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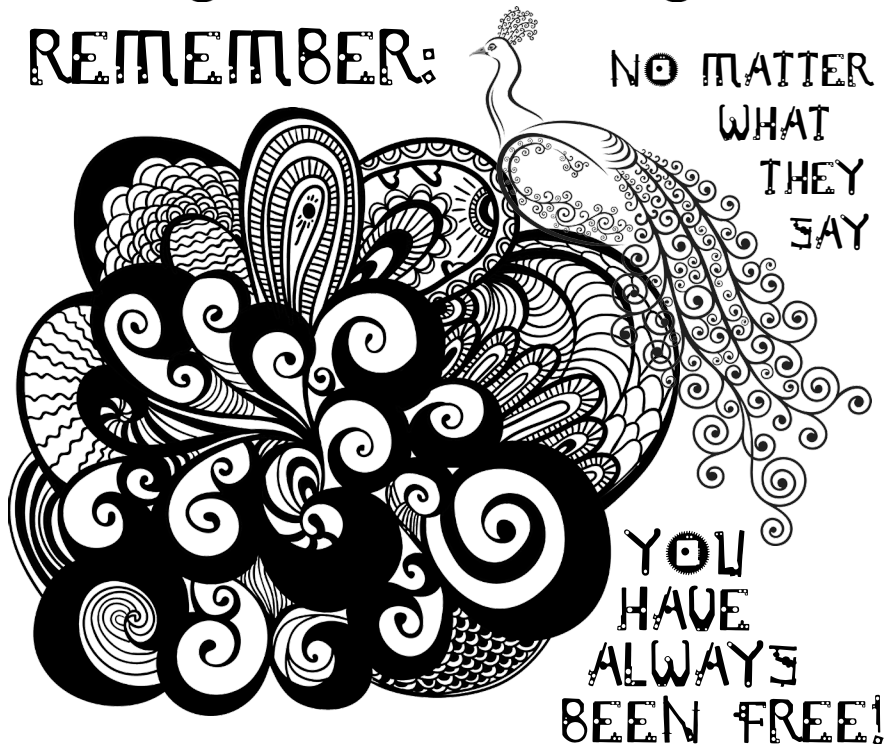
- ☐ Free the regent's wife
- ☐ Return the merperson's heart
- ☐ Give the witch the chalice
- ☐ Lead the spider through the maze
- ☐ Ask the hedge for the necklace
- ☐ Collect suspicious pebbles

Q. Why aren't you citing your sources properly?
A. Because fuck you that's why.



REMEMBER:

NO MATTER
WHAT
THEY
SAY



YOU
HAVE
ALWAYS
BEEN FREE!

