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Chapter 1 : Lawrence Murray, "Survival or Union: The European Question" | Counter-Currents Publishing

The Beatles' very first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show on February 9, was hailed by the American press as the "British Invasion" of rock and roll. Exactly two decades later, the British Invasion of American comics began when DC Comics published the twenty-first issue of its then flagging The Saga of the Swamp Thing title.

The underdog victory of the Brexit campaign in the British referendum on membership in the European Union EU against the forces of international finance, anti-nationalism, and the psychological terrorism wielded by neoliberal elites raises a number of questions for the alt-right and for White nationalists. The implications go well beyond the simple question of whether Britain should Leave or Remain—they matter for the global European population. But almost universally, our opponents are mortified by the uncucked reaction currently railing against their world order. The British are an ignorant and bigoted people who refuse to submit to the supremacy of cost-benefit analysis and have embraced xenophobia, hate, and nationalism, or so the narrative goes. The failure of imagination that dominates our enemies is unsurprising, and it is no coincidence that their entire worldview revolves around a neurotic fear of any expression of European ethnocentrism or nationalism. Tying it to WWII is of course a reference to the holocaust. In this article I want to lay out a number of issues: First, why the British people have made the right decision in rejecting the EU. Second, why the EU is an improper institution for European survival. Third, why the alternative to the EU is not inherently a chaotic Europe of fratricidal wars. And fourth, what I think the ideal future state ought to be. Brexit is the best option available and sets Britain on a path to reclaim its national sovereignty and control over immigration policy. The simple fact of the matter is that British membership in the EU meant the second largest economy in Europe had open borders with 27 ethnically, culturally, and economically disparate countries. Could Britain have tried to Anglicize some of these European immigrants American-style over several generations while keeping down the protectionist attitudes of its languishing indigenous working class? Maybe, but given the proximity to and freedom of movement with their ethnic homelands, EU migrants would never need to assimilate anyway since they could essentially live as bi-nationals or dual citizens. That of course is asking too much of the British state. Like its counterpart on the other side of the Atlantic, the United States, the United Kingdom does not believe in assimilating immigrants. Compounded with the existing anti-white multiculturalism policies which promote the political collectivism of non-whites, encouraging the assimilation of EU migrants while allowing other imported ethnic and religious colonies to germinate would be bizarrely contradictory aims. There was never any notion that Poles or Latvians should be made into Englishmen or British people, only that they should have freedom of movement in Britain. In the long-run, the result of an endless influx of foreigners is a foreign country. Which is why Britain is now in the awkward situation of having most non-whites residing there identify themselves as British first, while most English people, i. More EU immigration is certainly not going to alleviate this problem. But suppose there was an assimilation model in Britain which rather than celebrating diversity encouraged standardization towards an identity. Could there be a Britain where say a plurality of people are of mostly English descent while the combined majority are of some English descent with a grab-bag mixture of Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Polish, Lithuanian, Italian, Latvian and French ancestry? What would become of Britain? In the United States, the heterogeneous but still European stock of the majority population is the source of an ongoing—no, a perpetual—identity crisis. Once a state makes it official policy to rely on immigration for economic and demographic growth, the native population will find it increasingly difficult to politically resist. It is a death sentence in the long-run, and in a moment of rare clarity, the people of Cuck Island have blinked. They wish to maintain their distinctive character as a nation or properly speaking, national union, and have taken the only democratic opportunity made available. The gut reaction for White nationalists is that this must be worse, because it means immigration to Britain will be even more vibrant than before in terms of proportion, maybe even in raw numbers should the hostile of elite of Britain seek to make up for EU losses by increasing non-EU

