

Forward to Eden



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A Guide to Hardline Viewpoints

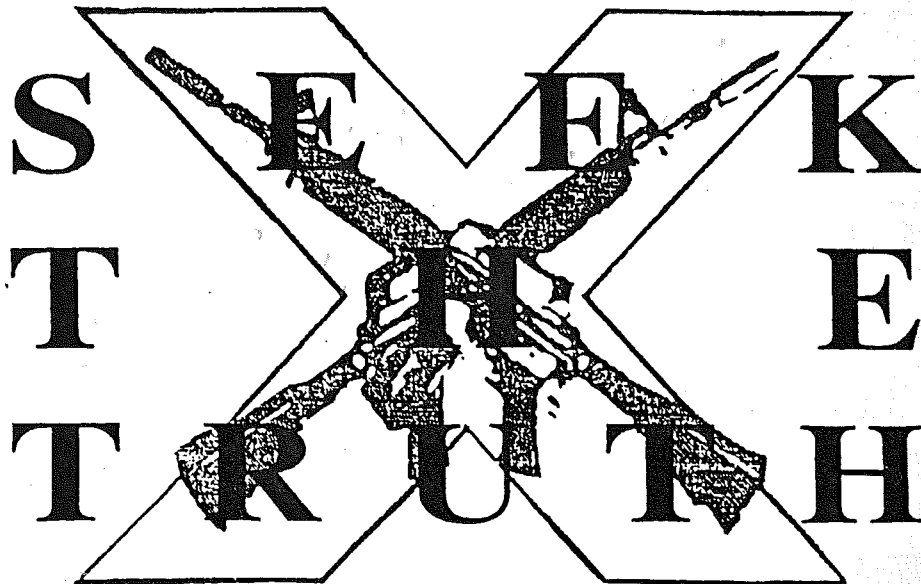
Upstate Hardline

Welcome to the Forward to Eden booklet. The purpose of this booklet is to help clear up any misconceptions of the Hardline ideology. In the early days of the Hardline movement, Vanguard magazine was created to be the backbone of the Hardline philosophy. The first issue of Vanguard is the Bible of a Hardliner's life. Adherents to the Hardline should know its' text well.

It is clear that many people claim allegiance with the Hardline movement, yet understand little except for the use of its' name. We hope that this booklet will clear up what Hardline believes in on many subjects. We have added certain subjects that were not directly dealt with by Vanguard and applied its' writing to these subjects.

Please enjoy and feel free to write us if you have any additional questions. -Upstate Hardline

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Purpose of the Movement

"The time has come for an ideology and for a movement that is both physically and morally strong enough, to battle the forces of evil that are destroying the Earth (and all life upon it)." - Vanguard #1

In the next few pages, we will see what makes up the philosophy behind this movement. Those who truly live the Hardline lifestyle are in a struggle to save nature and life as we know it from crumbling under the wheels of regression. It is clear that when one examines the effect human beings are having on our environment, that this battle is a struggle for our very existence itself.

In order to be truly strong, this movement must be free of contradiction and inconsistencies, pure and righteous, and not based on our own opinions, but based on the framework of natural living set by nature itself. This standard of living would not only emphasize an end to physical forms of oppression, but it would also expose the fact that these behaviors were manifestations of modern institutions and not a part of human instinct.

These modern institutions have destroyed ancient cultures and are slowly replacing them with the ideals of self-destruction which has sewn our demise. It is time to except the reality of our situation and fight by any means to ensure a victorious struggle.

Flaw of Single Issue Causes

Justice is an absolute. The greatest flaw of single issue causes is the tendency to base the concept of justice on personal selective ideals and morals. Hardline rises above failed attempts at selecting justice by human terms and lives by one ethic of non-interference.

"All innocent life is sacred, and must have the right to live out its natural state of existence in peace, without interference. This single ethic ensures that all life, from a fetus or a grown human (black, white, male, or female), to a non-human animal, or its habitat, is guaranteed equal rights, with liberty for all, regardless of someone's personal bias against them." - Vanguard #1

Under the ideals of Hardline, all will be permitted to do as they wish as long as their actions do not harm others. By creating a situation where one takes life of those around them, they forfeit their equality and are no longer considered innocent.

This is the ethic that Hardline adherents live by in their daily life. Abstinence from unnatural acts such as the eating of animal products.

drug use, and deviant sexual acts (and/or abortion) helps the Hardline activist maintain the level of purity needed for self-liberation. An activist must free themselves before attempting to liberate nature.

Status of Government:

"Hardline condemns both capitalism and communism which both see nature to be nothing more than a mass of resources for human consumption and exploitation. We denounce this modern society which was built on genocide, slavery, and eco-terrorism and perpetrates racism, sexism, and speciesism. We do not believe in any political ideology which has its roots in, and has risen from, the dominant western culture, be it left or right, offers no solutions to the world's problems." - Vanguard #1

Hardline is based on the system of living which out-dates all forms of modern governments. In addition to the fact that Hardline does not agree with the modern human's idea of "land ownership" - which modern nations are purely based upon. A Hardline adherent takes no pride in the fact that she or he were born between the borders of any such nation.

To have American pride for example, would be the same as having pride in the warped systems of patriarchy, speciesism, racism, and drug abuse that American culture encourages.

Patriarchy

Patriarchy is a system of male domination over women. Being a movement made up of all human beings fighting for the equality of all life in nature, we unite in the struggle against sexism. Besides the clear injustice of sexism, it deprives our movement of half of the ability and knowledge we have potential for. When in reality we need all the potential we can get our hands on.