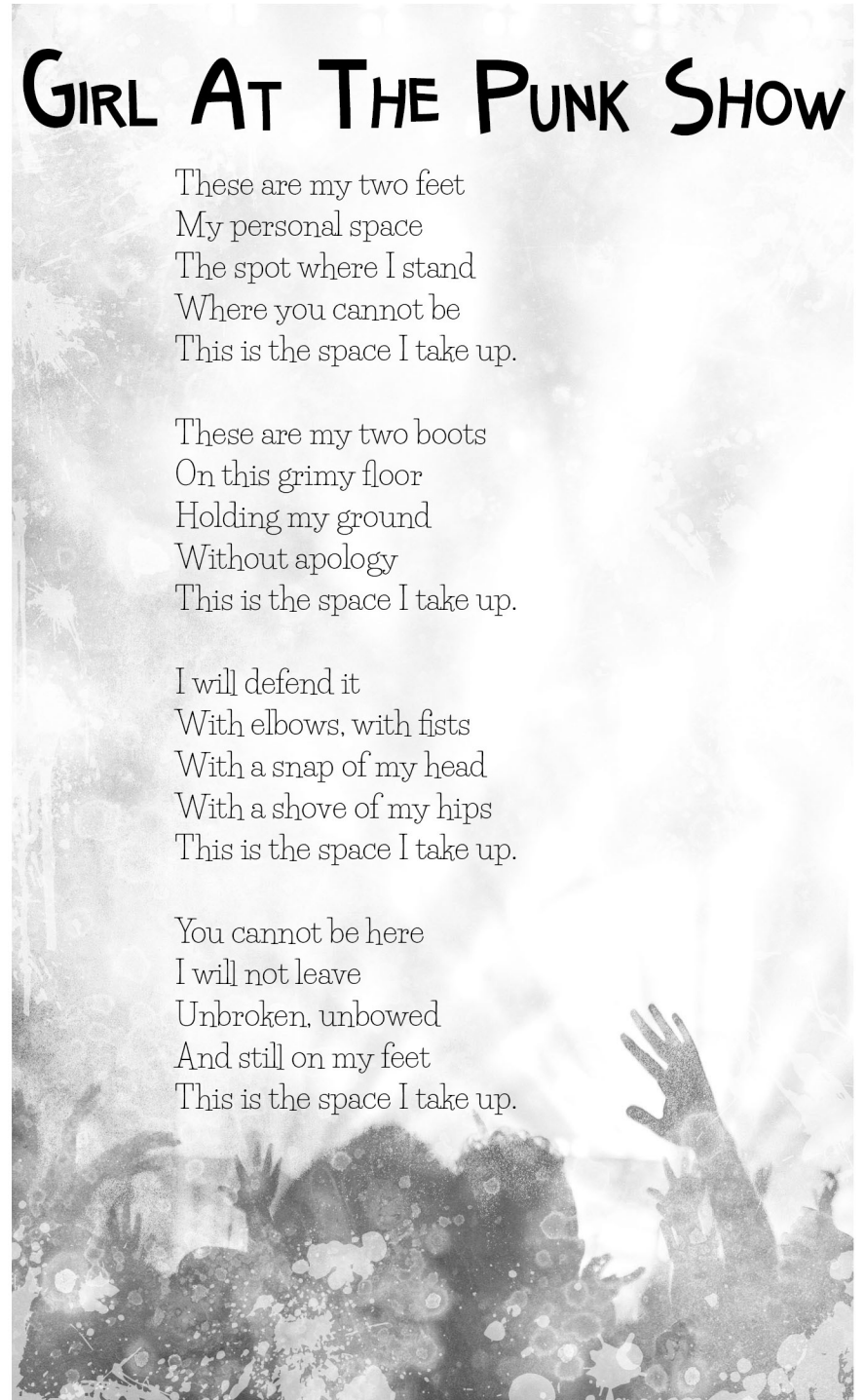
GIRL AT THE PUNK SHOW

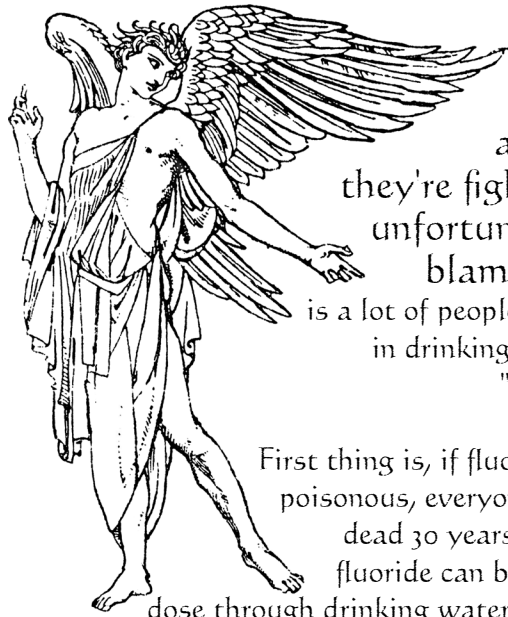
These are my two feet
My personal space
The spot where I stand
Where you cannot be
This is the space I take up.

These are my two boots
On this grimy floor
Holding my ground
Without apology
This is the space I take up.

I will defend it
With elbows, with fists
With a snap of my head
With a shove of my hips
This is the space I take up.

You cannot be here
I will not leave
Unbroken, unbowed
And still on my feet
This is the space I take up.





What I'm about to say may hurt some feelings among people who think they're fighting the power. This is unfortunate, but I can hardly be blamed. What I'm seeing out there is a lot of people screaming about fluoridation in drinking water, vaccines being harmful, "chemtrails," and other rubbish.

First thing is, if fluoridation of drinking water was poisonous, everyone in Canada would have been dead 30 years ago or more. Yes, an excess of fluoride can be harmful, but to get a harmful dose through drinking water you'd die from a burst bladder long before you became poisoned. Vaccines have been screamed about ever since that waterhead Andrew Wakefield posted fraudulent data in The Lancet. In reality, what have vaccines done? Eliminated smallpox, the single biggest killer in mankind's history, and controlled other nasty diseases, such as polio and the measles. And chemtrails? I'm not even going to address that nonsense.

