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kely to be positioned to attack us again nymous. If your mask or something else right away. We might even come across isolated groups of police that are unprepared for a hostile crowd. The state is using chemical weapons and blunt force to cut short a joyous departure from the devastating routine of a prison society, and it might be injuring our friends: let's respond to the height of their aggression.

Accelerant: let's bring some/use it? The aforementioned dumpster would have made a better battering ram if it was more fully on fire.

Edition, Chapter 12: choosing the right tool for the job. Not everything is a substitute for a good hammer. Secondly, covering your face isn't enough to be ano-

about your attire stands out amongst the crowd, it could help the cops track you (via undercovers, livestream, or video footage after the fact), which could put you in greater danger as the demo is ending or afterwards.

The rear of the demo: the dispersal tactics on Friday and in the election night demo last October were identical: riot cops arrive about a block away behind the demo and shoot tear gas. The panic that circulates can allow them to drive Review of Black Bloc Manual 13th vehicles straight into the running crowd, accelerating the dispersal. What could a combative crew of people holding down the rear of the demo accomplish? No specific proposals to make here, but we

think this is an area for improvement.

Warm greetings to all the other crews and individuals who came out, and to everyone who was there in spirit. Let's take care of each other and destroy all authority. We would like to hear how you experienced this March 15th.

Sending love to all the rebels behind bars. Fire to the prisons.

We also remember the sacrifice of Anna Campbell, an anarchist who fought with the YPJ in Rojava, who was killed along with four comrades by the fascist Turkish army one year ago, on March 15, 2018.

See you on May Day, or sooner! Fuck



## FINDING EACH OTHER: AUTONOMOUS AND ANARCHIST SPACES IN MONTREAL

Visit RESISTANCEMONTREAL.ORG for a calendar of radical events in the city, and a larger list of anarchist groups, spaces, and news.

### L'Achoppe

Event space in Hochelaga. 1800 Létourneux, Hochelag FB:achoppepublic

### La Déferle

Anarchist social space in Hochelaga. Library, workshops, and more! 1407 Valois, Hochelag'. au1407.org FB:ladeferle

### La Librairie Racines

The goal of the Racines Bookstore is to focus on the histories, cultures, and living conditions of racialized people. 4689 Henri-Bourassa Est, Montréal-Nord. FB:Racinesmontreal

#### Le DIRA / L'Insoumise

The DIRA (documentation, information et références anarchistes) is an anarchist library and meeting space downtown. L'Insoumise is an anarchist bookstore. 2035 St-Laurent, 3e étage, près du métro St-Laurent. bibliodira.org insoumise.wordpress.com

Open hours are on the website.

### La Mandragore

La Mandragore is a collective that shares a queer and feminist library with La Deferle. It also organizes workshops, projections, and discussions to contribute to the formation and maintenance of queer and feminist communities.

lamandragore.xyz FB:bibliothequelamandragore



# **Attacks Against OSHA Condo Advertising Billboards**

ast night and the one those tossed aside in recent L before, different crews bombarded the colonial-themed advertising billboards for the new condo project OSHA with paint.

The OSHA Condo project is simple: the destruction of Hochelaga. How? With the arrival of more than 200 condo units (selling for between \$200 000 for a 2 and a half and more than \$500 000 for a 4 and a half). Meaning 300 to 500 more yuppies in our neighborhood, the owners decided to use an and in a particularly sensitive indigenous theme. The billlocation home to many of boards' use of an image of the

decades by different real estate developments. The arrival of opulence, where misery reigns. Raising the number of cops and patrols, of expensive eco-ethico-responsible-biodegradable stores, of chic restaurants daring to name themselves "Les AffamÉes" ("the starving") in one of the largest food deserts in Montreal. A social cleansing in every res-

Adding insult to injury,

reinforces the idea of a peaceful and consensual exchange between colonizers and first peoples. We shatter this image. The Americas were built in violence. Montreal is a city made possible by a genocide. Its modernization rests since its foundation on land. The OSHA condo project is only the latest, most there is no doubt we will put pathetic example.

And you thought we would let you do as you like? The plurality of groups currently organizing against the

encounter between peoples construction of these condos testifies to the feeling of anger, widely shared in the neighborhood, against this latest offensive of gentrification. In the months to come, the forms of contestation and sabotage will multiply. Despite the advances of gentrifying projects in Hochelaga, an the exploitation of stolen expertise of struggle against them has developed, and

> These attacks are just a first warning. We are many and we are determined. These condos don't stand a chance.



# Reportback from Montreal's May Day Against Borders

n May Day 2019 in Luttes four different demonstralocations across the city. The

Anti-Capitalistes) Montreal there were called for their annual anti-capitalist May Day demonstrations at different times and tion to be held in the theme of "No borders", in the context CLAC (Convergence des of the rise of the xenophobic

far right in Quebec and the ongoing attept to construct a new migrant prison in Laval, QC. We attended the CLAC's

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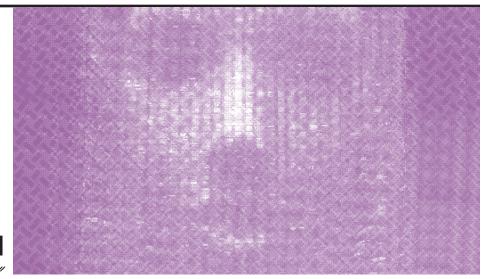
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# Ctrl-Alt-Delete: Al Development in Montreal

ur lives are increasingly characterized by algorithms that mediate our relationships to each other and to the world around us. By analyzing our behaviors, our preferences, our networks, and many other aspects of our lives, those who exert power over us manage to stay one step ahead. What's at stake here is our capacity to have secrets, to resist, to agitate, to attack what destroys everything we love and protects everything we hate. It's a fight against the new panopticon.

