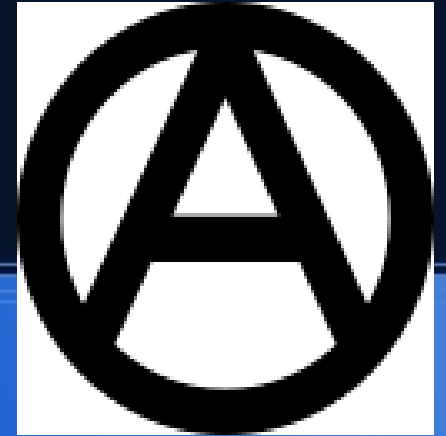


The Velvet Insurrection

- Chicago, E-Anarchy, Critical Art and Public Practice
- Patrick Lichty, Columbia College Chicago

Anarchism



- Black Flag
- Based in working class movements in the 19th century
- Questions institutions in light of their agendas of power/oppression
- Corporations, nation states, other institutions
- Favors grass-roots activism

Haymarket Affair

- Haymarket Square, now in West Loop.
- Labor rally May 4, 1886, 8 anarchists tried for murder
- The origin of international May Day observances for workers

Chicago Eight

- Part of protest tradition in Chicago
- Rubin, Hoffman, etc charged with incitement to riot, etc
- 1968 National Presidential Convention

Current thought

- The Invisible Committee, The Coming Insurrection
- Promotes creation network of anarchic protoindustrial communes
- Similar to squatting communes in Spain, Italy.
- United States
 - Critical Art/Social Practice, East Coast/Midwest
 - NW US Communal/Social Anarchy traditions

Current effects (e-anarchism)

- Use of social media to aid organization of revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, (Libya, Syria)
- Facebook, twitter
- Lensing of social concerns through Net
- Similar to writing of Critical Art Ensemble - the next revolutionaries will not necessarily be in the streets but also the Net.
- Organization of Seattle and Madison

Flavors of practices inspired by anarchism

- Public Learning/Art spaces/squats
- Social interventionism/Activism
- Public actions

- The Point:
- Practices related to social anarchist thought are vibrant in Chicago and making positive effects...

- **Public Learning/Art spaces/squats**

- Hackerspaces

- Pumping Station One, North Side

- ArtSpaces

- MessHall – ArtSpace/squat, home of Temporary Services
- Ed Marziewski, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Bridgeport, magazine

- ArcheWorks – many grass-roots social projects

- Online resources

- **Social Interventionism**

- Temporary Services – Marc Fischer
 - Working with prison populations
- Critical Art Ensemble
 - C. Pentecost/F. Wilding– dealing with migration of corporate agriculture (Monsanto seeds)
- SubRosa
 - F. Wilding – part of collective addressing feminist issues

- **Social Interventionism**

- Yes Men
 - Semi- anonymous group question corporate power through fake websites
- Pocha Nostra
 - R. Sifuentes – dealing with ethnic/Latino issues through performance
- Chicago Youth Network
 - Grass roots organization empowering youth in Chicago, uses New Media projects heavily

- **Other progressive forces**

- World View (WBEZ)
- World Activism Expo (@ UIC)

- **Public Actions**

- Critical Mass – Monthly bike ride through the Loop, announcements through the net

• **The Point, Part II**

- In conversation with E. Remus, was curious about Leftist/Anarchic thought in Chicago which used e-comm/media.
- A brief overview of anarchism/history
- Practices in Chicago/just scratching the surface
- Get involved!