The entire collection is idiotic. Normally, that would be fine... plenty of people believe in weird garbage, and it does no harm. However, while you're pulling your underwear over your head and whimpering about fluoride, the Bank of America is sodomizing you. And you PAY them for it. While you screech about chemtrails, utterly destroying your own credibility (if chemtrails were real, wouldn't the perpetrators also be breathing the poison? Jesus H Christ) Congress is stealing your future. While you are ranting about vaccines and "indigo children," labor conditions in the United States are returning to somewhere around 1904.

YOU ARE WORRYING
ABOUT THE WRONG THINGS.

They never would have happened if people weren't out there, being all *free* and shit,

Without Permission.

But now we have this idea that the quickest way from Here to There is via the government and convincing lawmakers to send down enlightenment from Mount Olympus or wherever the fuck we seem to think those overblown lawyers live. But just as you can't legislate morality, you can't legislate liberty, either. You can't pass a law that says:

"Shit is hereby fixed."

That isn't where liberty comes from.

It sounds quaint, and for some reason it seems counter-intuitive, but government follows a popular charge for social progress. Government does not lead those charges. You will never, ever find a government anywhere -- no matter how advanced or progressive you think it is -- that will ever be very good at paving the road to equality so the masses can have a smooth ride all the way to Utopia. Like any road, it gets built first by a ton of people walking that way before there's a fucking road there, breaking their legs, stubbing their toes, and spraining their ankles along the way until finally somebody notices:

**"Hey! Everybody's going this way,
let's put a grader on that shit and
lay down some pavement."**

Some wrong lessons were learned in the last century, and I'm not sure how they got learned. Take the two biggest social change movements that happened in the 20th Century (in America) -- Women's Suffrage and Civil Rights. These two movements started as all great movements start out -- from the bottom up, with more and more people becoming sick and goddamn tired of the way things are, and deciding to live in a world where things aren't that way.

Somehow, when the history books were written (or taught, or both), people got the idea that the hard-fought equality (or progress toward equality, anyway) won in those movements was somehow a product of things like the 19th Amendment or the Civil Rights Act. And while yes, those pieces of legislation were -- and are -- crucial to the eventual and continued

success of these movements,
they are not the springs
from which
equality
flows.



*** V3X Wrote This ***

Of course, dealing with the school-to-prison pipeline is hard. You can't do it in the cafe, to impress your pals and attract a mate with your grasp of "what's really going on," you have to go out there and DO something. Harass your Congressman. Address school boards. Things that take EFFORT. It's not as much fun as huddling under the blanket with the other hipsters and huffing each other's farts, but it GETS RESULTS.

I mean, seriously, it comes down to the question: "What kind of world do you want"? Do you want to be the most ironic hipster in a hideous future of exploitation, or do you want to live in a world with clean air and water, getting paid a fair wage and in control of your own body? The sad fact is, you have to choose.

Occupy started out well. It was a genuine protest, a royal pain in the ass for the people who are bending us over. Then, after a few months, instead of being about bank/government collusion, it was about STUPID SHIT like fluoridation, etc. It makes you wonder who was getting paid by whom. Maybe it was just the normal human political games, but it's possible that the movement was deliberately neutered.

The truly insane part of all of this is that people are running around looking for conspiracies under every flat rock, when in fact the REAL conspiracies advertize on television. Merck, Bayer, Bank of America, Exxon, etc. They are taking the future away from you and selling you a facsimile at unreasonable rates, and you are buying it, because you're too damn worried about fairy stories to feel the gigantic warty penis being jammed up your arse by corporations that know exactly how DUMB you really are.

Pull your head out of your ass. Wake the hell up.
Get the hell out from under that blanket.

That is all. You may now return to your regularly scheduled discussion about whatever the hell bogeymen you hipsters are worried about today.



**YOU DON'T NEED A
CONSPIRACY**
— WHEN —
**THE SYSTEM
IS BIASED IN
YOUR FAVOR.**

THE ENEMY WILL ALWAYS BE AT THE GATES.
WE WILL ALWAYS BE BESIEGED.
THIS IS THE LIFE WE CHOSE.

IF WE ALL WAKE UP TOMORROW,
THAT IS THE MOST WE CAN HOPE FOR.

MORALE WILL ALWAYS BE FRAGILE.
WE WILL ALWAYS BE A POWDERKEG.
EVERYTHING WE DO IS JUST TO MAINTAIN
THE CURRENT STATE OF CRISIS.

