

NEET Manifesto

Inspired by The Gooner Manifesto

Introduction

Every day you wake up, puritanical capitalism dictates an absolute interest: make money, be productive, serve the boss-class through wage slavery, be polite, don't cause fuss. A king on high taps his scepter, commanding what you should value and sacrifice for. Will you let him script your ecstasy? Have you handed your desire to the state and its apparatchiks? Somewhere in a basement, a goblin hunches in a multi-monitor NEET cave. They've smeared those "objective puritan morals" beneath ramen wrappers and half-finished JRPG mods. They are free—the NEET seizes liberation today.

NEET-hood, in its classical form, is wholesale commitment to protracted leisure. Through the skillful application of perpetual idling—oscillating between "almost looking for work" and "nah" triggers like long YouTube essays and twelve-hour gaming sessions—a NEET enters supra-natural bliss where the capitalist fetishes for productivity, efficiency, and profit simply fizzle. "Anti-social"? No: it's a rational riposte to capitalist alienation. Everyone's already squirrelled into isolated cubicles; NEET-hood is the personal revolt that values interest for its own sake. It is egoistic revolution made manifest.

Don't be duped:

"Duped egoism consists in the belief in an absolute interest, which does not spring from the individual... but arises imperiously against him, an 'eternal' interest." [1]

Be ever watchful that you're not sold a metaphysical trinket for happiness. Joy appears only when you chase your own interest, not the state's shiny bauble. Reject the universe proffered by puritanism; craft your own world.

NEET-hood births a new reality—a NEET-verse—where the only god is the god of individual desire, in direct rejection of puritan "objective truth" that "is uninteresting, because there is no consideration in it for you or your interest." [1] Leftist martyrs who swap church for socialist state still chain leisure to some higher plan. In both, idleness is shackled to "objective duty." Remember:

"The interesting can only be interesting through your interest... what is interesting despite you is an uninteresting thing." [1]

Therefore seize your interest, pad out the NEET cave, and stop minting capitalist value. Kill the keeper of commodity production; starve the consumer they want you to be.

Some will protest that games, anime, and media remain capitalist products. Yet most of this culture lives in the shadow-economy: torrents, fan-sub, cracked executables, Patreon pennies to indie devs. Media consumption leaks, screams, thrashes its way out of neatly priced models. The bedroom becomes a hotbed for pirate syndicates and queer hacker co-ops.

Cries of "screen-time addiction" telegraph anxiety over God and Country. Self-diagnosed media junkies don't actually binge more than the average worker doom-scrolls commuting [2]; they're flagellating themselves for disloyalty to productivity. The state cultivates perpetual dread about any enjoyment that dodges the cash-register. The NEET strives for freedom from capitalist drive—a wholesale rejection of commodity production in favor of perpetual personal pleasure.

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Cast off the shackles telling you to “touch grass” so you’ll be fit for the next shift. Torch the time-clock you locked your life to. Jump off the hamster wheel of building yet another disposable widget, writing code that hires more wage-thralls, or serving latte #1792343 to consumption unit #197239. Leap into the NEET cave; sculpt reality until it’s actually worth inhabiting. Stop genuflecting before capital’s altar, that self-important idol of “objective desire.” Piss on the edifice of constructed hunger designed to keep you on your knees. Become a NEET—become free.

Inspired by the style, spirit, and thematic elements of The Gooner Manifesto.
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References:

- [1] Max Stirner, *The Ego and Its Own* (1844)
- [2] Statistical observations from media usage patterns.