U.S. director of Greenpeace responding to questions regarding the ELF said his organization would cooperate in any effort to prosecute eco-warriors as terrorists. Wayne Pacelle and the Humane Society rake in so much money in the name of promoting animal rights through reformist campaigns that they now publicly condemn direct action by the ALF, SHAC and other groups. Pacelle even has called me personally a "poison to the animal rights movement" because rescuing animals and destroying their torture chambers threatens these " real" improvements for animals in our society.

Such individuals and organizations demonstrate a level of speciecism every bit as destructive as that they oppose. In the words of liberated slave



Frederick Douglass, they want crops without the thunder and the rain, the ocean without its tumultuous roar. In failing to support actions that cause no injury, except to life-destroying property, we fail to live up to our own belief in the rights of other species. We describe the violence, ramble off the numbers, but rarely do we admit our own inaction to defend animal life and our Earth as if it were our own. The loudest critics of the ALF and ELF are often those who claim to adhere to a value system that believes in equal rights for all species.

When animal rights activists, environmentalists or anyone claiming to represent the Earth and her animal people, fail to recognize the legitimacy of direct action, they deny the history of social change, forced to learn and one we in the animal rights and environmental struggles must learn as well.

I've seen what goes on behind the laboratory doors of places like Huntington Life Sciences and I'd be a hypocrite to say I wouldn't want to plant a bomb to stop it. It's far past time for tolerance of animal abusers, rapists and child molesters in our society and, if necessary, those people should live in greater fear that what they do to others might be done to them. Historically, such logic is all that could prevent genocide. I wish the abusers and destroyers could be reached with a more passive approach. But for many blinded by the wealth and power they amass through the exploitation of others, only through fearing for their own life will they begin to be made conscious to the suffering they inflict on others. This isn't my value system though; it's the one we're forced to fight under and the same one that now makes those September 11th flag wavers opposed to the war in Iraq only because now their sons and daughters are being killed.

I offer no apologies for the ALF, ELF, Revolutionary Cells, Zapatistas, Palestinian Intifada, Irish Republican Army or Iraqi Fallayajah resistance movements, because only when we ourselves have been the victims of real violence can we realize its impact and begin to understand why others must

> justify its use to defend their families and homes. Far from being terrorism, such acts are the only avenue left available as self defense. These are actions that most people would engage in if it were their homes and families being destroyed.

The animal rights movement will continue to be the playground of make believe revolutionaries until we

acknowledge our role in allowing the violence all around us and act accordingly to prevent it as if every Iraqi child were our own and every animal one we knew. If our society continues to repress the efforts of those who advocate nonviolent change, they leave little option but to see an increase in violent resistance by those accepting of violence as a necessary means of change. The Earth and her threatened animal nations deserve the same level of defense that we support when human life is threatened. Otherwise we are just more hypocrites wanting change without the risk and sacrifice that is already being made by others.

THE EARTH AND HER THREATENED ANIMAL NATIONS DESERVE THE SAME LEVEL OF DEFENSE THAT WE SUPPORT WHEN HUMAN LIFE IS THREATENED. OTHERWISE WE ARE JUST MORE HYPOCRITES WANTING CHANGE WITHOUT THE RISK AND SACRIFICE THAT IS ALREADY BEING MADE BY OTHERS!

disrespecting those who have lost their lives fighting oppression and demonstrating a level of cowardice and betrayal to those they claim to represent. Such people aren't allies, but obstructionists to the work that must inevitably be done to achieve true freedom in any struggle. I am sure the animals in thousands of research labs wouldn't want such representation.

Claiming to adhere to a code of nonviolence in this country is the privilege of those separated and unaffected by the violence carried out in our name. If we were opposing a Buddhist power structure, maybe there would be a chance for Gandhian nonviolence. But unfortunately, the society we live in takes little notice of the oppressed unless we accompany our efforts with direct action. That's the lesson my indigenous warrior ancestors were



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was necessary to form a direct arm for the animal rights struggle? Do these reasons still resonate today?