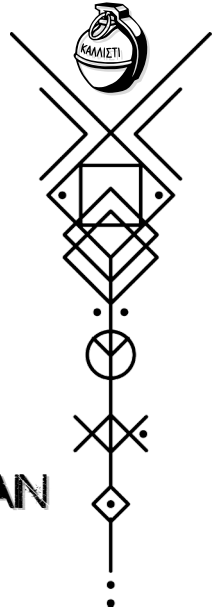
THERE ARE NO VICTORY CONDITIONS.

THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND.
WE WILL ALWAYS BE SCRAMBLING. WE COULD
HAVE BEEN ANYTHING WE WANTED,
AND WE WANTED THIS.

WE WILL NEVER BE SAFE.

WE PUT OUT FIRES. WE REBUILD FORTIFICATIONS.
WE WILL NEVER STOP PAYING FOR OUR MISTAKES.

WE KISS LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD.



BECAUSE

Audie Murphy did it and **S**ergeant York did it **AND** **S**medley Butler did it and then had the **STONES** to come home and tell the **TRUTH** about it. **A**melia Earhardt did it, **L**iberace did it, and the landing craft at Normandy were **NUT-TO-BUTT FULL OF BASTARDS DOING IT.**

And **me**? I did it on a cold March day with no gloves on, blowing kisses at cameras and quaking in my boots. I did it on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial under the disapproving glare of a security guard. I did it on some Anonymous January with a megaphone and the whole world watching. **My mom** did it on the docks and escaped from the handcuffs. **My grandmother** did it in combat boots. **My great-grandmother** did it at the polling booth, then her husband had to arrest her and feed the kids alone that night.

So, yeah. Tell me how you're gonna do it. But save us both the trouble, and tell me **AFTER** you do it.

The thing about

"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH"

is that it's not a threat at all, it's just an announcement of the fact that you are going to be **FREE ALL OVER THE PLACE** and if they don't like it, they'll have to kill you first.

with due credit to The Good Reverend Roger,
who keeps doing it even though he lives in the city of the dead.

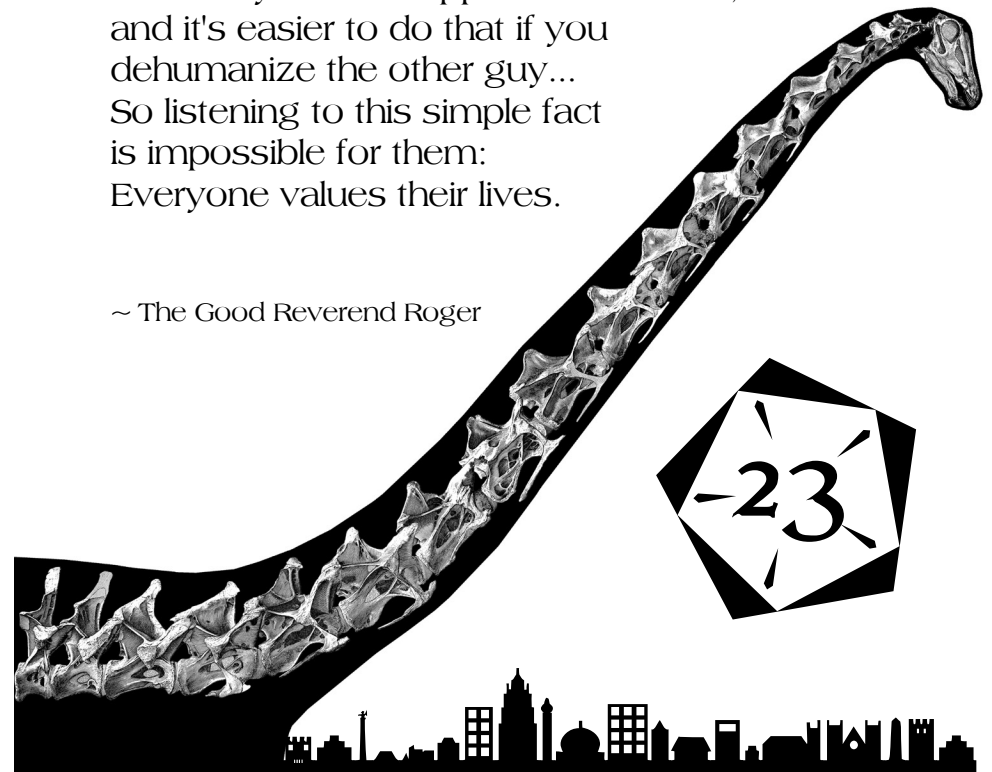
Atheists vs Believers

The believer thinks that atheists don't think life matters much, because when you die, you're just a lump of inanimate meat. Atheists think that believers don't think life matters much, because it's just a waiting room for heaven.