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immigration. But this reflects an American sensibility toward migration, as the United States was founded through migration and relied heavily on both internal migration and external European immigration to settle a whole continent. There is nowhere in Europe, let alone Britain, that needs this kind of colonization mindset. Britain is not a settler-colonial society, and it does not need to import anyone. So yes, the immediate logical conclusion of Brexit is that immigration to Britain will now be a heavily non-white affair. But the alternative was continuing to undergo ethnic Americanization and racial minoritization at the same time, which is a recipe for disaster. One of the two valves has now theoretically been shut off. The left is entirely correct in pointing out that Brexit has unleashed a wave, or perhaps ridden a wave, of right-wing populism, nativism, nationalism, skepticism towards elite opinions, and opposition to globalism. And those are all very good things for ethnonationalism and the building of a folk state, and for the prospects of further immigration restrictions, deportations, and repatriations in Britain. This momentum is the kind of accelerationism sorely neededâ€”motion towards the future state we want, not away from it. The alternative to Leave, Remain, would mean business as usual, a complete victory for the neoliberal kosher establishment of Britain. Leave is the right move and sets more right moves in motion. The EU undermines the survival of European peoples through its commitment to anti-nationalism and encouraging mass migration from the global south. The EU is an improper institution for the survival of Europeans, plain and simple. We can see this very clearly in the anti-identitarian ideology propagandized by Brussels and its decades-running ambition to integrate Turkey into Europe. Turkey, an Islamic country with ethnic roots in Central Asia, made war upon Western civilization from the 11th century at Manzikert until the 20th at Gallipoli, and continues to occupy the European lands of Thrace and Cyprusâ€”and according to Greek ultra-nationalists, Anatolia as well. The country is both an enemy of Europe and an enlargement goal of the European Union, even though no one expects it to ascend to membership any time soon. Ascension talks should not be on the table at all, not merely delayed. Some argue Brexit could actually end the EU in the long-run anyway and render the issue moot. The Turkish government expects the population to be over 93 million by then. The ascension of Turkey would be happening at the same time as the graying of Europe and the reproduction of the existing non-white population, plus whatever new arrivals came over that year interval. So if Turkey did join the EU in this scenario, as eurocrats want it to, it would jump the needle further towards Europe becoming a non-white continent. Freedom of movement for almost a hundred million Turks in an already degenerated EUâ€”steroids for our enemies. Members of the European community waging jihad against Greece. The German government has called for all of these in one form or another since the s, having invited millions of Muslim Turkish laborers a couple of generations ago who cannot assimilate, and last year called for all of Syria to invade it. The French Republic, where nearly a third of all births in hospitals are non-white, has a similar dissonance in supporting its own ethnic disintegration while having historically supported ethnonationalism for its former colonies. The EU is not the origin of degeneracy or anti-nationalism in Europe, but it serves an institutional weight behind those forces, lending legal, logistical, and financial support to programs aimed to speed them up and suppress dissidents. What I said earlier about Britain applies to the collective EU as well, which has no real ideological disagreements with the British state beyond economics and regulatory compliance: Once a state makes it official policy to rely on immigration for economic and demographic growth, the native population will find it increasingly hard to politically resist. It is a death sentence in the long-run. Another huge problem with the EU, in addition to both its constituent countries and diversity-fetish ideology being cuckolded, is that of its top-level leadership. The fourth reich is dominated by Germans with a Nazi guilt complex who want to project it on to the rest of the EU. The self-flagellating pursuit of multiculturalism and the minoritization of Europeans serves to signal a perverse moral superiority. That so many think they have to conform to this is the result of decades of psychological abuse, reinforced by the continued existence of the EU, which defines itself in opposition to European nationhood. The national leadership is diseased and the supranational terminally ill. The only healthy response would have been warships, not rescue boats. In any debate, always look at who supports what, not merely the arguments made. Make no mistake, the EU is a threat to Europeans. As a