Montreal has become a hub for Artificial Intelligence (AI) development. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been allocated to several companies that now offer tons of specialized yuppie jobs in the domain. At the end of 2018, a document of principles surrounding AI development in Montreal was drafted. These principles were written up by some of the biggest players in AI in an effort to address public concerns about the potential of these new technologies. The document, now known as the Montreal Declaration, lists 10 unattainable and ridiculous principles such as: "The development and use of artificial intelligence systems must permit the growth and well-being of all sentient beings". Such pitiful public relation stunts by the engineers of social control are no longer surprising. AI will soon be integrated into nearly all spheres of society, from

healthcare and policing. From now on, in a multitude of domains, any entity that wishes to be competitive will need to integrate AI into its operations. States will apply these technologies to expand their capacity for social control, surveillance, and military intervention. We think that it can be useful to shed some light on different projects in the city to demonstrate the intentions of some key players. In order to start a conversation and develop ideas for intervention, we decided to map out Montreal's AI industry and its allies.

The AI milieu in Montreal is extremely interconnected. Dozens of companies work together to simultaneously develop AI systems for a variety of economic, social, and political goals. The Montreal Institute of Learning Algorithms (MILA), operating out of the University of Montreal (UDM), is one of the leading institutions in terms of research and coordination of projects. According to Valerie Pisano, the president of MILA, "today, there is a buzz around Montreal and artificial intelligence, we are one of the world leaders in terms of creation, production, and inspiration of talents". MILA's mission, according to their website, is to federate researchers in the area of Deep Learning and Machine Learning (see FAQ for definitions). They want to share their infrastructure, knowledge and skills with a pool of companies that finance and the extractive economy to could benefit from opportunities opened

up by their research.

the University of Montreal is led by seven professors, Prof. Yoshua Bengio, Prof. Aaron Courville, Prof. Pascal Vincent, Prof. Roland Memisevic, Prof. Christopher Pal, Prof. Laurent Charlin, and Prof. Simon Lacoste-Julien, all of whom are leading world experts in machine learning, especially in the rapidly growing field of deep learning." MILA also has offices in the O Mile Ex building located in the Parc Extension neighborhood, at 6666 Saint-Urbain Street. O Mile Ex is a part of MILA's effort to provide a platform for collaboration, share infrastructure, and provide access to their research to a pool of companies. The space hosts numerous companies specialized in research and development for deep-learning, defense, security, and transportation work. Institutions such as Thales, QuantumBlack, the Institute For Data Valorization, and Element AI all have offices at O Mile Ex. Designed by the Lemay architecture firm (known for designing police headquarters, a migrant prison, etc), this tech hub is a hostile force for the residents of Parc-Ex. Not only are these projects likely to negatively affect the lives of the people living there, but they also contribute to gentrifying this largely immigrant neighborhood to accommodate the developers and students working there.

"The machine learning laboratory at

Yoshua Benjio, professor and director at MILA, is one of the pioneers of cells are so cold that prisoners have to sleep with their coats on and the water is undrinkable. While we wouldn't settle for nicer prisons in our fight for a better world, we think it's horrible that prisoners in Leclerc have to deal with such shitty conditions!

Next we stopped at the construction site for the new migrant prison that is currently being built. We pointed out the construction site to the crowd and filled them in on the plans for the new prison. Overseen by architecture and engineering firms Lemay and Groupe A, the new migrant prison is part of a government overhaul to spiff up the deportation machine. The government claims the new building will have a warm wood interior and be designed to "not feel like a prison" despite plans for just as many security cameras and fences as one would expect. We think these plans are all bullshit and fully expect the new prison to turn out the same as the regional federal prisons for women built in the 90s and 00s with high security units, cameras everywhere, and no budget left for programming because the security costs ran so high. That is, if we don't manage to stop the construction first!

Then we walked up the road to the migrant prison that is currently in opera-

tion. We set off fireworks and shouted to folks (including the kids!) inside. Some drummers in the crowd kept a good beat going. The MC's reminded us of the hunger strike against the government's "alternatives to detention" plan that imprisoned migrants in Ontario carried out in September of this year. This plan includes introducing an electronic monitoring program and contracting the John Howard Society and the Salvation Army to create "parole-type" programs for migrants. We think it's all a way to control and monitor more and more migrants who come to this country, who are often fleeing situations of violence that Canadian imperialism helped create. Shame on the John Howard Society and the Salvation Army for taking these contracts! And fuck the government's plan to increase deportations by 30% in the coming years! For a world without borders or prisons!

Our fifth stop was at the Federal Training Centre - Multi level. This prison has a wall and two fences around it, so it's always hard for us to get close and always hard to tell if anyone inside can off fireworks and shouted to folks inside. there! Our sound system battery had died by this point, so we meant to read out a sta-

tement from our imprisoned friend Cedar in Ontario, but didn't have the lung power to do it with no sound system. Solidarity to Cedar and everyone else who has to spend this holiday behind bars! We're thinking of you all and fighting to make it so no one ever has to spend New Years inside!

Finally, we walked back up the road to pass the Federal Training Centre Minimum one last time and say our goodbyes. On this second trip by the prison, a few people had come out of the buildings to stand in the yard despite the cold and they waved and yelled to us from across the fence and line of cops. A hearty fuck you to the cops who insist on standing between us. Some folks in the crowd sang the Helicopter Song and tried to teach everyone some new lyrics to Ke\$ha's We R Who We R. We set off the last of our fireworks and headed to the buses.

This New Years Eve Noise Demo tradition feels super important to us! Thanks to everyone who came out, we were thrilled with the number of people that showed up this year. Solidarity to see or hear us at all. Despite that, we set folks inside fighting the system from in

### Notes on Our March 15th

T want to remember how it felt to be **I** shook by the beauty of the crowd. Fear and anxiety dissipate as a hundred-strong black bloc takes the street, realizing its collective power that compels police units to maintain a safe distance. It's happening. We can do this.

Attacking luxury cars, hotels, and banks when the police have been made unable to defend them is an attack on the police, which depends on the perception that it can maintain law and order to be respected by good citizens and feared by the excluded. A call-andresponse of shattering glass echoes down

dows in quick succession. Not to worry, several rocks, flares, and at least one decent firework are reserved for the SPVM.

Spontaneity works pretty well sometimes, and it's cool when people roll a dumpster out of an alley, someone else drops a flare in it to start a small fire, an "ACAB" gets tagged on the front, and others decide to charge with it at some cops up ahead, all in the span of sixty seconds, as though carefully choreographed. Our time together is limited, vet expansive.

