

Is making demands or progressing against dominant paradigms violent? The answer hinges upon examination of the legitimacy of what is demanded or progressed towards. Worthwhile demands one group makes should be included as goals for other movements. Solidarity helps everybody by networking and providing needed perspective.

Dogmatic non-violence, however, is a privilege, a luxury, which hasn't done the job in today's political landscape. Many idealist organizers want non-violence while consuming dead animals that suffered their entire lives in factory farms. Silent complicity with the world's most invasive empire in history that provides cheap gasoline also makes preaching sound hollow.

The passive nod to racist American law enforcement that imprisons more people per capita, about half of whose only crime is against themselves (use of drugs and/or being prostitutes), seals the hypocrisy.

Animal abuse, militarism and the prison industrial complex are not problems that will go away without attacking violently anything that threatens them. Are those who cause unnecessary suffering and death by their inaction willing to risk their good fortune for truly noble causes? This we should ask ourselves.

Lord Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita* calms our inner conflicts and fears: "The Eternal in man (Ataman) can neither kill nor die."

David Ivan Piccioni
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STOCKHOLM SYNDROME

"The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses."

That is a quote by Malcolm X — decades before "alternative facts" and Donald Trump.

Malcolm X also said: "If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

Years ago, I plied Mom with "alternative facts." Mom returned fire with alternative toothpaste, called soap.

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NOT SO SMART METERS

I learned from an EWEB board member that they've finished installing all the collectors/transmitters that are needed for a major Smart Meters rollout, and have

already installed at least 200 of them on "non-residences."

He made note that EWEB was using the "opt in" option for permission to install these, because this was the only concession that citizens won in two years fighting for some public discussion about the issues! To this day, not one word in EWEB's Newsletters about any aspect of this very controversial \$26 million program!

EWEB has not spelled out how often different meters transmit, at what frequencies, power outputs, locations of collectors, etc. EWEB is a public entity and must be accountable to the public!

Hundreds of thousands of these meters have been removed in California in two major class-action lawsuits, in other states, and banned in some countries after massive rollouts because of unexplained structural fires, many health issues, and exorbitant customer bills after installation. This is the same radiation as 5g wi-fi, but on steroids. "Collectors" might be right outside your bedroom wall right now! You have the option of turning your phone off. Not so, with smart meters!

There is also the question of security and hacking as your meters and smart appliances spy on you, selling data to whoever wants it! Please, get online and check out the thousands of pages of horror stories related to Smart Meters, before you opt-In to this EWEB program.

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DON THE CON

Don the Con finally appeared on TV To show his people how honest he would be, Once he got hold of our democracy. He stood next to and pointed at a pile stacked high and deep, His "proof" that no one was allowed to peep.

Those with open eyes could clearly see A mountain of unmarked folders, Upon which his lawyer gave her best, To convince our nation that he passed the test.

But alas, we now know Like everything else he claims to be, Don the Con is just a poorly made for TV Reality show, Which he will cancel once he's taken enough of our dough.

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