I felt that, despite the efforts of existing animal protection societies, the situation for animals was getting worse, and that something more hard-hitting needed to be done to turn things around. Nowadays, unlike in the mid-1970's, non-direct action forms of campaigning are better thought out and are achieving more. But direct action has still had an important part to play in victories achieved by the animal rights movement, such as the closure of the Hillgrove and Shamrock Farms vivisection breeding establishments.

When you formed the Band of Mercy, what role did you see direct action playing at the time and how did you envision it evolving? Do you still see a role for organizations like the ALF today in the same capacity in which is was formed?

We just hoped that direct action, and the publicity obtained by it, would wake people up to how animals were being abused and get them doing something. We also saw it as a means of saving animals by hindering the work of animal abusers and possibly driving them out of business. We obviously hoped that the direct action movement involved, but we didn't know for certain that this would happen.

These days, I think direct action is most effective where it is used against animal abuse establishments that are already under pressure from other types of campaigning, such as with HLS at the moment.

In the early days, direct action was much more "scattergun" than it is today, with people hitting out at all sorts of animal abuse targets. The problem with that approach was that, although it obviously caused some financial loss, there was rarely enough pressure brought against any particular target to close the place down.

The summer of 2003 in America was rich with a debate on the use of violence as a tactic for animal liberation. The issue is addressed from both ethical and strategic positions alike. When you started with Animal Liberation Front / Band of Mercy in the mid-70s, and throughout your volunteer involvement with these direct action organizations, you formed and adhered to a strict policy of non-violence. Why were you so committed to this principle and are you still? Are you tactically or ethically opposed to violence?

The non-violence policy of the ALF was always tactical rather than ethical. Some of those involved in the ALF were ethically opposed to violence while others weren't. But it was generally felt that it was best for the ALF to avoid violence in order to gain the maximum number of activists by not frightening away those who felt uneasy about violent actions. I can understand why the ALF adopted this policy and I totally supported it during my days as an ALF activist. There were, after all, other groups, such as the Animal Rights Militia, which people could get involved in if they wanted to carry out violent actions.

I'm not ethically opposed to violence against animal abusers. But I think great care has to be taken not to endanger ordinary members of the public, which is why I don't like the use of letter-bombs for instance. Even tactically I'm not opposed to violence in all circumstances (and obviously I support its use in self-defense), but I don't think it needs to be used big-time in order to achieve animal liberation.

Does direct action burn people out faster than other forms of activism? What has become of the people you formed the Band of Mercy and the ALF with? What advice can you offer current activists to help them avoid this burnout?

Yes, I think it can, due to prison sentences and the stress of risking imprisonment, even if a person is never caught. recently, I'm not sure that's an entirely stress-free activity!)

Often movement opponents of direct action are under the impression ALF activists and their supporters see direct action as the "only" viable form of changing industries. How much of a role do you think direct action should play tactically within the whole of the animal rights movement in relation to that of education and legislation?

I can understand why this is the case, because at one time myself and many others within the ALF used to proclaim that direct action was the only way. That's not at all my view these days though.

I think the role of direct action varies according to the particular area of animal abuse which is being targeted, and sometimes education can be much more important. Sometimes random attacks can achieve a great deal, but I think this depends very much on the target. It could be argued that all ALF attacks achieve something. But I think we have to consider what is the best way of campaigning against particular forms of animal abuse - and that isn't always direct action.

For instance, with the meat industry (and all the horrors that are connected with it, such as factory farming) I would argue that public education is a better tactic than direct action, because it's an area where consumer choice can make a massive

espousing different approaches. In the multiple decades you have been actively fighting for animal liberation, how have you dealt with criticism from other activists and groups, and what advice can you offer those who are charting out new and perhaps controversial territory?