Peel Street, as projectiles fly at bank win- Maisonneuve and quickly shot tear gas, which had its usual effect on such a relatively small demo. Two people were arrested, and some people were hurt. This brings us to the requisite tactical suggestions for next time:

Making dispersal dangerous (for the cops): when a demo splits into multiple directions after the police attack, we could try to keep our composure, check in with our friends and new surroundings, and see if we can regroup with the others who turned the same corner. We may be smaller in number, but the cops' Riot cops arrived from behind on attention is divided, and they are unli-

# For an Earth Night (every night): 40 Cars Have Tires Slashed in the Montreal Area

E arth Day, 2019: floods spread across dience, the one that leads from sit-ins for the cameras to nights in jail and intermitect fossil fuel companies against indigenous land defenders from coast to coast of so-called Canada, climate refugees are Arizona, 150 species go extinct on an average day, while people in different parts of the world brace for record-setting forest fires, hurricanes, and typhoons. And a handful of environmental nonprofits and their paid activists bankrolled by elite philanthropists beholden to big corporations expect us to believe that we'll convince governments to enact the change needed to save the planet if only we march in orderly circles enough times with enough people, handing ourselves over to the police if we temporarily dis- at a dignified life on this planet. turb anyone's daily routine.

We take the climate strikers' proposition seriously: by refusing to go to class, without asking for permission, if only for one afternoon per week for now, they show the necessity of acting directly to interrupt the normal reproduction of this society that is killing the earth. We, too, think we need to leave the path of legality, as well as the path of civil disobe-

nable court dates, which make it quite a bit harder to stay in the struggle.

So instead of participating in Earheld at gunpoint by right-wing gangs in th Day festivities, on the night of April 22, we slashed tires of 40 cars in different Montreal neighborhoods. We don't claim to have done anything significant in itself towards defending a livable future. Nor do we wish to put personal consumer choices such as car ownership at the center of a strategy for fighting ecological devastation. We chose this small gesture to offer a glimmer of the quality of disruption that this economy and society require if future generations and our own are going to have a chance

We chose neighborhoods occupied by the rich, mostly luxury cars in the driveways of million-dollar homes. We targeted those who profit off the unfathomable level of destruction incurred on the earth by capital and colonization, and who will be the most sheltered from the impacts of the climate catastrophe that is just beginning, if they have their way. The wealthy can afford to move

when their houses are flooded year after year. The rich will have the largest economic buffers as the state tries to individualize responsibility for the climate crisis, and carbon taxes and other last-ditch efforts at maintaining this society place the burden on the poor.

Earth Day, 2020: climate riots in every major city. Practically no one can get to work in the morning, if their factory or tech startup hasn't yet been decommissioned and looted by former pacifists. Indigenous land defenders and allies have fought off incursions by oil companies and are enlarging pockets of autonomy from the Canadian state. Networks of solidarity and attack considerably impede border enforcement. Carbon emissions have begun falling drastically due to the sheer drop in worldwide industrial activity brought about by the revolt. The effects of a changed climate will be felt for centuries still; people die in floods and hurricanes, in conflicts with reactionary forces and the state, and some of old age, with the knowledge that they fought, and that others will keep fighting.

We can dream (and slash tires).

# Reportback from the 2018 Montreal New Year's Eve Noise Demo

n New Years Eve 2018, a crowd of prison at 600 rue Montée Saint-Franaround 150 people gathered near Henri Bourassa Metro on the island of Montreal to take three school busses out to Laval, Quebec. Every year since 2014, and intermittently in the years prior to 2014, people gather outside prisons in the Montreal area to set off fireworks, wish people in prison a Happy New Year, and show our opposition to prisons, borders, and the industries and governments that sustain them.

After a brief bus ride, we stood together outside our first stop, the Federal Training Centre's Minimum Security

cois. Stretched out along Montée Saint-Francois with nothing but a regular chain link fence separating the living units from the road, the Federal Training Centre Minimum is the only stop on our route where we can see people's faces in the windows. This year was no exception. Dozens of people stood in their cell windows waving and shouting back to us as we set off fireworks, played music, and yelled greetings. We showed off our banner, which read "Happy New Year! Free all prisoners!" and chanted "Pour une monde sans patrons, ni flics, ni prisons!"

(For a world without bosses, cops, or pri-

Our second stop was at Leclerc, a provincial prison for women. This year we were able to get closer to the gates than last year and after setting off fireworks and blasting music, we noticed lights flickering on and off in the windows of the prison! This prison is set far back from the road and we were excited to know that people inside could hear us and see us. Leclerc has been denounced over the years for having horrendous conditions, most recently in early December 2018 by a coalition of groups in Quebec. The

AI research worldwide, and his expertise has been sought after by various institutions throughout the years. Although Benjio and his team claim to be firmly opposed to the weaponization of AI systems, MILA seems to be working closely with Thales. Thales Canada develops and provides information systems for defense and security, aerospace, and transportation markets in Canada and internationally. It offers command, control, communications and computer-based intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance products, force protection products, and radar and night vision systems. Thales has opened its own private lab at the O Mile Ex building.

MILA has also accepted 4.5 million dollars over three years from Google, which brings us to our next players in Montreal's AI industry: Hugo Larochelle, Shibl Mourad, and Aaron Brindle. Hugo is Google's AI research director in Montreal and works at the Google Brain Lab, Shibl is the tech engineering director at Google's Montreal offices, and Aaron is responsible for communications at Google Canada. Google is planning to double its capacity to operate in Montreal by 2020, when they will move from their current offices at 1253 McGill College to a space twice the size at 425 Viger Street West.

Google has been providing AI technology for drone strike targeting to the Defense Department of the United States. Google tried to obscure this relationship by routing this collaboration through a northern Virginia tech company called ECS Federal. They use deep learning tools to help drone analysts interpret the vast array of image data from like Syria and Iraq.

