

“The prefix eco, short for ecology, concerns the relationships between an organism and its environment, which is the ultimate concern of environmentalists.” - ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMISTS AND THE ECO-TERRORISM MOVEMENT by Chad Nilson and Tod Burke

The woods and forests give peace for people to think and contemplate things in a way that is difficult to do in a modern day city. The other places I saw just provided joy and allowed me to see the grace of God's creation that is the earth, it truly is God's country is something that I found myself saying a lot. This is about one man's romp through the woods and the idea that nature is good and industrialism is awful was born. Nature is inherently a beautiful thing to witness, the organic flow that combines all things in view as one. That's why it is an ecosystem and not a grouping of individual items. An ecosystem is a group as I have already come to, so this group and lets not forget that there are multiple groups in an ecosystem, groups in groups. These groups in my opinion matter more than the individual, be it companies, governments, and people just those who at times generally affect the ecosystem. This could be considered as an Eco-Facist policy (Eco-Fascism is the belief of an individual sacrificing themselves for the whole and the sacrifice of freedom for more structure and in the case of the “Eco” it is also for the protection of the environment), rightly so.

Eco-Fascists have been advocating for this for years, and the examples they give are extreme but they could be considered do-able. I would also much rather trust Pentti Linkola over a writer at “Teen Vogue” that studies drugs and marijuana. The reason I have such a trust for Pentti Linkola is what he has done and written about. He has written for years about the negative effects of humans in our environment, and he adheres to his ideas. He was not a writer by trade, he was a biologist in Finland and then going on to live a very down to earth life as a tracker of wildlife species and a fisherman. I admired this, his views felt very real and what he advocated for was something he was directly involved in, not something that he watched from the sidelines. A quote that reflects this well is from Industrial Society and its Consequences by Theodore J Kaczynski, “ but a minority of activists, many of whom do not even belong to any “oppressed” group but come from privileged strata of society.”. Linkola later went on to start a very respectable organization the Finnish Natural Heritage Foundation or “*Luonnonperintösäätiö*” this organization's goal is to preserve the forests of finland.

Should we allow these companies and governments with **no idea** of what they are destroying, to destroy what has been built thousands of years before the idea of them even started (by idea of them I mean the idea of a person, them being a generalization of humans). I and many others on all sides of the aisle say we stop these corporations and past and present these people have equipped radical extremism as their means of attack. Though the word radical may scare off people but are these people that we do not want, these are people scared to hold opinions strongly. Men and women that fear a view of life that we hold fast and strongly, withering husks that sit and collapse with the weight of their own sins and without the structural support of their opinions and views. They are fearful of things that are different from what they consider safe, the problem with staying safe is that nothing is changed within a short period of time or even a moderate period of time. The safe bureaucracy that has been going on for many

decades has slowed to a stop. There is no reason that this should be our system, we should be calling for dramatic replacement of these systems, it is the most pragmatic way of doing things.

I can stand on a hill or a mountain and I have, when I stand there I can either look out and see a world of vibrant colors and large majorities of green, or if I find a hill I can look out and observe gray cityscapes. These cityscapes are ready for our leaving and once we are gone they will decay, *because* these metropolises were not made for the actual world, they were made for a fake world consisting of fake substances and fake leaders. Completely artificial and grotesque with the damage done by the “advancement” of these cities, through industry and general destruction to make room for these places. Trees fall and grasses stomped out by these constructions, eco-terrorists that are planting spike-bombs on construction sites can only do so much damage, but what they do can do a lot of damage to the reputation of these groups. There is no winning in a situation of guerilla warfare against corporations and governments that lay waste to ecosystems, The popular opinion has to be swayed for any real world change. Look at the biggest figurehead Theodore J Kaczynski or better known as the Una-bomber who led a personal attack against industrialism using mail bombs to send to people like the president of united airlines, his creations struck fear through all the states in America. But, what did he really change besides his living arrangements?

But, enough on that whole rant what gives me my bias here is that I am a man that has walked through many of the American woods and natural spaces. From Texas to Montana to Washington, to Colorado, and then just passing through places like Utah where I saw massive pillars of rock rise from the ground and surpass the sky. Great arches that formed better than a lot of modern architecture, and expansive deserts that really magnified the scope of everything around how they just went on and on. In Washington I have seen up close the size of Mount Rainier and the sheer amount of undergrowth around every tree and forest, along with the cliffs. In the forests of Washington I walked a lot around them, and I thought a lot while walking about life and reason.

That is where my bias was formed, in the places that I am writing about. It is a beautiful place out there, the world that is, but other things helped form this bias of mine that wasn't just the world itself. Many writers like, Penetti Linkola, Bronze Age Pervert (a Pseudonym that the writer goes by), and Chuck Palahniuk, these made me appreciate a more down to earth lifestyle that revolves around nature and such things. These are truly my influences, I have been shaped into the person I am today because of all these variables. This type of stuff helped me get through problems that I was facing. I interconnect a lot of things under one broad umbrella that I like to call “health”, things like spending time out in nature, reading, working out, and having a sense of spirituality. In the end though, I don't agree outright with a party like the green party or a political group like PETA or another extremist group but I support them because I think they are going the right way.

- Ewan Sutherland

How lovely is the silence of growing things.