In the early days I was really down on anyone who dared criticize the ALF. Now I'm much more tolerant of anyone who's campaigning to make things better for the animals, no matter how they are trying to do it or what their views are on ALF actions. My advice to anyone considering embarking on any animal liberation campaign would be to think carefully about the whole thing. Mistakes have been made in the past where people have just charged ahead without thinking, and the most successful campaigns have generally been those that have been well thought out before being launched.

Do you find the vitriol directed towards acts of direct action by the media to be concerning and a failure on our part to change this. Or do you see it as typical of how the press has always treated revolutionary social movements? In your opinion will this negative press coverage of certain direct actions carry over and hurt the overall animal rights cause?

I'm not particularly concerned about or at all surprised by the vitriolic treatment of direct action by most sections of the media. The media, in general, represents big business (including animal abuse businesses) and the status quo, so will, of course, try to vilify those it considers a threat. I think we might well have cause to worry if such vilification didn't occur, because that would mean that the animal liberation movement wasn't having much effect.

I don't think there's really anything we can do to change it and I don't think we should worry about it. There's also a sense in which it can be positive. The more terrifying animal liberation activists are made out to be by the media, the more animal abusers will be afraid of the animal liberation movement and the more likelihood they will give up persecuting animals out of fear of what *might* happen to them.

I don't think the hysterical coverage by the media of certain direct actions particularly harms the overall animal liberation struggle. It may stop certain people donating money to animal protection organizations, if they can't distinguish between them and the direct action groups, but I don't think it would stop anyone from changing their own lives to avoid animal abuse, such as by becoming vegetarian or vegan for instance.

The US movement in the past five years has seen a number of activists break under interrogation and "grass" out other activists. From your own experience, how damaging can this betrayal be, and what sort of policy do you think activists should adhere too when dealing with someone who has grassed, but would like a second chance?

It can be very damaging if it leads to good activists











BELIEVE IT IS FAR BETTER TO LIVE FOR INIMAL LIBERATION THAN TO DIE FOR IT.

Of the other five people involved in the formation of the Band of Mercy (which later became the ALF), one I've totally lost touch with and three of the other four are involved in animal rescue work (and as far as I know are still vegetarian or vegan). One, Sue Smith, had still been involved in direct action (as well as animal rescue and healing) but sadly died last year from a mystery illness.

I think there comes a time for all ALF activists when they feel, for one reason or another, that they can no longer take the risk of spending time in prison. Sadly, some seem to disappear from the animal rights movement completely when this happens. The advice I would give concerning this is that direct action is not the be all and end all of everything and there are plenty of very important ways in which a person can help the cause of animal liberation without risking imprisonment.

I don't think it's just ALF activists who can suffer burn-out though. It can happen to anyone who devotes a lot of time and energy to campaigning against animal persecution. My advice would be that such people should not be afraid to take a break now and again to recharge their batteries. It's important to have some sort of hobby or interest to relax with and take your mind off the struggle every so often. Mine is watching soccer (although with the way the team I support has been playing difference to the fate of the animals and we aren't really going to have much effect on the meat industry unless a lot more people become vegetarian (or, preferably, vegan). It's an area where a massive amount of education remains to be done, as most people are unaware of the arguments for vegetarianism and of what really happens to animals that are reared for food.

Vivisection for so-called medical purposes is the other side of the coin. The power of ordinary people as consumers can't realistically be used to stop it, as people just aren't going to boycott drugs made by vivisection companies. Therefore, the vivisectors have to be directly dissuaded from experimenting on animals and ALF actions are obviously playing a part in this.

With regard to legislation, I feel the situation is rather different. I think we should campaign for legislation to outlaw all forms of animal abuse. But we also need to work hard at other ways of ending animal persecution outside of the legislative process (either through public education or by putting direct pressure on animal abusers), because we should never have faith in the politicians to come up with the goods.

Movement cohesion can be somewhat of a struggle in its own right, with different factions

or campaigners being put in prison. If there had been no grassing (and if people had just kept their mouths shut in police stations) the number of activists imprisoned over the years would probably be less than half of what it has been.

