

On the text "Attack on Lützerath on 24.2.22 and what must follow now" from 25.2. from the blog "Anarchists in Lützerath" we received some reactions and criticism. This text "Attack on Lützerath" was written by single persons and does not speak for the whole occupation in Lützerath and also not for all anarchists* living in Lützerath. Anarchists in Lützerath is a loose association of people who make their thoughts about the resistance in Lützerath public to initiate debates and to learn from each other. The Wednesday before last, some anarchists* got together and talked about the text from 25.2. Not all of them felt addressed by the text, others only partially, and there were various opinions that the text triggered, such as the topic of how to deal with fear.

As people who feel responsible for the text and the blog, we have noticed and respected the criticism. The reflection on problematic passages will be made public on this blog. Despite some places with which some people are very dissatisfied, the text remains online, because it must also be made visible when mistakes are made.

We are currently in a process. The 24.2. and the following disputes have taken a lot out of us. We had hoped to contribute a part to the community in and around Lützerath to grow together after the attack of the cops and to prepare stronger for the future. Instead, there was a lack of solidarity and division. We have to counteract these, because they make us weak as a movement and are created by the cops, so that we don't represent a big opponent in an eviction attempt. The Hambacher Forst has shown that if we all act together several 10.000 people can come together and this is also important in Lützerath. We will have our say in the next few days with a further contribution.

Now follow some text passages and the criticism collected in addition in each case.

Text passage:

In addition, Saturday was the second anniversary of the right-wing extremist attack in Hanau. (Solidarity with all BIPoC! - Fire and flame the racist system!).

Criticism of it:

- Hanau is instrumentalized and inserted so briefly and in a subordinate clause and is regarded as if it had been only a police problem. But Hanau also happened because of a racist system that has anchored racism and right-wing extremism so deeply in society that it makes terror attacks possible in the first place. Of this racist system we are also a part and cannot see the blame for Hanau only with the police.
- The first paragraph builds mood: it was understood that the anger because of Hanau was taken as justification for violence towards the police. Taking Hanau as a justification for violence towards the police is racist and presumptuous, as white people cannot personally comprehend what pain Hanau causes those affected by racism, as they are precisely not affected by it.

Text passage:

(Yes, we mean both of you, you damn assaulting toxic men! Dare to come here and you won't go anywhere!).

Krtik on this:

- This sentence was understood by some people as a death threat and thus contradicts the principles of Täter*innen-Arbeit, since people can change and should not be punished for their behavior. However, we also want to encourage people affected by sexualized violence, trans* and inter* hostility and sexism to defend themselves against mackers and assaulted people and not just remain passive.

Text passage:

Fear changed sides that day - that gives us hope and strength for the struggles to come.

Criticism:

- It appeared to some people as if the action wanted to spread fear, which they personally rejected in principle.

- The whole paragraph seemed to glorify violence and ignores the fact that people in Lützi were also afraid of the people involved and that not only the police were afraid. It would have been nice to have this perspective as well and to acknowledge exactly this fear as well.

- But it is also important to accept that in the climate movement, fear is a constant companion (for example, of climate change, cops, violence) and that this can also cause a lot of emotions in people.

Text passage:

THW... we have not forgotten the Danni and now know you as an enemy and a target!

Criticism to it:

- The THW as "enemy and target" is a crass formulation, of course it is necessary to criticize the cooperation of the THW in evictions, but the question is also whether it is possible for them to refuse cooperation at all.

Text passage:

Expressions of solidarity in all directions.

Criticism:

- could have been done differently, even if it was meant as "even if there is a lot going on right now, we won't forget you and your struggles".

Text passage:

At this point we want to explicitly invite FLINTA*s and BIPoC. You are welcome here and we want to lead the struggles with you as brothers and sisters and live together!

Criticism:

- Explicitly inviting BiPOC and FINTA*s is unnecessary. Instead of just saying people are welcome, people should show that. The statement gave some people the feeling of being treated as a symbol/picture to show how open Lützi is instead of really working to make this place safe(er) for FLINTA and BIPOC.

In conclusion, the text is very emotional and written after a very upsetting day and is more like a diary entry or a collection of feelings and thoughts. The text does not speak for everyone, but only reflects what individuals experienced on that day.

We want to be part of a solidary process and defend Lützerath together with all people who relate to Lützerath and forms of action!

Anarchists in Lützerath on 12.03.22