

# WEBSITES

The following resources represent a selection of starting points for finding information about dystopian literature, political movements, activism opportunities, and current radical thought.

## Solidarity <http://www.solidarity-us.org/>

*A democratic, revolutionary socialist, feminist, anti-racist organization*

A U.S.-based organization, Solidarity incorporates a number of political philosophies and engages in activism in a variety of political and social arenas in the United States and internationally. In addition to information about the organization itself, the website includes well-researched articles about current events, information about joining activist causes, and pamphlets about socialist thought. Finally, Solidarity's journal *Against the Current* is available on the website. Overall, the organization's website is an accessible source for international news, activism opportunities, and information about socialist thought in the United States.



## Rage Against the Machine

<http://www.ratm.com/>

This is the official site for the now-defunct rock band known for its expression of “left-wing” political views and support of radical action. Although the site is primarily focused on information about the band and therefore is not particularly current, it does include a great list of links to activist organizations and as well as an extensive list of suggested reading for radical thinkers.



## Exploring Dystopia

<http://hem.passagen.se/replikant/>



Exploring Dystopia is an extensive fansite that is dedicated to dystopian fiction in various media. Although it is not officially “scholarly,” it provides comprehensive lists of dystopian works along with useful definitions, literary analyses, and discussions related to dystopian themes. The site is no longer being updated, but its insightful commentary, useful bibliographies, and related web links make this a great starting point for the study of dystopian literature.

## Infoshop.org <http://www.infoshop.org/>

*Kill capitalism before it kills you!*

Infoshop.org acts as an online infoshop, a term for anarchist information distribution and social centres. The website hosts a number of portals arranged by theme, such as “anti-war,” “radical-green,” and “activism.” News and feature articles, forums, reading recommendations, and annotated links round out the content. The youth-centred section of the site has a number of useful links and news stories, but unfortunately the links to other feature content is out of date and contains broken links. The “Anarchist FAQ” is also a useful resource that provides extensive background information on the political ideas espoused on the site. Available in several western European languages.



ZNet <http://www.zmag.org/>

*A community of people committed to social change*

*The spirit of resistance lives*



ZNet is an umbrella site for a vast amount of resources related to social change, resistance to oppression, and political action. More specifically, the site contains news stories, links to influential blogs, profiles of writers and activists, “watches” on current global events, essays and resources on relevant issues and political theories, and links to related initiatives. *Z Magazine*, published monthly in print and online, contains articles with a political focus about news and culture. Finally, ZNet Interactive promotes participation in the online community through such features as discussion forums, artwork contributions, pen pals, music and song lyrics listings, calendars, photos, polls, and listings of protests and activist events around the world (co-hosted with Protest.Net). Overall, the site is a content-rich resource for many aspects of progressive political thought and social activism.

**I am a fanatic lover of liberty, considering it as the unique condition under which intelligence, dignity and human happiness can develop and grow.**  
- Mikhail Bakunin

## Refuse & Resist!

<http://www.refuseandresist.org/>

*Refuse & Resist is the organization for everyone who refuses to go along with today's national agenda of repression and cruelty, poverty and punishment.*

Refuse & Resist! is the official website of the U.S.-based organization of the same name. The site features information and news stories grouped by theme about activist causes, primarily in the areas of human and civil rights. Also of interest is the subsite devoted to the Artists Network, which describes itself as a “group of artists and arts presenters who create and promote art that contributes to a culture of resistance.” This link between entertainment and activism may prove particularly inspiring to young people.



## Plausible Futures Newsletter

<http://www.plausiblefutures.com/>



*News and analysis for future studies & scenario planning*

Dystopian literature often explores the ways in which advanced technology and oppressive social control can combine to create a terrifying future. Plausible Futures Newsletter reports on the real-life technologies that make dystopian fiction seem less fantastic. With topics ranging from nanotechnology to robots to social evolution to telepathy to secret military aircraft, this is a fascinating resource for sci-fi aficionados and all those are interested in—or troubled by—speculation about the future.