With regard to how people who grass should be treated afterwards, I think it all depends on the type of grassing that's involved. I would distinguish between somebody who breaks in the police station under the pressure of interrogation and someone who actually stands up and gives evidence in court against their former activist colleagues.

I don't see how animal rights campaigners could ever work with the latter type of person again. But with someone who just breaks under police pressure and takes it no further and then is sorry for what they've done, I think they can be allowed to be involved in animal rights campaigning in the future, but not direct action. There have been too many cases in this country where someone who has cracked in the police station has been allowed to get back involved in direct action and then they have grassed again after a subsequent arrest. The problem is that it's often very hard to tell in advance if a person is the type that will grass. But once it's evident that they are, that just can't be ignored.

November 5th marks the two year anniversary of Barry Horne's death. What do you feel the impact of Barry's sacrifice has been? What lessons do you think the movement should learn from this tragedy?

I think it has made very little impact, that it was counterproductive, and that it was a mistake. Barry's death made no difference to government policy with regard to vivisection and they've continued to support companies like HLS and to bring in more and more legislation to try to stop animal rights activism.

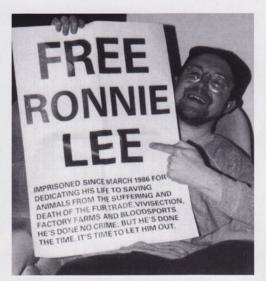
Barry was a very good activist and campaigner and would have achieved far more for the cause of animal liberation had he lived. Even if he'd been kept in prison for the full 12 years (which is what he would have had to serve if he didn't get parole) he would have only been in his 50s on release and if he'd kept himself fit and healthy in prison (which is quite easy to do these days) he would have had many years of useful campaigning ahead of him. Also, even within prison it's possible to be involved in the fight for animal liberation through writing letters, articles etc.

I have no problem with somebody dying for animal liberation if they have no choice in the matter. But Barry did have a choice, and I believe it is far better to live for animal liberation than to die for it.

The tragedy of Barry's death to me is just the highpoint of a general problem which the movement has with the issues of suffering, sacrifice and martyrdom. It doesn't seem to be enough that other creatures should be the victims of the animal abusers and the system which supports them. Many people in the movement seem to have the irrational urge to be their victims too. When people are beaten up by hunt supporters or vivisection lab guards, for instance, they seem to almost revel

in the fact. "Look at those nasty people, they put me in hospital." Well, of course they're nasty. They support and take part in the murder and torture of innocent creatures on a regular basis. Was it really necessary for you to be beaten up by them in order to prove it?

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prolonging lifestyle. And be fit and raring to go when your release day comes. (2) Embark on studies that will be useful to you as an animal liberation campaigner, such as learning foreign languages or proficiency in the use of computers. (3) Bearing in mind that you must be careful what you say, write positive articles for animal rights publications/ letters to other AR campaigners/prisoners. I think the movement does pretty well with prisoner support, especially in view of the fact that most AR prisoners would prefer that movement resources went into campaigning for the animals rather than supporting them. I don't really see how support could be improved without taking funds away from fighting directly for animal liberation.

What has been your favorite ALF action in history, either your own or that of some other cell?

I think the best action I ever took part in was in the days of the Band of Mercy (1974) when we destroyed a boat that was to be used for hunting seal pups. It resulted in that particular hunt being called off that year, and it has never taken place

Often though, it is a series of actions leading to success, rather than just a singular action, which comes to mind. In the early days of the ALF there

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What does it mean to you to hear of ALF cells carrying out actions in Barry's honor, or those of other fallen or imprisoned activists?

I don't like it because I think it's speciesist. Barry had a choice whether to live or die. The animals in labs, etc. don't. And prison is a holiday camp compared with a fur farm or a vivisection laboratory. Naming such actions in honor of Barry gives the impression that they are being carried out because an activist killed himself or because an activist is in prison, when the perceived motivation for the action should be the suffering of the animals.