Whether it's the US Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work talking about working with ECS/Google on algorithmic warfare designed to "accelerate [the Department of Defense's (DoD)] integration of big data and machine learning" and "turn the enormous volume of data available to DoD into actionable

intelligence and insights at speed," or Google devices normalizing the use of forensics like voiceprint, GPS location, search histories and preferences, and so much more, these kinds of developments and future Google projects should be recognized as what they are: tools of social control meant to reconfigure the way that capital flows and the world is governed. It is unclear which projects are being developed in Montreal specifically, but technological advances made in one field can easily be re-purposed and adapted to many other fields.

This arsenal of domination is being pushed forward by companies and people working here in Montreal. Such developments are being used internationally to police communities, silence dissent, and limit people's capacity to attack the exis-

Google, a subsidiary of Alphabet, is so ubiquitous that it has become part of our language as a verb. But behind its cool, friendly, 21st-century tech image lies a business model based on surveillance capitalism. Examples include:

"Since the beginning of 2017, Android phones have been collecting the addresses of nearby cellular towers—even when location services are disabled—and sending that data back to Google. The result is that Google, the unit of Alphabet behind Android, has access to data about individuals' locations and their movements that go far beyond [user's] expectation of privacy.

"In Toronto Google is part of the 'smart city' project. Its sister- company 'Side Walk Labs' is specialized on the matter. This cool name stands for a city where equipment can detect, analyze and collect data in real time, being present at every street corner, the military's fleet of drones in countries installed in the ground and attached to the sake of 'efficiency' or saving costs."

"Machines are increasingly making decisions that influence every aspect of our life. People are being turned into mere series of numbers: Who gets access to credit, right to board a plane, who gets killed by a drone. This is only possible through the harvesting of data by companies like Google."

(from FuckoffGoogle.de, website from the fight against Google in Ger-

All of the usual suspects are also very active in Montreal. For instance, Facebook's artificial intelligence research program or FAIR directed by Joelle Pineau is actively working on Internet of Things (IoT) projects, and Microsoft owned lab Maluuba specializes in deep learning and is trying to double its size by 2020 to have 80 engineers. Microsoft President Brad Smith "is excited to engage with faculties, students and the broader tech community in Montreal, which is becoming a global hub for AI research and innovation." Several lesser-known but similarly fucking huge companies are also working in Montreal. CGI is a company headquartered in Montreal with hundreds of offices worldwide. Founded in 1976 by Serge Godin and André Imbeau as an IT consulting firm, they soon began branching out into new markets and acquiring other companies. They have customers in a wide array of industries, with many in financial services, public safety (police forces), and defense. CGI also develops products and services for markets such as telecommunications, health, manufacturing, oil and gas, posts and logistics, retail and consumer services, transportation, and utilities. On their website, CGI says it works on developing deep learning, the Internet of Things, augmented reality, smart cities, and automated data analysis tools.

Another firm, Deloitte, has offices in Montreal, and has clients from San Diego to Buenos Aires to India. They are inspired by disturbing case studies in predictive policing and crowd-sourced walls . Everyone will be monitored, for the repression. Here are a few examples from their website:

"The 2011 riots in London were an incredibly chaotic time. There were more than 20,000 emergency calls to police, a 400 percent increase from a normal day; how much does insurance cost, who has the and almost 2,200 calls to the London Fire Brigade, which is 15 times the normal amount. To help catch those involved, the

London Metropolitan Police crowd sourced be mediated by interventions and include the identities of 2,880 suspects using a smart-phone application. The police asked citizens to download the Face Watch ID app and help identify the persons through images taken from CCTV footage. If an image was known to them, citizens entered the name or address of the person, which was sent to the police immediately and confidentially. This enabled the police to effectively apprehend suspects and led to

"In a city of over four million, and with a crime rate that rose in all categories in 2015, the Los Angeles Police Department knew that it needed to take action. To help tackle crime, Los Angeles piloted a new tool incorporating some of the top Smart Security thinking: PredPol. The mission of PredPol is simple: place officers at the right time and location to give them the best chance of preventing crime. The tool, which has been piloted in the Los Angeles and Santa Cruz police departments, uses three data points past type, place, and time of crime – to predict criminal behavior. These data points are fed into a unique algorithm, which incorporates criminal behavior patterns. Law enforcement then receive customized crime predictions, automatically generated for each shift in their jurisdiction. These predictions are highly specific and lay out the places, mapped to 500 by 500 feet squares, and times where crimes are most likely to occur. While still only a pilot, PredPol has already brought down property crimes by 13 percent in one of the divisions."

"Risk Assessment and Sentencing Tool or RAST is a sophisticated data analytics engine that helps classify offenders as low-, medium-, and high-risk and makes targeted sentencing recommendations based on a host of case-specific factors. The RAST canvasses large data repositories across multiple states and jurisdictions, accounting for both static and dynamic factors. Static factors are unchangeable circumstances related to crimes and offenders, such as offense type, current age, criminal history, and age at first arrest. Dynamic factors, sometimes called criminogenic factors, can

attitude, associates, substance use, and antisocial personality patterns. The RAST is more advanced and more useful to judges, juries, and parole boards in three specific ways. First, since the Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice administers it at the federal level, it relies on an exceptionally large, nationwide data set. Second, the data is continually reassessed for its predictive validity: It is reviewed ancharges being filed against 1,000 perpetra- nually to determine how often RAST correctly classifies offenders, accounts for static and dynamic factors, and makes effective sentencing decisions as measured by the rate of recidivism. Finally, RAST differs from traditional risk assessment tools because it takes into account more than answers to questionnaires. Static and dynamic factors are used in combination with specific, realtime data such as an offender's behavior and location.'

The Canadian Bar Association is also talking about implementing AI in the justice system here. Karim Benyekhlef, the expert on the matter, is responsible for the cyberjustice lab at UDM.

Fujitsu has also been making waves in the city. Montreal is planning to sign a 2-million-dollar contract with the Japanese company to make the city "smarter". Fujitsu is supposed to develop systems that will help direct traffic in order to improve emergency response time. The company would link all of the city's traffic cameras into a single network to analyze the flow of traffic in order to increase efficiency and monitor traffic.