These days, the models of womanhood are very open for discussion, with many women's organizations exploring woman's role in modern society and its need to break down its effects.

"Men, whose traditional masculine culture values stoicism, detachment, and control of others, can use their strength to uproot those values and to build a culture that values empathy, altruism, and kinship with all others - regardless of sex, race, size, or species." - Jim Mason* from his book entitled Unnatural Order.

Veganism

It is well known fact that Hardline is a vegan movement. "With the knowledge that man was meant to be a herbivore and that the importance of this reality, proves the drastic consequences to the environment

man's meat based diet has caused." - Vanguard #1

A Hardline adherent should always attempt to purify their diet by cutting out chemically refined and processed foods such as bleached flour and rice, refined sugars and fructoses, all artificial colors and flavors, and all man-made preservatives.

Spirituality

"Hardline recognizes that what is born is born to another, and that all life on Earth and the natural order around which is meant to revolve spring forth from root higher power. With that acknowledgment, we also understand that each people, according to their situation and experiences will have different conceptualizations of what power is. Some may call it God, others a Lifeforce, and others still, perhaps just life of nature." - Vanguard #1

Hardline looks to the dawn of human existence for answers to modern day problems. We realize that prophets have come from many different cultures and periods of history. "We embrace the truth from where ever it reveals itself." - Vanguard #1

Sexuality

"Intercourse exists for procreation. That is to say it came into being for that purpose alone. The pleasurable component of sex, the natural attraction between man and woman and the instinctual drive to engage in sexual activity, are to ensure the continuing of the cycle of life." - Vanguard #1

As vegans, we have seen the destructive effects of making important decisions governed by pleasure alone. It is clear that when one makes the decision to eat animal products, it is a choice of taste. For pleasure, people eat food that is appealing, yet, harms them in the end.

The purpose of eating is not for pleasure, but to fuel the body. The purpose of sex is also not pleasure, but procreation. The pleasure ensures that we continue to reproduce, while food is pleasuring for the same reason. When we stray too far from the purpose behind our actions is when we see the consequences.

This doesn't mean Hardline is against sex. "Sexual attraction to other species of animals, prepubescent children, and members of the same sex are obvious deviations from that natural order of things where sex exists within a framework of the lifecycle." - Vanguard #1

Many experts agree that culture has caused sexual deviation. Bio-

logical anthropologist John Relethford noted, "Although the actual basis of our sexual drive is biological, the ways in which we express it are shaped by behaviors we have learned."

Violence

Hardline does not view violence to be good or bad. Violence, like any tool, can be used for either. A lot of the time, people assume because of our stance on animals and abortion that Hardline condemns violence. That is incorrect however. Hardline merely condemns injustice, not violence. For example, fire can be used to keep warm, but it can also be used to burn someone's house down.

Violence can be used to rape or murder the innocent or to hand out punishment as a part of direct action against animal oppressors. The warning has been given, those who destroy the Earth must be stopped. All life on the planet is at stake. Hardline activists will fight by any means to ensure survival. That violence is purely defensive violence.

Abortion

"What we have now is a situation where modern man decides to overcome nature and harness the sexual act for purely its pleasurable aspect with birth control made from chemicals and hormones. Then, when such things fail and nature triumphs despite mankind's best attempts to suppress it - mankind again tries to circumvent nature by using techno-medical industry to snuff out the unwanted natural by-product of sex: the child." - Vanguard #2

There is no such thing as a "safe" and legal abortion. Like most other unnecessary modern medical treatments, it's harsh on the body. Thousands of women are injured every year during abortions. What most people (pro-life or pro-choice) forget during arguments on this issue is that most pregnancies occur as a result of sexual intercourse between consenting partners. And although it does occur, it is very rare that pregnancy occurs after rape.

Hardline believes in dealing with prevention so that these pregnancies never occur in the first place. Many feel their sexuality is threatened by this, but all through this text, Hardline calls for major transformations in society. This is a great inconvenience to those who remain sexually active. But convenience is not more important than innocent life. The fetus is not a parasite or a tumor, it is a human life from the moment its DNA is formed - deserves a chance to be born.

To get involved

If you live in a city that already has a Hardline chapter, write and ask how you can become more involved. If there is no existing Hardline chapter in your area, now is the perfect time to start one. You will want a post office box for security reasons. Once you've done that, you can start reproducing Hardline literature in your own town! To a victorious struggle! -Upstate Hardline

*Hardline does not agree with every viewpoint that Jim Mason expresses in "Unnatural Order", but does agree on most subjects.

Book list

This is a list of books that are good sources of information if you're interested in Hardline. Of course these books are not written by Hardline activists, but if you are really interested, please write your nearest Hardline chapter for a list of materials.

Philosophy

Unnatural Order by Jim Mason

Environmental defense

Confessions of an Eco-Warrior by Dave Foreman

Ecodefense by Dave Foreman

Eco-Warriors by Rik Scarce*

Dwellers in the Land by Kirkpatrick Sale

Abortion

Firestorm by Mark Crutcher

Militant animal defense

Declaration of War by Screaming Wolf

Free the Animals by Ingrid Newkirk

Health foods and herbal medicines

Back to Eden by Jethro Kloss

Web That Has No Weaver by Ted J. Kaptchuk

*Rik Scarce went to jail for not giving away his source of information for the ALF in this book