You are no stranger to the prison system, and have received several lengthy sentences. With the state upping the ante on politically motivated actions, what sort of practical advice can you offer people on dealing with (mentally and physically) incarceration? How do you suggest the movement better itself in prison support?

Animal rights prisoners should remember that just because they're incarcerated doesn't mean they're no longer part of the struggle, and they can still do things to further the cause of animal liberation while in prison. Some points of advice I would give are: (1) Don't smoke. Eat as healthily as possible and get plenty of exercise. Reduce the time the system is stealing from your life by adopting a life-

was a concerted direct action campaign against a vivisection lab called Biorex in North London, which eventually resulted in the place closing down (the building is now used by Greenpeace as its UK HQ!), and then there was the damage campaign in the mid 80's which caused all the big stores to stop selling fur coats.

Is there any other message you would like to send to direct action activists, or the movement for animal liberation as a whole?

Keep fighting and stay positive. This is a battle we are gradually winning. I'm not sure exactly what the situation is in other countries, but I know that in the UK the number of people who are vegetarian has increased enormously in recent years, the number of experiments on animals is half what it was in the 70s, the fur trade has been drastically reduced and fur farming has been banned (to be followed soon, hopefully, by hunting with hounds). Also, animal protection campaigns have met with increasing success all across the board, whether it's been closing down vivisection suppliers, stopping local authorities from shooting pigeons, or preventing new greyhound tracks from opening. The struggle for animal liberation is not a sprint, but a marathon. The finishing line is still a long, long way ahead - but the day will come when we shall cross it.



action that would be quiet but effective (the security station was only 100 meters away). We began with the most expensive thing we could find, the enormous speakers (seriously must have been 6 feet high) and stereo system hidden behind another set of curtains. One by one we slashed all the fronts to them, clipped the cables connecting them to the main console, and wreaked havoc on the control panels with help of a nearby bucket of water. There was no way any euro-trash disco music would be pumped out of these now.

Next we moved onto the dressing rooms of the models and proceeded to smash as many mirrors as we could, and spraypainted "Fur Hag" onto several others. What makeup units we found were all coated with a thick layer of blood-red paint. "FUR SHAME" was left on the door going in and out, and we clipped as many electricity cables for lights as we could find (Fur is from the "Dark Ages" right?).

We left gigantic anti-fur messages throughout the show area, and on the main backdrop behind the runway we spraypainted the biggest ALF you have ever seen. These fur wankers are a bit dim, so we wanted to make sure we left a clear calling card.

All along the runway on the main level and going up to the second level were long florescent lights lining it. Carefully we unscrewed a few and jostled others. Next to them we left bits of the wire and cables we had snipped from the speakers below. With what was left of our paint we left a warning message on the wall leading into the show, indicating we had booby-trapped the lighting system.

On our way out the back we took two fire extinguishers we had found and emptied them over all the chairs we could, spraying the white fire retardant everywhere like we were holding champagne bottles. The room was a mess of paint, broken glass, disabled speakers, and white clouds. Our job was

The next day the show was delayed by over three hours as the filth called in the bomb squad to look for our "booby-traps." All those waiting to get into the show, fashion writers and celebrities alike (including Icelandic Pop sensation Bjork and fur hag Victoria Beckham) were berated the entire time by the protest group that had assembled around the entrance. The newspapers all picked up on the story and the headline ran everywhere that the ALF destroyed the fur show. The designer's hard work was never noticed as all people talked about was the action. One worried designer heard about what had happened and contacted a local AR group to let them know his show scheduled for later in the week, which was to include fur, no longer would. Not bad for a night on the town with your best mate.





iolence and threats of violence have no place in the animal protection movement. We have a supposed ethic supporting compassion and nonviolence, and this alone should eliminate the use or even consideration of violent tactics.

The public, an obviously critical team member in the struggle to create a more compassionate world, reacts

negatively to behavior that is in complete conflict with our rhetoric. It is clear and undeniable, in spite of loud and emotional claims and sales pitches to the contrary, that the use of violence is extremely counterproductive. This is true

not only in our movement, but others as well.

