

Against the Mainstream Media's Information Regime: The Experience of Radiazione.info, a Suggestion to Develop Alternative and Radical Information

Let leaf through a newspaper or switch on TV, just for a while, and realize yourself how mainstream media work a clear role in Italy itself, the more and more brazenly recruited by the bourgeoisie to promote its vision of the world keeping social control firmly in its hands. Whenever a mainstream media journalist deals with a struggle against occupation and imperialist war, both at the national and international level, clearly exhibits a willful perversion of facts and guilty silence. Indeed, under the increasing warning signs of war all over the world, as the Italian imperialists promptly jumped on NATO panzers, Italy turns into a wide border in war, housing a large number of military bases (both NATO and U.S.) and their incessant training in the surrounding area (for example, the "high visibility exercise" Trident Juncture 2015). In effect of it, the whole domestic policy moves in a war perspective. Thus we attend the growth of military spending rather than the acquisition and improvement of services such as healthcare and education, propaganda endlessly works on to justify new military campaigns in order to engage the whole country preventing international support to people, such as Palestinian, fighting the imperialist plans. Social and political spaces being gradually closed, and, on mainstream media, protesters being regularly named terrorists, that's it. The best-known example is how the Italian mainstream media manage the Palestinian struggle: Intifada, as well as ongoing occupation and oppression of Palestinian people, are totally concealed where short flashes light on breaking news such as the "Operation Cast Lead" and the "Operation Protective Edge" producing a twisted picture of the situation, misunderstanding reasons and purposes, and merely prostrated before the Brand Israel Campaign (Milan, Expo 2015), cleaning Zionist hands.

These are mainstream media, that's why we need to develop alternative, radical information by radical media, supporting people against oppression and exploitation. Radiazione.info rose over this project: give the voice to struggles all around the world, directly to people. We think the radio can be the right instrument to enhance and broadcast them. At the beginning it was just a laboratory where we verify the concrete possibilities to realize a web radio and we focused especially on two aspects: set up a group that can give continuity to the broadcast action and set up the radio itself, hardware and software, microphones, etc. To this laboratory join activists coming from different political experiences, workers and students, being a common purpose, through propaganda and radical information, the working-class unity as a fundamental struggle element. In this kind of lab experience, on

September 2012, Radiazione.info was born and started broadcasting: press reviews, live programs, interviews, podcasts and still it's slowly gathering new people. During its first year of activity, Radiazione.info succeeded in reaching many struggles all over Italy, increasing its contacts' list and new cooperations, even international ones, thus we decided to organize a three-days long debate on July 2013, as we did the followed year, 2014, and last summer too, collecting and connecting many voices in a single one. Simultaneously we felt necessary to strengthen an inner political debate to improve propaganda and quality in broadcasting, such as radio people share the radio project growing up together, week by week, talking, arguing, choosing. And an editorial unit appeared, where we can often exchange views and ideas, trying to share the same editorial line and a better timeliness to update and upgrade the radio action. Radiazione.info is not a container, a safe box, it's, rather, a structure, whose elements are the people involved in it, aware of what has been jointly established. The web radio instrument can offer much: a low-cost and easily reachable assembly of tools and devices, useful to a widespread broadcasting action, wherever you can find a web connection, there you can find us, and, furthermore, it's possible to listen to recorded tracks whenever you like it, actually, a message can be propagated, at will, in space and time. Moreover, a radio is a way to try and prove pure organization, as it implies a division of labour and both collective and individual empowerment, be update, open to comparison, be able to analyse reality, trying to understand its evolution and trends. Speaking through a microphone means you have to report, in a simple way, contents, which should not to be warped as they may reach a wide public and it actually happens when these contents are brought outside, in public events, conferences, etc.. It leads us to meet new people, groups, situations, struggles and, meanwhile, it reinforces longtime relationships. The radio has been and yet it is, so far, a meeting point, interchanging programs, old and new ones coming up alongside, bring people together in the same room, in rotation, presenting news, information, in-depth analyses, suggested readings, music.

Particularly, with regards to the Anti-Imperialism movement supporting Palestinian Resistance and its detained activists, we contribute as we can: from and about Palestine, in everyday press reviews program, we regularly update news, one weekly program is entirely dedicated to international news, often regarding Palestine with live interviews, public statements and whatever may support struggle and prisoners, follow-up programs are frequently proposed as well as books and papers helping us to demolish media lies. An extraordinary experience occurred during the

last Israel military operation in Gaza from which (and from West Bank also) we daily interviewed palestinian people who could explain the real situation media tried to hide away.

This is what so far enriched the all of us and yet we know our limitations could give rise to go beyond them within the radio experience. Thank you all for your attention, the whole conference organization, and we hope this radio experience could be useful to others and bring to us suggestions and ideas in the future. Greetings to you on the cry of "Victory to the Intifada!"

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