

Editorial: "What Was 'Punk' Before the word was invented?"

"In order to have a different future, you must create a different past." Why? Because the status-quo educational hierarchy enforces a limited, highly "curated" so-called "history" which severely limits the potential of the most under-used organ in the human body: the IMAGINATION. Make no mistake: the supreme priority in our so-called "education" is: MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO. Which is: the 1% control the 99%.

This is why we have started the informal project titled THE COUNTERCULTURAL CONTINUUM. Readers are invited to send in suggestions. We are asking a few simple questions: "What was 'PUNK' before the word was invented? What is 'PUNK' all over the world yet not identified as such?" (We ask the same questions substituting the word 'SURREALIST' and 'NOIR'.)

A word as to our definition of the word "PUNK": Black Humor Is NUMBER ONE. Personally we try to avoid politics and religions (especially groups and group meetings) because if you dare make fun of any of the "leaders," then the whole group wants to KILL you!

Of course PUNK lowered the bar to the floor: Anybody Can Do Anything (aka D.I.Y.). But... Don't Be Boring. Don't Be Predictable. Don't Be a Cliche. Don't Be an Imitator. Don't Be a Ventriloquist's Dummy. If you do anything (like write a zine or make a poster) more than once, you try to get "better" or at least "different" if only to keep amusing yourself. In other words, the notion of "craft" (or of gaining more knowledge and skill at what you're doing) is not necessarily repugnant; au contraire...

As longtime "Outsiders", Our Motto is SILENCE. SOLITUDE. SKEPTICISM. Humor is Top Priority in our Day-to-Day Living. We Search for Weird. We Search for "Incredibly Strange." We Like the word "FLANEUR". We say "CURIOSITY and DRIVES/Rule Our Lives." Be Curious About Everything! However, in a world of corporate disinformation and lies amidst a plague of self-promotion, READ ZINES! (We think that every Search & Destroy and RE/Search publication is a ZINE; don't be fooled by "form" and "surface"!)

You can't be friends with Everybody, so Pick Your Friends Carefully! Seek Fellow "Seekers"...

Be Spontaneous, Be Open to Surrealist Chance. Be Suspicious of So-Called 'LOGIC' — and Love Your Dreams, Your Subconscious, Your Unconscious and Your Uncensored Desires (well, most of 'em).

AIM FOR: No Separation Between Life and Creativity/Art. Encourage Everybody You Meet—especially fellow rebels...

HAVE FUN... ALWAYS. (Well, try...)

Shun "Reality" in favor of SURreality. Always.

Remember that Language is a Parallel Dimension (including Visual Language), so Don't Be Fooled... But, Take Risks & Take Chances (occasionally) especially in your "Art".

And remember that "Friends Are A Parallel Existence"...

- **V. Vale** (from RE/Search Newsletter #144, November 2015)

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