As one who has worked on numerous issues including hunting, bullfighting, and rodeos, I have witnessed and documented more scenes of grotesque and indefensible cruelty and brutality than I want to remember. I regularly experience anger and rage over the way animals are treated.

My anger is further heightened by the fact that, for some thirty years, I was part of the problem. As a former hunter/fisherman I took untold thousands of lives under the guise of being a "sportsman." Once acknowledging the truth about bloodsports, I also had to accept the burden of guilt for my part in activities that I was now sworn to fight against.

Unable to change my past, I had to decide how to proceed into the future. After initially indulging in loud, and even threatening protests, I found that the use of video documentation and public exposure resulted in far more positive change.

Goals worth attaining rarely come easy. It is far simpler to put together loud and obnoxious, but often meaningless, protests, or to commit an unlawful act than to put together a high-tech undercover operation to document abuses, or to build and operate a fleet of public display vehicles. Mere venting should not be equated with achievement, and venting hate and committing violent acts lead to ultimate failure.

SHARK, our organization, has enjoyed many successes. Our method is simply to give people an opportunity to see an issue with their own eyes, and then make up their own minds. They almost always side with us. They don't have to believe our rhetoric, and after seeing the evidence for themselves, they won't believe the opposition's.

Documentation and exposure produce the changes we want. If our movement spent more of its resources in this direction, we would reap far more results for our nonhuman friends.

I am reminded of the line in the Quentin Tarantino movie Reservoir Dogs in which one character, Vic, challenges someone who is chastising him with, "Are you going to bark all day, little doggie, or are you going to bite?"

That's a great line. We've all seen the little lap dogs who make a lot of noise, but don't get much done in the way of protecting their turf or advancing their cause. Then there are the big dogs that just get down to business. They don't jump around

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and vap - they simply go for the throat. In animal protection, documenting and publicly exposing animal abuse is the equivalent of going for the throat.

I urge this movement to take the "big dog" approach. Let our video cameras silently devastate our opposition as we document their abuses. Let the only noise anyone hears be the rumble of our video fleets bringing the truth to the masses, and the subsequent outcry of those masses for change.

Threats and violence hurt our cause. They violate our ethics and turn public opinion against us. Those committing these acts play right into our opposition's hands. Instead, let's get down to business by documenting and exposing abuses, and hang abusive individuals, corporations and government agencies out to dry.



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NECESSITY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE

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he topic of political violence is a taboo in U.S. society. Especially in light of recent events, such as the September 11, 2001 suicide attacks, political violence is condemned by the overwhelming majority of those living in the U.S. Ironically, whether we like it or not, and whether the vast majority of people in the U.S. will admit it or not, political violence has played a crucial role in progressing social and political movements both in this country and internationally throughout history.

By political violence I am referring to actions taken for political motives that clearly fall outside of those fitting neatly in the non-violent boundaries. Acts of political violence may include property destruction (depending on your own moral opinions on whether this constitutes violence), physical assault, terrorism, assassinations, armed insurrections, bombings, and conventional and/or guerrilla warfare.

While no one in their right mind would glorify political violence, the question remains: Why is political violence necessary to advance political and years, have healthy and working consciences? Do vivisectors, who continue their fraudulent and appalling research purely for monetary gain, have healthy and working consciences? Do executives of corporations such as Pacific Lumber, who have been engaged in chopping some of the last remaining old-growth trees in this country strictly for financial gain, have healthy and working consciences? In all these examples the answer is no. A healthy and working conscience would not allow someone to knowingly and purposely engage in atrocities.