So why are all of these institutions choosing Montreal? Partly because of ongoing research and a skilled workforce that was established over a decade ago, but also because of incentives created by the state. In September 2016, the Canada First Research Excellence Fund allocated \$84 million to McGill University for their Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives (HBHL) initiative and \$93.5 million to Université de Montréal for Optimization of Deep Learning and Knowledge Sharing (IVADO). In March 2017, \$40 million was allocated to Montreal from

the Government of Canada's \$125M Pan-Canadian AI Strategy, administered by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR). In spring 2017, \$100 million was allocated by the Quebec government for the creation of a province-wide cluster and institute for Artificial Intelligence. In March 2018, the Quebec government announced a grant of \$5 million toward the establishment of an international organization on artificial intelligence and \$10 million to NEXT.AI and CDL, initiatives of HEC Montreal, over the next five years. SCALE.AI, now partnered with NEXT. AI, is part of a new consortium that will form an international platform of logistical chains that integrate AI. In December 2018, the government of Canada gave 280 million dollars to this new giant managed by Hélène Desmarais, wife of Paul Desmarais - President of Power Corp. She is also executive president at IVADO.

### **Moving Forward**

This research on the network of AI players in Montreal is by no means complete. The list keeps getting longer and the scope of the industry is not about to stop expanding. Others can take this as a starting point and dig deeper.

Although the scope of these projects seems to be all-encompassing, odds are that a lot of the development and applications of these technologies are still in their infancy and quite vulnerable. However, the possibility that these projects will reach their completion in the near future is very likely. We like to think that through our actions, we can inspire others to attack these developments on which systems of domination and social control will increasingly depend. Through conversations and research, we can find the weaknesses of these architects of complacency, and strike.

- some individuals against authority

April 2019, Montreal // Tio'ti:ake



we're facing an existential threat. Experts no longer study how to prevent climate change, instead they discuss how we might mitigate its effects. We already know that everything is going to change. The question for 2019, for this generation, is: change towards what?

The vultures are already circling.

Corporations ask, "How can we profit?" Whether it's tapping new oil reserves under the melting glaciers or marketing a 'green' product to make us feel comforted, their goal is always profit.

Governments ask, "How do we stay in control?" Whether it's expanding surveillance programs, or encouraging 'democratic dialogue' so long as nothing gets out of hand, their goal is always to consolidate power. The most advanced governments today will do this in the name of combatting climate change. Here in Canada, the government isn't quite so sophisticated, and still pushes for massive expansions of fossil fuel infrastructure and mining projects, forcing them on indigenous people at the barrel of a gun if they can't be bought.

Politicians, including some aspiring

ones who call themselves 'activists,' ask how the growing fear and discontent might be exploited for personal gain. History clearly demonstrates that if we allow these people to lead our movements, they will pull the plug at precisely the moment that we become a real threat to the existing order. Those in power rely on funneling our rage towards dead ends. Let's get organized, but not behind politicians trying to sell us the latest  $Hope^{TM}$ .

We don't know exactly what a 'better world' could look like. But like you, we feel that we have to try. We don't want to just feel like we're on "the right side of for the cameras" kind of way. history," a narcissistic trap. We want to be effective, within an ethical framework that values freedom, autonomy and solidarity. Let's start taking seriously the idea we might actually have an impact. To that end, we propose a joyful, strategic, and fierce resistance that might include these ingredients:

Transformation, not reform. Capitalism is killing the planet. It is a system based on endless growth, and only serves the rich and powerful. No lifestyle change or government reform is going to

touch that. It's gotta go. Those in power will not simply be persuaded to change their ways and give up the wealth and power they have accumulated through centuries of patriarchy, colonial plunder, and mass exploitation.

The police stand in our way. Maybe you already hold your breath when a cop drives by. If not, remember that even the friendliest cops have to follow orders or get fired. Police are the violent defenders of this rotten system. To even make a dent, many people will have to break a lot of laws, and not just in the "arrest me

Let's build lives worth living. We're cynical, but we are not hopeless. When we refuse to resign and instead build lives worth living now, we see glimpses of a different future, and start to feel compelled to defend ourselves. We want collective lives rife with empathy, creativity, and openness.

Thank you, again, for showing up. This is the beginning of a long road, or maybe a tightrope. Let's walk it together, trying to avoid the traps that lay ahead.

some anarchists

### WTF Their March 15th and Ours!?

We're asking ourselves if we want to go to the March 15th climate dinners, they're dropping out of social demo. We tried to go to a reformist demo for the planet a couple months ago. It felt like crap. We've been in demos before where we weren't feeling it, where we didn't feel in our place (like in a union demo). But there it was really of an entirely different order. Like total incommunicability between our bodies and theirs (or something like that). Like, we didn't even feel like we were on the same side of the barricade.

The thing is, we came to realize, in that struggle there is no barricade what-

thout antagonism (moreover, it isn't a struggle). These citizens see themselves as all in agreement and all guilty (as is proper to citizenship, we might add). So we don't hold it against this movement that it isn't going far enough, as we reproach so regularly syndicalism's remaining eleit what it *prevents*, by mobilizing people as interior to the system, therefore amputating the negativity of their struggles. We take issue with it for spreading so widely the myth of entirely positive action, where "initiatives" are not corollaries of the destruction of that to which they claim to be alternatives.

That said, as weak as these foundaimpression that people seem to be *doing shit.* They're becoming zero-waste, they're coming collapse of the world it inhabits

sciences to go study agriculture in VIC-TORIAVILLE (?!?)

Maybe it doesn't only suck.

We ought to think through the fact that anxious anticipation in the face of the present environmental disaster is an affect widely shared by our generation. And ask ourselves why a certain atemporal anti-capitalism doesn't succeed in resonating with this affect. We should maybe consider our contemporaries' obsession with modifying their behaviors and individual lives not only as a variant of their obsession with the construction It's a struggle without conflict, wi- of their own personal identities, but also as the neoliberal disarming of a rage of which they've been dispossessed. To see the compulsive agitation around environmental concerns as not just another fashion, but as the system's last chance for channeling a panic that traverses our generation. A panic that we feel too, even ments of class struggle. We hold against if, when we think about it for more than 15 seconds, we deal with it by telling ourselves that capitalism is the problem.

the first time we learn whatever catastrophic statistics on climate change: it is felt, it circulates, it exists between us. The endless awareness campaigns targeting us don't set it off: they pacify it. Because it's indeed an unprecedented achievement tions appear to us, one really gets the in pacification that a generation that has been told since a very young age of the

In any case, this panic doesn't start

is not already in armed struggle.

