

MY HEART IS IN THE
WORK
- ANDREW CARNEGIE

I PUT MY HEART AND SOUL
INTO MY WORK, AND HAVE
LOST MY MIND IN THE PROCESS
- VINCENT VAN GOGH

A GOSPEL OF FILTH

AN ANARCHISTS OPEN LETTER TO THE MODERN STUDENT



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And what happens when you try to make a difference, when you try to carve out some sort of students group that'll change things? The system of CMU crushes students from making that change.

Even if it wasn't 2025, and our laws of legal free speech have been whittled down to nothing: it's also the students. Its either their international status or their lack of time or lack of goddamn interest, it makes CMU students the perfect protestors in that they don't protest in any meaningful way.

go beyond these systems that theyve given you that do no real change. you student group fucks act like revolutionaries, but use the jammed weapons that they gave you to fucking shoot!

If you wanna do something, to use your student voice to speak out, get your fucking rights back first! You use the tools that are connected to you to bite back, but youre still fucking muzzled.

Throw a brick in bloc, make some goddamn meaningful change beyond the system you've been given!

And to you, the student still reading. If i seem insane to you, a violent anarchist too far gone, with just a smidgen of truth in their statements, take this at least.

Im not asking you to drop out, to become a revolutionary and live in a squat; just recognize this culture you're a part of and for the love of god do anything, however small.

regain your autonomy from this system that crushes you, that forces you to burnout and slowly wither away your free time, because if not now, when? Throw a brick, tag a fucking wall, grow some fucking balls!



Life at CMU is the "serious college" environment, turned up to the fucking max.

The workload alone burns your ass, having you hop from class to class, to study session to office hours, and you're expected to ask for more, to beg for more of your time to be ripped away from you.

And what do we as students do? We do exactly that, overloading our schedules, begging for scraps. This culture is welcomed, we are constantly scouting for more jobs, more opportunities, more ways to get ahead in the rat race.

I've heard my classmates "make their peace" with the fact that they're gonna be designing the Child Killer 3000, saying that its just how it is. Its to be expected right?

I mean, we ARE at CMU; it's at its core a school for kids with their career planned out. And yeah, It would be perfectly fine to be a deplorable cog if both the college and us as students would just admit it.

But no, we pretend like we're above the system we critique; We take required ethics and capitalism classes, anthropology and peoples histories. In these classes, both the students and the professors never quite want to reach a point that snaps them out of this delusion of the capitalist fantasy of making a difference.

We sit in these classes talking of why we haven't had a workers revolution yet, how the system makes it impossible to keep going without conforming, how one day you will be crushed by the burnout and inevitability of it all; yet the discussions never get beyond that.

Hell, even the very next class after talking about a workers revolution a middleman at an AI company could come in, and you would drop all our high and mighty rhetoric to lick their boots for even the prospect of a job.

The professors refuse to facilitate any sort of impactful thought and the students refuse to even let such a thought form.

College makes you woke? fuck that! College makes you a complacent fucking liberal, it makes you understand the systems of your oppression while unmistakably linking it with ideas that make you complacent.

We talk ceaselessly on and on about how fucked the system is, but where does that take discussion? To "well that's it, you cant do anything about it," suck it up, work your job, but feel good about yourself because you understand it better then your contemporaries.

Andrew Carnegie
1835-1919
Founder and Benefactor
Carnegie Institute of Technology

"We're all capitalists," Scott? Fuck that, I'm not letting you take me!

The students at CMU who do have some semblance of consciousness refuse to do anything about it, they go on to do liberal forms of protest that have been instilled within them.

They yell at recruiters, put up flyers, paint their little school mandated fence and hope that it'll make a difference.

I say fuck that! Make some real goddamn change, whether it be in your community and building something beyond your career, or simply going beyond the little guard rails Farnam has placed on you.

He shuts down your little school mandated fence? Paint his goddamn steps! Republicans on campus talking about how you shouldn't be alive, punch the motherfuckers! Band the fuck together goddamn it, it pisses me the fuck off.