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geographic expression, Europe will survive the European Union. But Europeans will not. How long before Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, and Brussels have their first Sadiq Khans and the demographics needed to elect him? How long before that radiates into the second- and third-tier cities? The EU will follow the logical conclusion of its own rhetoric; it has no reason not to unless it is forced to stop. The alternative to the EU is not inherently a chaotic Europe of fratricidal wars—this is a false dichotomy created by the Luegenpresse to intimidate people into backing the EU for their safety. That some on our side seem to buy into this is unfortunate. Even if nationalism meant an immediate return to early 20th century-style warfare, someone would win those wars and survive, as opposed to all of Europe being slow-cleansed under an anti-national occupation government. A grim reminder of race suicide. But nationalism in the 21st century does not mean fratricidal total war. To assume so is an act of context denial, and above all a vicious attempt at shaming nationalists for the actions of the dead. First of all, while nationalism was a major component of the first world war, to reduce the war to nationalism as a blanket term and proximate cause is a gross simplification. Imperialism was the dominant force in the s in a way that it is not in the s: Britain was not merely Britain but a vast empire covering a fourth of the inhabited world. France was not merely France but huge swaths of Africa. This was not a war caused by nation-states, but by the agony of subject nations beneath multinational monarchies, and by the ambitions of their rulers to expand at any cost so long as their rivals lost. Which is why a Serbian nationalist assassinated the heir apparent of Austria-Hungary, a state correctly perceived as being oppressively anti-Slavic as it elevated the two largest ethnic groups in the empire to leadership but ignored the third. In fact, Austrians and Hungarians were only pluralities in their halves of the empire, not majorities. So did nationalism cause this conflict, or was it ethnic tensions stoked by a dual form of multiculturalism? Not something pro-EU people are going to ask themselves, since it would undermine their own project. One cannot oppress nations and then blame them for revolting. Anti-European leftists would certainly never condemn the violent Algerian, Kenyan, or Vietnamese national liberation movements of recent history, to name a few, since they were non-white, just as they strongly identify with the Palestinians against the white-presenting Israelis. But it is of course true that once war was declared, at the behest of the imperialists, nationalism was leveraged to motivate the soldiers, because in any war the motivation will be to fight for tribe and homeland. So nationalism was a major component of WWI, but to blame the war on it is highly suspect and misleading. Imperialism was blamed for wars outside of Europe and nationalism for colonized nations was touted as the solution, so why is it any different inside of Europe? It is third-worldists who shamelessly promote nationalism for their clients but condemn it for Europe, and who believe European nations must not be sovereign. To think that today a Europe of sovereign nations would be able to wage another WWI, or even want to, is absurd. But what about WWII, where nationalism was even more overt? Is nationalism to blame for that war as well? As with WWI, the conditions were different, and the causation is purposely misrepresented by enemies of European nationalism. The most proximate cause of the second world war was the first one, which was the result of imperialism. Imperialists in Britain, France, and the United States dismembered Austria-Hungary in accordance with seemingly nationalist principles, but went a step further in attempting to punitively mutilate and cripple the German nation-state as well.

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"Signals from Airstrip One: The British Invasion of American Mainstream Comics" in The Rise of the American Comics Artist: Creators and their Contexts ed. by Paul Williams and James Lyon (Jackson:University of Mississippi Press,), pp (ISBN:).