Those preaching non-violence all too quickly recite token, misleading, and outright fictitious examples of successful applications of non-violent actions. The most common is the mythical Gandhian legacy of how the little man in the white loincloth gained Indian civil rights in South Africa and was responsible for pushing the British out of India. Unfortunately, the Hollywood version (and that of many western authors) of Gandhi, his nonviolence movement, and the entire independence movement in India is far from accurate. The Indian independence movement was actually comprised of a variety of strategies and tactics, including massive occurrences of political violence. As was the case in the relationship between the black power movement and the civil rights movement in the U.S., the violent elements of the Indian independence movement made Gandhi and his followers appear cannot be successful, it seems apparent that those continuing to adhere to a strict code of nonviolence are attempting to appease personal consciences far more than actually attempting to progress their given issue or movement. This ability to engage in strategies and tactics that are only within the moral guidelines set by the nonviolence religion suggests that non-violent practitioners are acting from a position of privilege and security and not out of a necessity to stop a particular injustice. The obvious difference occurs when someone (i.e. the PLO in Palestine, for instance) commits an act of political violence because they are in life and death circumstances. The point is that the purposeful adherence to nonviolence is actually allowing a heightened degree of violence and injustice to exist because the unjust entity is never threatened. White liberals can preach the ethics and morals of nonviolence adherence to eternity, but the fact remains that the environment continues to be destroyed, animals continue to be murdered en masse, and people continue to be exploited, tortured, and murdered because people are not engaging in strategies and tactics that will actually stop the injustice.

Today, the threat to life on the planet is so severe that political violence must be implemented in justice pursuits. To reject this consideration constitutes a refusal to acknowledge the dire state of the world and the historical legitimacy of political violence in justice movements. The ability for justice to ever become a reality, depends directly on the willingness of individuals to do whatever it takes - to use any means necessary to stop global murder, exploitation, and destruction of life.

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social movements in the U.S.? The simplest answer is because other tactics individually have never worked, will never work, and most importantly, cannot work to achieve justice in this country. This is fundamentally a result of the inability for non-violent approaches to actually confront and threaten the opponent, or in the largest and most crucial sense, the political structure of the U.S.

Gandhian nonviolence, the predominant school of thought behind non-violent action, dictates that the opponent must be weaned from error by sympathy for the non-violent activists, then see the evils in his or her own actions and voluntarily change. This, it is too often argued, is the only methodology for creating lasting positive social and political change.

The fundamental problem with the above theory is that it requires the opponent to have a healthy and working conscience to decipher between right and wrong, good and evil, just and unjust. Do executives from cigarette corporations, who have knowingly and purposely sold deadly products to people for much more desirable to work with. But it was indeed a combination of strategies that eventually forced the British to give up India.

In the U.S., each and every major social and political movement throughout history has relied upon a mixture of tactics that included political violence. From the terrorism, armed insurrection, and warfare involved in the War for Independence that formed this country, to the numerous violent slave revolts in the abolitionist movement, to the effects of World War I on the suffragette movement, to the riots, bombings and property destruction in the labor movement, to the armed wings of the black power and civil rights movement, no movement has gained a recognizable degree of progress or success without the implementation of political violence. This is again primarily a result of the failure for non-violent approaches on their own to actually confront and threaten the given opponent.

Realizing that non-violent approaches on their own



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Have you been dreaming about that someone special? And now you think you're ready to go out on a date, hold hands, maybe liberate a few dogs but you rejust not sure they re the one? Well, it s time to have them take.

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WHAT HAD OF ACTIVIST ADE YOU?

What is your greatest fear about your activism?

That the AR2004 bar scene will not be an effective networking arena.

B. That the direct action people are totally gonna ruin the way Fox News views animal rights. Its just not fair!

Having the timer fail.

prisoners...

revolution.

the frontlines.

definitely Gazelle.

pilates class!

chooses:

factory farm beef.

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Amnesty International?

The way I see animal rights politica

What are political prisoners? You mean like

B. It's sad. If only they could love the animal-

abusers, like I do, we could totally start a Gandhian

Those lucky bastards get a needed break from

A. Stairmaster, thigh-master, Bowflex, and

B. Totally indulging in a pint of Tofutti after a

Your idea of a great workout would be:

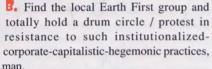
Being chased by a pimply

security guard through a cornfield,

carrying two beagle puppies.

