

So by now many humanitarian folks will have decided to be at the anti-war demo in London on Saturday. We all need to find active ways to withdraw our consent from the excesses of governments, but aren't these marches *boring*? Walking slowly through streets, politely reigned in by police so we cause no real disruption as we go to a rally where we can hear a bunch of people tell us why we're there. For fuck's sake we *know* why we're there, otherwise we wouldn't be there to hear them tell us!

Saturday promises to be a broad coalition of political affiliations, and as well as individuals and mainstream parties, we can expect to see many commie, red and pinko groups coming out of the political woodwork. So to make it more interesting, here's a game of I-Spy.

See, the thing with radicals is they love endless bickering among themselves about things that are incomprehensible to anyone outside the clique.

For instance, the Communist Party of Great Britain has split acrimoniously into two organisations with the same name (neither of them to be confused with the Communist Party of Britain, of course).

A way from the more authoritarian radicals, the two guys who ran Green Anarchist magazine have fallen out and now both publish two different magazines, both called Green Anarchist, each denouncing the other for reasons none of us out here can grasp.

The capitalists can get their shit together enough to be out of bed by 9am every day and find ways to organise things as big as multinational corporations. The workers can only manage one of these things, the anarchists neither of them. Frankly, perhaps the capitalists deserve to be running the world.

Anyway, here are some red factions and hallmarks. There's no anarchist ones because anarchist factions eschew party loyalty and so don't carry banners with their names on. Even if they did you'd never see more than one banner in the same place cos most "different" anarchist groups are actually the same 40 or so people, just in different meetings.

Score points, tally them up and see who gets the most. The winner gets life membership of the Judean People's Front.

SOCIALIST WATCHER	Have U-Spied?
Socialist Alliance (1 point) Low score due to the fact that these buggers are everywhere; anyone d think they were turning into a cohesive organisation or something.	
Socialist Workers Party (1) These buggers just <i>appear</i> to be everywhere, thanks to owning a printing press for placards.	
Socialist Women (15)	
Socialist Outlook (40)	
Socialist Party (5)	
Socialist Party Youth League (8)	
Socialist Appeal (25) Gotta love that 'appeal', such a desperate air of pleading and 'we're not dull, honest'.	
Socialist Youth Movement (15)	
Marxist Party (30)	
International Socialist Revolution (30)	
Spartacist League (25) Jesus, what do these guys want? Us all to be more spartan? Or to move to Sparta?	
Living Marxism (6)	
International Bolshevik Tendency (35) Great name, not a party or a movement, just a bit of a tendency. 'Bolshevik tendency', a paradox as good as video boxes that warn of 'mild horror'.	
Fight Racism Fight Imperialism (5)	
Scottish Socialist Party (8)	
Revolutionary Communist Group (10)	
International Communism (20)	
Communist Youth League (15)	
International Communist Current (25) Well, if every other lot have had 'party' and 'movement', you gotta come up with <i>something</i> . Not to be confused with an international communist currant.	
Communist Party of Great Britain (10) Either one will do: treble your points if you see both CPGBs having a scrap.	
Communist Party of Britain (15)	
Workers Power (5)	
Workers Hammer (15) Do you reckon there was an acrimonious split and somewhere there's a group called Workers Sickle?	
Workers Vanguard (20)	
Workers Liberty (25)	
BONUSES:	
Slogan whose first four words are 'one, two, three, four' (1)	
Slogan ending in 'we say fight back' (10) Treble points for changing it to 'hijack'	
Slogan blaming a whole war on one individual alone (3) not Bush/Blair: (10)	
Each donkey jacket (8)	
Each megaphone in use (10)	
Every megaphone mention of Thatcher or Thatcherism (5)	
Every megaphone 'Saddam Hussein's quite nice, really' apologist speech (10)	
Every megaphone 'the Taliban were quite nice, really' apologist speech (20)	