

A letter on self-restraint from the Unabomber

(lacking a heavy helping of comedic self-awareness)

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Both Deb and Susan were appalled at this remark, and for good reason. I and all the people I work with are firmly committed to the creation of an anti-tech organization that will operate by strictly legal means. Such an organization must carefully avoid all connection with illegal activities and must avoid even the appearance of illegality, otherwise, sooner or later, there would be arrests and the organization would be severely damaged if not destroyed altogether. Incitement of illegal action can itself be illegal; your remarks about Anders Breivik come perilously close to incitement of terrorism and therefore are totally unacceptable to our group.

I know why you wrote those remarks: You're very angry at the technological system, and rightly so. But anyone who wants to do serious anti-tech work has to be prudent and has to exercise self-restraint. If you just blurt out whatever your emotions lead you to say, then you're dangerous, you could seriously harm our group, therefore we can't afford to have anything to do with you.

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