While on a cross country trip with some friends, you pass some rather large scale factory farms lining the road way. Do you:

Make a mental note of the location so, upon a later date, you can notify the local town council of the gross stench you had to experience while speeding by in your Mercedes SUV.



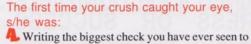
Take as many photos of the suffering as possible before proceeding to torch every non-occupied building and vehicle on the premises.

It's Christmas time and you wish your Secret Santa would get you:

4 One of those nifty cards reading "A donation has been made in your name to the Sierra Club." They are, like, so fashionable this season.

B. Non-animal tested face makeup so you can totally strip down and run around naked as a "freed tiger" at your next circus protest.

Twenty feet of fuse wire.



the World Wildlife Fund!

Being cut out of an "octopus" lockdown and his/her dreads were so totally hot!

Demonstrating the proper way to carry chickens during a raid.

After months of flirting, your dinner date finally

Organic, Omega-3 rich, salmon rather than

B. Makes you a plate of brown rice and plain tofu,

and romantically wipes your face with hemp

Remembers to put soy creamer in your coffee

napkins. You are both totally so connected!

as you two sit quietly on a recon.

You've had a rotten day. The boss chewed you out, the car had a flat, and the litter box stinks to high heaven. For stress relief do you:

Dip into your latest Pangea order of vegan organic wine. You earned it!

B. Whip out the yoga mat, then totally douse yourself in lavender oil and meditate until you can hear Buddha calling you home.

Spit right in the face of the first fur wearing hag you pass. Right in the kisser too - a really runny, nasty, snotty snag. You know the kind.

For reading pleasure you particularly enjoy:

The latest HSUS mailer. Oh-my-god, did you know Senator Givememoney voted to give factory farm chickens 3 more inches?!

B. Sataya totally has the coolest interview with one of those Krishna dudes. Super deep!

Ingrid Newkirk's Free The Animals followed by Rage and Reason, by Michael Tobias.

Describe your "activist" dream date:

Attending the Genesis Awards. Sure it's \$1000 a plate, but Alicia Silverstone will be at our table.

B. Having an intimate dinner with Peter Singer and totally connecting on why

direct action is bad, and bestiality is good. Rod Coronado and a "quiet drive in the country."

Where do you go shopping for all your activist needs?

Aveda and Origins have the best non-animaltested skin and hair products on the market.

B. My local collectively run, food coop/ info shop/ bike repair clinic/ holistic community events center. Here I can stock up on recycled cardboard boxes to use as signs, and chalk for when I am feeling super militant.

Home Depot. "Ok, paint stripper, crowbar, and spraypaint - will that be cash or credit?"

It's crunch time and a decision has to be made. Describe the process:

First and last stop – check in with the development director and see how the decision will impact fundraising programs.

3. Call a meeting of your affinity group, introduce the issue as a process point (and totally make sure an equal number of men and women have already spoken) and have a twinkle yea or nay on the matter.

No animal gets left behind. Free them all!

To you, Animal Liberation means:

Let's see, both the DC and LA AR2003 conference, Pam Anderson and Bill Maher, oh and that cute little democrat named Kucinich.

B. Everything John Lennon was totally trying to achieve with Imagine.

Doing whatever it takes. It is that simple.

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If you answered mostly Get back to work Wayne Pacelle. HSUS is not paying you a six-figure salary to take some magazine quiz.



If you answered mostly . You seem to genuinely care about injustice and suffering, my far-out friend, but 'totally' put down the bong and pick up the bolt-cutters.



If you answered mostly Tear this page from the magazine. Strike a match. Burn this piece of 'evidence' now! Godspeed!!

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We've all been there before! A van full of wet dogs, a truck

full of smelly chickens, and a the cops pulling you over. As

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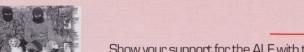
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