Both are, of course, incorrect:
Atheists value life because that's all there is,
and believers value life because they consider
it a gift from a deity (or deities).

Neither side will hear that, though, because they
think they have to oppose each other,
and it's easier to do that if you
dehumanize the other guy...
So listening to this simple fact
is impossible for them:
Everyone values their lives.

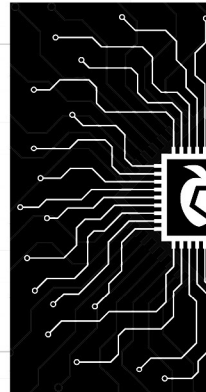
~ The Good Reverend Roger



Salt Your Data

GO FOR A WALK SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN. WANDER AROUND UNTIL YOU GET LOST AND FIND YOUR WAY BACK HOME AGAIN. TAKE A DIFFERENT WALK TOMORROW. SALT YOUR DATA. LEAVE YOUR PHONE AT HOME SOMETIMES, TAKE OUT THE BATTERIES OR LET IT RUN DOWN TO EMPTY FOR SHITS AND GIGGLES. LEAVE IT IN THE CAR OVERNIGHT. GET A NEW FACEBOOK. GET SEVEN LINKEDINS. UPDATE THEM ALL INFREQUENTLY AND WITH CONFLICTING INFORMATION. ENCRYPT YOUR GROCERY LISTS. LEARN TO FINGERSPELL. GO TO DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS, SHOP AT DIFFERENT STORES. TAKE THE WRONG STOP ON THE SUBWAY AND WALK THE REST. SHOW UP FOR WORK EARLY AT RANDOM INTERVALS, AND JUST SIT IN THE PARKING LOT. LEARN ALL THE DIFFERENT LONG WAYS HOME.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS. RECONNECT WITH PEOPLE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. TALK WITH THE HOMELESS PEOPLE AT THE BUS STATION (YOU CAN BRIBE THEM WITH A SANDWICH IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO START A CONVERSATION). GO TO A CLUB FULL OF PRETTY PEOPLE. SPEND THREE HOURS AT THE LIBRARY READING THINGS AND NEVER CHECKING THEM OUT. GET WAY INTO UNPOPULAR ARTS. GO TO POLITICAL RALLIES FOR YOUR IDEOLOGICAL FOES. POP INTO A CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY.



Chelsea Manning did it while they tortured her, then **Edward Snowden** did it and ran like hell, laughing like a mad bastard all the way. **King Canute** did it up to his knees in the ocean, and the dance band on the Titanic did it while the ocean was coming to them. **Aaron Swartz** did it at MIT and **Michael Hastings** did it on the front page, and look where that got **THEM**. **Jackie Robinson** did it for the love of the game and **Rosa Parks** did it just because **HER FEET HURT**.

John Dillinger did it every chance he got, and he didn't stop til they shot him from **AMBUSH**, because he was **TOO MUCH** for them to deal with **MANO-E-MANO**. **Billy the Kid** did it until he was shot in the back in the **DARK**, for **THE SAME GODDAMN REASON**, and, you know, I'm trying to say...

BESIDES THAT

Neil Armstrong did it in vacuum, death by boiling blood less than **TWO INCHES AWAY**. **Sophie Scholl** did it right until they chopped her head off. **C Everett Koop** did it while his boss screamed and **BOTH** sides of the aisle wanted him dead! **Huey Newton** did it and **H Rap Brown** did it and **Angela Davis NEVER STOPPED DOING IT**, and she'll kick your junk right up around your ears **TO THIS DAY** if you give her crap about it.

So there's no reason **YOU** can't do it, except for maybe all those Goddamn **EXCUSES** you have for **NOT** doing it and I tell ya, The Crack awaits you, you horrible little monkeys. So don't tell me **WHY** you can't do it, because **I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.**

YOU KNOW WHY?

And what about you? Did **YOU** do it? I bet you didn't. I bet you **PLAN** to do it, or **SHOULD** have done it, or **TALK A REALLY GOOD GAME ABOUT IT**. I bet you elbow your buddies and tell them you're gonna **DO IT** one fine day, just not right now, on account of the game is on, pass the goddamn Miller High Life.