Their March 15th and ours shouldn't prudently ignore one another. Because, you know, our infinite capacity for disinterest in what's going on outside of our milieus maybe isn't among our best qualities. Maybe, in fact, it's interesting that mainstream environmentalism is seeing the possibility for a certain offensivity opened up (offensivity that of course exists already in land defense struggles and among radical environmentalists).

Guys! We really don't want to be the 50 dumbasses just doing their annual March 15th demo, believing we're experimenting with the actions of their civil war, and not even able to feel concerned by the fact that people who have never gone on strike have begun saying that the climate is a structural question. How about we admit that environmental concerns are one of the rare things right now that are pushing people to make changes in their lives. Perhaps we shouldn't let this momentum pass us by completely, even if sometimes it seems driven solely by the winds of neoliberalism. We could work to return to it the conflictual dimension that should in all logic be its foundation.

The night of March 15th, we'll be happy to find ourselves amongst one another. But we've got to remember that when something really goes down, we're always the first to be surprised, so let's keep on the lookout for what could sur-

# **Open Letter to Climate Strikers**

Tirst of all, thank you. Thank you for you are here, with your body, along with planet, in ways that are far more complex giving a shit. For deciding that there so many others around the world. Today are futures worth fighting for, even when we have a chance to acknowledge that the future being imposed on us looks in- we are connected to each other and to

creasingly bleak. The good news is that the living and non-living beings on this or another prediction, reminds us that

and beautiful than any #hashtag could

Every few days, another horror story,

### FAQ

### What is Machine Learning?

Machine learning (ML) is a subset of artificial intelligence in the field of computer science that often uses statistical techniques to give computers the ability to "learn" with data, without being explicitly programmed. While ML is often described as a sub-discipline of AI, it's better to think of it as the current state-of-theart - it's the field of AI which today is showing the most promise at providing tools that industry and society can use.

### What is Deep Learning?

Deep learning is a particular subset of machine learning. While this branch of programming can become very complex, it started with a very simple question:

"If we want a computer system to act drill of an oil rig. The point is that data intelligently, why don't we model it after the human brain?" That one thought spawned many efforts in past decades to create algorithms that mimicked the way the human brain worked—and that could solve problems the way that humans did. Those efforts have yielded increasingly competent analysis tools that are used in many different fields.

### What is the Internet of Things?

The Internet of Things (IoT) comes down to the concept of connecting any device with an on/off switch to the Internet (and/ or to each other). This includes everything from cellphones, coffee makers, washing machines, headphones, lamps, wearable devices and almost anything else you can think of. This also applies to components of machines, for example a jet engine of an airplane or the

moves in a web of interconnected items to make everything 'smart'.

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#### Example:

You come home at night. Your smart home recognizes you, and automatically adjusts lighting, temperature, ambient sound. Your domestic items chatter among themselves. "What's up?", your computer asks your mobile phone, camera, and all your smart mobile devices, which provide it with daily data. Your smart fridge notes that you eat the last yogurt, and orders more immediately on the Internet.[...] A glance to one of your screens reassures you of your old mother who lives alone: the sensors securing her smart home do not report anything unusual about her blood pressure and medication consumption. She does not need help. In short, without you, your life unfolds just as it should. It's such a conve-

(IBM & the Society of Constraint)

# Banner Drop in Solidarity with Unist'ot'en

n the morning of March 14, at territory by the ar-7:34 AM at the intersection of Papineau and St-Grégoire streets, a banner with the writtings "Solidarity with Unist'ot'en" was erected on a viaduc.

This action is a symbolic gesture in relationship to the 15th of march, on this day two importants protests are to be held, the student protest in defense of climate and the protest against police brutality.

It is important to remember that day in and day out, native peoples find themselves everyday on the frontlines defending against environmental colonialism defended by the police and state institu-

On the 7th of January of this year, RCMP agents dismantled by force the access point Gidumt'en of the unsuceeded territory of the Wet'suwet'en nation, where is located the Unist'ot'en camp. The native peoples protecting the access point were brutally removed from their

med forces of the RCMP in order to allow the start of the construction work of the pipeline (Costal GasLink project) of the TransCanada company.

The Unist'ot'en camp, established on the Wet'suwet'en territory since 2009, is an important living environment, that holds a healing center by reconnection

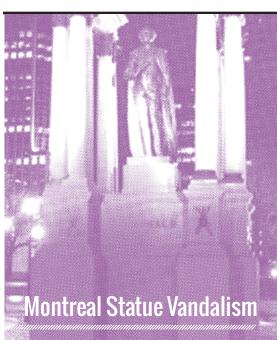
to the environment. One of the camps roles is to assure a presence on the territory in order to protect it from the many high-environmental-risk projects that are planned without the consent of the first-nation peoples. Up until now, the presence of the camp has lead to the abandonnement of many pipeline pro-

This banner drop is also a denouncing the hypocrisy of the Trudeau government. The prime minister feigns re-



conciliation with the first nations, while remaining silent when faced with the recent events in Unist'ot'en. Moreover, his support for the numerous environmentally damaging projects demonstrate an opportunistic immobilism that defies all logic in the current environmental crisis.

"The invasion of the Wet'suwet'en territory by TransCanada is but one example among many that proves the proximity between climate violence, police brutality and native struggles. This banner is a reminder of the convergence between theses struggles as well as a message of solidarity with the peoples who are currently fighting in Wet'suwet'en territories" cries a participant of this ac6 Anti-Fascism 11



March 17, 2019, 5am — At dawn today, on the International Day Against Racism, the racist and colonial John A. Macdonald Monument (1895) was again vandalized with paint.

This time, the #MacdonaldMustFall group in Montreal claims responsibility. Our action is undertaken in solidarity and support with worldwide actions and mobilizations against racism and fascism, including #UniteAgainstRacism demonstrations across Canada, coordinated by the Migrant Rights Network.

The vandalism this morning marks at least the sixth time that the Macdonald Monument has been vandalized in the past two years (previous actions, by our count, on November 12, 2017, June 27, 2018, August 17, 2018, October 7, 2018, and December 24, 2018).

