

However, the idea of dealing with cops violence by muting every kind of conflict action on the spot and stopping anyone who doesn't want to passively suffer (as it happened at Witchtek in Modena in 2022), creates a hierarchy between those who organize the party and those who attend the party.

The rave party is an illegal action, so it inherently involves forms of conflict against the authority. We don't want to justify ourselves to the State, we don't want to get any legitimacy, we want to reiterate our eternal hostility to this reality made of exploitation and oppression.

Because a society that abolishes every kind of adventure makes the destruction of that society the only possible adventure.

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FREE CRIME IS NOT A PARTY

LET'S BREAK THE CHAINS OF REPRESSION

It was the 10th October 2022 when the new government, led by Giorgia Meloni, issued the so-called "anti-rave decree", converted into law after few months. Driven by general outrage of politicians and media responding to Witchtek in Modena, the decree aims to "fight illegal gatherings" and introduce a new crime, ruled from art. 633-bis: buildings and land trespassing with public health and safety endangering. This crime is punished with detention from 3 to 6 years and with a fine from 1.000 to 10.000 euro, including sound systems and equipments seizure.

The repression of free parties is the most folkloristic part of this decree to feed to the electorate. To understand its real purpose, removing every kind of dissent for its own sake, we need to remember that this decree is introducing new measures that also rule over life sentences: if you don't cooperate with justice, meaning snitching someone else, it will be really hard for you to get parole, premium permits or probation.

In last months we saw in Italy a repressive escalation that, on behalf of a crazy vigilantism, took a real witch hunt against those who have always been pointed out as public enemies on the agenda - ravers, immigrants, ecologists, anarchists - with laws made with the specific purpose to affect these individualities and their actions.

The State that makes war against free parties is the same State that daily lets people die in jails or at sea, the same State that daily tortures and abuses those kept inside prisons and immigrants detention centers - as some prisoners pointed out with their hunger strike against the torturous regime called 41 bis.

It's the same State that deploys police forces to defend factories, beating those who choose to strike to get better work

conditions. It's the same State that would like to bury alive our comrades with court rulings and jail time.

Everytime that a form of conflict or an attempt to overthrow the existing order gets expressed, the repression hits hard. That's why we believe that the fight against the anti-rave decree shouldn't be an isolated fight, but should be part of a bigger frame that can unveil the State's attempt to discipline its subjects - a State that tries to annihilate every kind of direct action - and the intersection of fights - the one against 41 bis, against the TAV, against military bases and big infrastructures.

That's why we believe it's important not to delegitimize the subversive power of free parties, not to relate to and negotiate with cops, not to justify our actions saying that "we are not doing anything wrong" or that "we are not criminals". Our position is not neutral: even the party is a time of conflict. Cops arriving don't end the party! There are different ways to face them other than retreat: if we believe by default in their invincibility, we lose already.

An honest communication and real support between party souls could allow us to find the best solution for every scenario. We believe that's important to avoid the general runaway and to not leave alone the crews, and the crews shouldn't think they are the only subjectivities to have a say on how to deal with the situation.

We understand the risk and the fear of losing thousands of euros of equipment: that should be kept in mind by all those present at the party.