BUT REMEMBER

Louis Armstrong did it and Scatman John does it, and Medgar Evers did it til they **SHOT** him, and Sitting Bull did it **ALL DAMN DAY**, and Chocise and Geronimo just **DIDN'T GIVE A CRAP** and **KEPT DOING IT**, long after it had gone out of fashion.

So spare me the stories about how you're **CONNA** do it, if they by Jesus **PUSH YOU ONE MORE TIME**, because they've pushed you **YOUR WHOLE CODDAMN LIFE**, and you didn't do **DICK**.

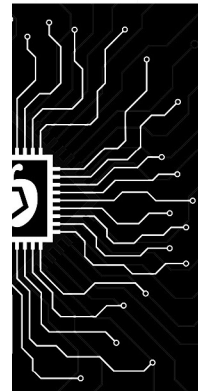
HOWEVER

The **FUNNIEST** part is, Obama didn't do this to you, and Dick Cheney didn't either. Leon Blankenfein didn't do it to you, nor did Henry Kissinger or Robert MacNamara or Pope John Paul II. No, you stupid punk, **YOU** did this to you, and so if you really ever get the urge to **GO AHEAD AND DO IT**, just punch yourself in your own stupid face. Then you can get up and do it to the rest of the bastards who have it coming.

But while you're doing it, **SHUT THE HELL UP**. I'm tired of hearing about it, and how you're gonna do it.

SOME DAY.

HUMANS ARE CREATURES OF HABIT, SO MAKE NEW HABITS YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU IN YOUR UNPREDICTABLE LIFE. A MORNING SUDOKU. A FIDGET TOY. MISMATCHED SOCKS ON TUESDAYS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT BEING TOO SILLY OR TOO SMALL, YOU'RE JUST REPROGRAMMING YOUR SECURITY BLANKET SETTINGS. BECAUSE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND NOT HAVE ANYONE TRACKING YOUR MOVEMENTS, LOGGING YOUR EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS, LISTING YOUR ASSOCIATES AND POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS. YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE, TO SPEAK, TO SECURITY IN YOUR OWN PROPERTY AND PRIVACY, BUT AS LONG AS THE ONLY THING KEEPING THE CAMERAS OFF YOUR BACK IS THE DISCRETION OF A BORED CONTRACTOR YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY OF IT. SALT YOUR DATA.



DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE A REASON TO DO IT, THEN IT WILL LOOK SUSPICIOUS THAT YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ACTIVITIES AND THE POWERS THAT BE WILL USE THIS FACT AGAINST YOU IN A SECRET COURT OF SECRET LAW. DON'T ASSUME YOU'RE SAFE, TODAY IT'S MUSLIMS IN AMERICA AND TRANS PEOPLE IN GREECE, BUT TOMORROW IT COULD BE BUDDHISTS IN ENGLAND OR SINGLE PARENTS IN BRASIL. EVEN IF IT'S NEVER YOU, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WHO WOULD INDISCRIMINATELY SPY ON AND HARASS THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD SO THEY CAN SLEEP BETTER AT NIGHT.

Live Free Or Kill Me.



GET OUT THERE AND DO IT

Look, you bastards, it **ISN'T** treason, and I will **NOT** confess. It **IS NOT** heresy, and I will **NOT** recant. Sure, I did it, and so would **YOU**, if you had any balls. **Johnny Cash** did it, and flipped everyone the bird. **James Brown** did it, and brayed laughter out the window of his car, while cops chased him across **FOUR STATES**. **Patrick Henry** did it, just to show he wasn't afraid to stick his neck in a noose. But **DOING** it is not the same thing as **TALKING** about it. You'll scream 'YEEHAW' at that scabby little wimp Ted Nugent, and you will 'HELL YEAH' at Goddamn Fox News down at your local saloon, but **THAT'S NOT DOING IT.**

Martin Luther King did it in jail, **Mohammad Ali** did it to a federal judge's face. **Gandhi** did it in the face of the entire British empire. **Ozzy Osbourne** did it while pissing on the Alamo, and you didn't see a single po'bucket with the **CUTS** to punch him out for it. They were small, crawling things, and he was a raging maniac that could not give **ONE SOLITARY DAMN** what anyone thought.

Martin Luther nailed it to the church door, **Schindler** did it to the Nazis, **Joe Hill** did it to the man until they **KILLED** him... and... and... and...

FURTHERMORE

Loving did it to the state of Virginia and **Ru Paul** did it to a million screaming bigots. **Wayne Newton** did it to the Las Vegas mob, **Daniel Shays** did it to George Washington, right after **Washington** did it to King George III.