It has remained in print and in demand for all of the intervening time. Now here it is again, spruced up for a new century. For this edition it has been revised from top to bottom, has come under single authorship, with crucial input from Martin Montgomery, Elinor Rennie and Marc Brennan, and it has been redesigned. Some concepts survive from earlier editions, but for the most part this is an entirely new work. The first edition was published in with the title Key Concepts in Communication Studies. This edition is called Communication, Cultural and Media Studies: Cultural and media studies have also been successively added, in recognition of their importance both within these covers and in the world. Time spent on them was so valuable you had to hire it by the hundredth of an hour 0. These impressive machines, however, had about as much computing power as the old PC that people now pass on to the kids because it is too slow. But those behemoths " the IBM s " were used in to send people to the moon. In the same year, the year of the Woodstock music festival and the first episodes of Sesame Street, the first Boeing jumbo jet rolled out of its Seattle hangar. Communication was entering an unprecedented phase of intensification; culture was flowering; information was valuable and the sky was the limit. The media, communications and culture were moving centre stage, becoming among the most dynamic areas of contemporary life. Since computing, communication, media and the field of popular culture have changed and burgeoned. Computing is many times faster and now much more socially pervasive. International transport is now a mass medium in its own right. The Internet grows exponentially each year. The new economy has made its presence felt. But things have not changed out of all recognition. The USA is still the engine of innovation and growth, and simultaneously a source of anxiety and hostility. Jumbos are still flying. Communication, cultural and media studies are also of this vintage; relatively young by academic standards. They grew out of the period in the s and s when higher education began to take modern communication, culture and media seriously. The combination " new ideas, new objects of study, new students " has made this field very dynamic, very interesting to work in and also controversial. As relatively new areas of study, communication, cultural and media studies have been characterised by fast-moving and innovative research work; by the attempt to say new things in new ways. At the same time, they have borrowed widely from a variety of established academic disciplines and discourses. As a result, there is often an uneasy period for the newcomer to the area, until you get your bearings. What follows is a field guide. It is designed to put together in an accessible form some of the most important concepts that you will encounter, and to show some of the ways in which these concepts have been or might be used. The entries are not destinations but starting points for further intellectual and practical work. Communication, Cultural and Media Studies: The Key Concepts is designed to help students and teachers new to the area find their way about. It may be that getting to know a new area of study is best done by the usual method: This was certainly the case was for me when I started trying to understand communication, culture and media back in , the year I went to university the first member of my family to do so. And it still is, really, given the speed and scale of change in all of these domains. I thought at the time that a guide would be handy, and still do. I hope that what follows helps you to shed a little light on your chosen topics. Using a book like this might seem cumbersome to begin with, but as you struggle with the clumsy technology of knowledge, remember those computer disks the size of woks. Clumsy indeed " but they got us to the moon. Thanks to you both. Thanks to Martin Montgomery, without whose language concepts this edition would have been poorer. My thanks are due to Queensland University of Technology, for material assistance towards research for the book. As always, Rebecca Barden has made a book appear where none was expected. There were four classes of exception to this rule: However, and herein lies the importance of the concept, Eco argued that contemporary media such as

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television are communicative codes in which aberrant decoding is the norm, not the exception. TV communicators know a priori that their code is not shared by all the receivers. Eco proposed therefore that research into television required three phases: This research agenda proved remarkably stable. Its combination of textual semiotic and audience sociological analysis designed to assess the ideological power of media and the room for manoeuvre of audiences remains to this day at the core of academic media research. Access is a serious matter in broadcasting organisations, because scarcity of airtime means that it has to be heavily rationed, which is why for such organisations it is a political issue. In post-broadcast media such as the Internet, access does not need to be rationed and therefore is not an issue. Demands for broadcast access are based on a reflection theory of the media – that is, that the media ought to reflect the plurality of different groups, politics or lifestyles that can be identified outside the media in social life. Many groups argue that their access to television is blocked and that as a result they are unable to establish their point of view in the public mind. The assumption often is that the blockage is caused by a more or less deliberate conspiracy by the media to exclude them. The professional mediation of accessed voices extends to the message. What you say becomes what television says, and television discourse has its own peculiarities. When a newsreader quotes or an interviewer questions you, your utterance becomes a discursive element which is subordinate to the narrative flow and visual codes of the item as a whole. Its meaning is not self-contained, but depends on what is said and seen before and afterwards. Further, one aspect of your role is entirely at odds with your own purposes. For simply by accessing you, the institutional discourse is able to claim authenticity and credibility for itself. You become the means through which the legitimacy of media representations can be established – irrespective of what you actually say. There is, then, a conflict of interest between professional media discourses and the demands for access that various groups express. The way this has been handled in practice takes two forms. In these off-peak slots media professionals may relinquish control of the programme content, but retain control of the production process. Unfortunately, both these well-intentioned practices have negative consequences. Impartiality legitimates the mainstream bipartisan form of politics at the expense of the various single-issue groups e. Contrasted with studio presentation talking heads and with archive stock footage. Actuality is presented as self-evident; the production processes are rarely shown, so that viewers are encouraged to make sense of the footage in terms of the event, and not the way in which it is represented. As Peter Sissons, a British news presenter has put it: In short, actuality is a device for naturalising meaning it proposes the cultural as natural. The use of the term was popularised in the nineteenth century as a means of separating art from craft. In this tradition, aesthetics provided a paradigm for talking about texts as art, and art as humanising civility, not mere decoration. The theory of aesthetics understood its practice as objective. The properties of artworks were expressions of universal values, open to the same interpretation by all who were free. Aesthetic judgements in Marxist theory are considered a form of ideology. Whilst this is certainly a valid point, attempts by, for example, Marxists, feminists and queer theory to subvert aesthetic practice have arguably continued the tradition. It prioritises the signifier over the signified, and seeks to exploit rather than confirm the limits and constraints of the form, genre or convention within which it operates. Hence aesthetic codes put a premium on innovation, entropy and experimentation with the raw materials of signification words, colours, composition, sequence , and evoke pleasurable responses for that reason. Barrell ANALOGUE Analogue information works by resemblance, as opposed to digital information, which works by fixed code, especially the zeros and ones of computer code. Analogue visual images may display infinite gradation of tone, colour, hue, line, grain, etc. It is possible to identify the late twentieth century as an era passing from analogue to digital. Broadcasting, mass communication, cinema, illustrated newspapers and magazines and the recorded music industry were based largely on analogue media technologies. In cinema, for example, analogue cameras and tape recorders gathered the action, and reproduction screening was also done via photographic film and optical soundtracks. New interactive media, on the other hand, were entirely digital, including cameras, sound recording and playback devices, computers, etc. Although paintings were faked and photos doctored throughout the analogue era, digital images could be manipulated more readily than analogues, i. A