The #MacdonaldMustFall group reminds the media: John A. Macdonald was a white supremacist. He directly contributed to the genocide of Indigenous peoples with the creation of the brutal residential schools system, as well as other measures meant to destroy native cultures and traditions. He was racist and hostile towards non-white minority groups in Canada, openly promoting the preservation of a so-called "Aryan" Canada. He passed laws to exclude people of Chinese origin. He was responsible for the hanging of Métis martyr Louis Riel.

Macdonald's statue belongs in a museum, not as a monument taking up public space in Montreal.

Macdonald statues should be removed from public space and instead placed in archives or museums, where they belong as historical artifacts. Public space should celebrate collective struggles for justice and liberation, not white supremacy and genocide.

March 24, 2019 — A landmark bronze statue to Queen Victoria, unveiled in 1900 and located on Sherbrooke Street at McGill University, was vandalized last night, in advance of the upcoming Demonstration Against Racism and Xenophobia.

Queen Victoria statues in Montreal were targeted at least three times last year: this past Christmas Eve by Santa's Rebel Elves, on Victoria Day by the Henri Paul Anti-Monarchy Brigade, and on St. Patrick's Day (2018) by the Delhi-Dublin Anti-Colonial Solidarity Brigade itself.

According to Séamus Singh of the Brigade: "This year we decided to wait one week after St. Patrick's Day, to better time our action with anti-racist organizing in Montreal." The Brigade emphasizes, however, that they are not involved directly or indirectly with the organization of today's important anti-racist march.

Lakshmi O'Leary, also a member of the Delhi-Dublin Anti-Colonial Solidarity Brigade, explained: "Actually, we had to spend a considerable amount of time to remove the thick plastic covering which has kept the statue hidden since December, when it was covered in red paint on Christmas Eve." She added: "We left the hood on Queen Victoria's face, since, if Irish and Indian anti-colonial rebels in the last century had their way, she would have been properly hanged for her crimes."

The Brigade asserts that the presence of Queen Victoria statues in Montreal are an insult to the self-determination and resistance struggles of oppressed peoples

worldwide, including Indigenous nations in North America (Turtle Island) and Oceania, as well as the peoples of Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, the Indian subcontinent, and everywhere the British Empire committed its atrocities.

The statues are also an insult to the legacy of revolt by Irish freedom fighters, and anti-colonial mutineers of British origin. The statues particularly deserve no public space in Quebec, where the Québecois were denigrated and marginalized by British racists acting in the name of the putrid monarchy represented by Oueen Victoria.

Queen Victoria's reign, which continues to be whitewashed in history books and in popular media, represented a massive expansion of the barbaric British Empire. Collectively her reign represents a criminal legacy of genocide, mass murder, torture, massacres, terror, forced famines, concentration camps, theft, cultural denigration, racism, and white supremacy. That legacy should be denounced and attacked.

Last night's action is motivated and inspired by movements worldwide that have targeted colonial and racist statues for vandalism and removal: Cornwallis in Halifax, John A. Macdonald in Kingston (Ontario) and Victoria (BC), the Rhodes Must Fall movement in South Africa, the resistance to racist Confederate monuments in the USA, and more.

In the words of another Delhi-Dublin Anti-Colonial Solidarity Brigade member, Udham Connolly: "Our action is a simple expression of anti-colonial and anti-imperialist solidarity, and we encourage others to undertake similar actions against racist monuments and symbols that should be in museums, not taking up our shared public spaces"

Séamus Singh concludes: "This time, however, we are not asking for this statue in particular to be taken down; as long as it remains vandalized with green paint, with Queen Victoria's head in a hood, it can stay up."

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of the bloc from the rest of the demo, leading the demonstration to continue but without most of the bloc. Since that confrontation, the cops have consistently kept their distance at major demos, testifying to the success of a combative demo culture. However, they are positioning themselves to go on the offensive very quickly after attacks have taken place, and we will need to continue responding to this change in strategy.

This year, the distribution of groups of anonymous and confrontational people throughout the demo appears to have prevented the isolation of the bloc from the rest of the demo. It also helped to mitigate the negative effects of dispersal attempts — having groups of people throughout the demo that are prepared to stick it out after tear gas and charges means that many others can build the confidence to do this as well. This year's

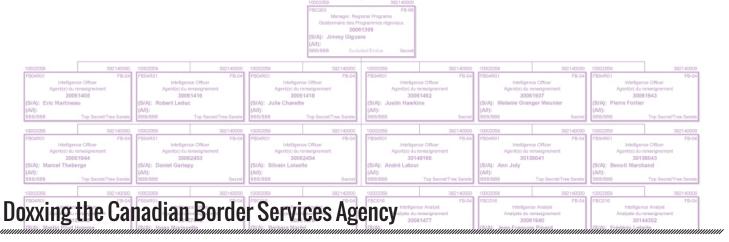
successful regroupment and the long continuation of the demo even after it had wreaked havoc on Lemay are testaments to this.

\*\*\*\*This year, we noticed a lot of people in the demo with cameras or filming with their phones. Filming and taking pictures puts people at risk, whether or not you're the mass media. Even if you don't intend to hand your footage to the cops or have the intention to blur out identifying features before you post your pictures, you might get arrested with information that incriminates others. A reminder: don't film in a demo, and don't be surprised if you get pushed out of the demo if you do.

The success of the demo's attack on Lemay was also an exciting development in the struggle against the migrant prison. Lemay has already been attacked multiple times in the past year (its condo projects have been attacked, and the building it is headquartered in had crickets released into it and all its locks destroyed as well), but these attacks have not been as public as this demonstration, and have presumably involved smaller groups of people. We are heartened by the strength and solidity of hundreds of people who stood and stayed together while this abhorrent architecture firm had its building fucked with in broad daylight. It's this kind of collective strength and daring that will continue to be necessary as the fight to prevent the construction of the prison heats up in the coming months.

Long live the uncontrollable demo! Long live the struggle against the migrant prison! Against borders and against prisons!

Fuck Lemay, happy May Day!



Like ICE in the United States, the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) operates a deportation force, tearing migrants away from their friends and loved ones on a daily basis in the name of a colonial nation-state's rule of law. Though brutal and well organized, this immigration enforcement system is not a faceless machine. The agents who carry out its vital functions have names and addresses, which is what concerns us today. Well, their names at least.

In advance of this year's No Borders May Day, below you will find the name of every member of the Enforcement

and Intelligence Division of the Quebec Operations Branch of the CBSA, categorized by job title. This information comes from the response to an access-to-information request that was published by the Twitter account @cdnati, to which we are unrelated. Those documents, linked on MTLCOUNTERINFO.ORG, contain the names of all CBSA employees across Canada. The organizational charts drawn from below are dated November 2017.

We hope this information serves as a resource for a diversity of projects opposing border enforcement. Whether a particular 'Inland Enforcement Officer' or

'Intelligence Analyst' is an active white supremacist, doesn't think much about politics and believes it's a job like any other, or feels shame and remorse about their work, their continued activity in the CBSA puts migrants and migrants' communities at risk.

It should come as no surprise that people will identify these agents and make it clear that their role in a violently racist and colonial system won't be tolerated.

Love & rage, anarchists

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## Migrant Prison: Nighttime Sabotage at Lemay Company Headquarters

n the night of April 14th, we paid and u-locking door handles together at in St. Henri to make a contribution to the struggle against the construction of a proposed new migrant prison, set to open in 2021 in Laval, QC. Lemay is a major architecture firm involved in designing the prison. We shut off access to the building by gluing all the locks, smashing the electronic sensors that permit access to the building by key cards, in the project.

a visit to Lemay's headquarters multiple entrances. The garage doors were blocked by a combination of spike strips and smoke bombs, which were rigged to go off if the garage doors opened. We assume that employees and company clients had a hard time accessing the building the next day, and hope they will continue to feel the effects of escalating actions against them and others involved

We want to stop this prison from happening. We want to undo the institutions of exclusion, confinement, and surveillance that uphold white supremacy and capitalism, and send our solidarity to all those struggling against the violence they depend on.

Let's shut it all down. No borders, no prisons.

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# Reportback from Montreal's May Day **Against Borders**

No Borders May Day, which gathered at 6:30pm at Square Cabot in the west end of downtown Montreal.

Shortly after the few-hundred strong group left the square, heading south on Atwater towards St Henri, a small black bloc at the rear of the demo took shape, shielded by a rear-facing banner reading "All Bosses are Bastards". Construction fencing, pylons, and other materials were dragged into the street, creating distance between the demo and the cops following behind. Flyers had been passed out at the departure point encouraging people to take both sides of the street and the sidewalks as an attempt to prevent cops from using the sidewalks to flank the demo. This largely worked, no side cops were able to take position.

The demo turned west on Notre-Dame and then north on Greene, heading towards the headquarters of Lemay, an architecture firm designing the proposed migrant prison. As the demo approached the building, a dumpster was lit on fire at the back of the demo and rolled backwards towards the bike cops trailing the demo, creating a bit of a buffer in the lead up to what was to come. At Lemay,



people attacked the building, breaking the large windows at the front and side of the building with rocks, billiard balls, and improvised battering rams. Paint bombs covered the facade on two sides of the building as well. Flyers were distributed explaining Lemay's role in the construction of the migrant prison.

Riot cops deployed, too late, in front of the Lemay building, and were met with rocks. They responded to the escalating situation with tear gas, and the demo turned north off of St-Jacques. Though the demo split and some people scattered due to the tear gas, minutes later two large groups met up on St-An-

toine, a major artery leading to a highway on-ramp — the dispersal attempt was unsuccessful! Marching against already backed-up traffic, the raucous group dragged garbage and recycling bins into the street, lighting some on fire. Though the group continued to thin out over the next 15 minutes, a sizable demo marched east on Notre-Dame, leaving graffiti in its wake, and defending itself with fireworks shot at the cops.

This May Day was a marked improvement from last year, when a confrontation between flanking sidewalk cops and a black bloc at the front of the demo two minutes after departure isolated most

# Migrant Prison: Excavation Company Loiselle's Offices Redecorated

The building facade of the excava-I tion company Loiselle, located at 280 Pie-XII Boulevard in Saint-Timothée, was redecorated. The words "NO TO THE MIGRANT PRISON" can be

We do not know the intentions of the vandals, but we know that a new prison for migrants is supposed to be constructed in Laval, and that this company received the contract for decontamination and excavation for this project. It's only logical that the companies involved in the construction of this prison would be targeted.

FUCK LOISELLE, FUCK THE CANADIAN BORDER SERVICES AGENCY, FUCK PRISONS. SOLI-DARITY WITH MIGRANTS WITH OR WITHOUT PAPERS





Much of the ground may be in a thick sheet of ice right now, and piles of snow have been growing around the construction site for the new migrant prison in Laval for weeks, but that doesn't mean the Canadian government isn't hard at work preparing the next stages of construction for this monstrosity, nor that we should turn our attention away until after the spring

Early in February, it became public that the bidding period for the General Contractor contract had opened for the project, and that there would be a site visit held on February 20th at 10am for all interested bidders. So, early in the morning on February 20th, a group of people gathered to take a bus out to the prisons and borders, as well as silhouette

construction site in Laval.

The group quickly made their way to the road leading to the security checkin for the bidders, and set up a picket, blocking the bidders' vehicles from getting to the site. People there to pick up loved ones from the neighbouring prisons were welcomed through, and responded in kind with cheers and honks of support for the demo. Those present loudly communicated the deplorable nature of the prison project, and registered to all those considering working on it that there would be people standing in the way of the project at every stage.

People shouted, banged pots and pans, and blew on horns for over an hour, and had banners and signs against

posters with the names of people deported in recent years. Company representatives present were personally called out, to let them know opponents of the project are aware of who they are. Some of the company representatives, sent by their bosses to attend the visit, expressed support for the demo following conversations with those in attendance. Over the course of an hour, most of the bidders had turned their cars around and left, accepting that they would not be allowed through. By 11am, an hour after the visit had been scheduled to begin, the group packed up their banners and left the area, leaving behind only a couple of cars – mostly Laval police.