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consequence of this is that greater sophistication is required of readers and users – the naive analogue idea that photos depict some actually existing scene is a matter for scepticism, not least because increasingly users have the digital means to manipulate, improve, subvert and embellish information for themselves. But globalisation has not shown itself to be a system of fair or complete distribution. The speed of technical diffusion depends upon the knowledge, economic circumstances, government and cultural character of a time and place. The flows of resources and capital occurring as a result of globalisation are strategic, discriminatory and influenced by countries, industries and individuals with power. Some are able to use the processes of globalisation to their advantage while others become increasingly marginalised and are excluded economically. Resistance to globalisation has manifested in a number of forms, out of disparate and sometimes conflicting interests. This concern waned, however, and it became apparent that forces other than globalisation were largely responsible for unemployment Castells, A new group of activists took up the antiglobalisation banner, this time out of concern for workers and communities experiencing economic inequality and political disenfranchisement as a result of globalisation. SaroWiwa and eight other Ogoni activists were executed by the military later that year. In both instances, the unethical alliances formed between multinational corporations and oppressive regimes were seen to be a central negative consequence of globalisation Klein, These specific protests, designed to expose the practices of some as an example to the world, later joined together in a more generalist campaign through a series of large demonstrations. If there is a key demand from the activists it is to see the establishment of international laws, democratically organised institutions capable of regulating the global capital, and for some international trade union solutions to rectify the inequality of distribution. The concerns of the movement are not so much about stopping globalisation, but finding more equitable solutions for a globalised society. A separate wave of anti-globalisation sentiment has manifested as a conservative scepticism about the rapid increase and hybridity in cultural choice, brought about by forces described as globalisation.

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whole, this means convenience stores, not inconvenience stores. Try one for yourself. With Chris Honnery on the fly. The best gigs I have had in have been playing dubstep and bass music with MC Hayley Boa [pictured with Styles, left]. Instead of peeling it, she was quite innocently fellating the banana in front of tens of thousands of small children. At the end of the night I was moshing on the dancefloor with my Skid Row t-shirt and torn jeans, whirling my two flannos above my head yelling along to Speed Racer. We play a monster-mash of dubstep, rave, house, jungle, reggae, drumstep, speed garage There has been another, just as important revelation DubRave Records is also looking at its first releases coming out soon. Check the air-horns, check the lasers, check the tunes, check the mixes and check out South Rakkas Crew. Oxford Art Factory When: Friday September 17, 9pm. Sounds pretty epic to us - oh, to be a fly on that wall Just how we like it. To get your hands on one, tell us the name of their debut EP. To score one of five double passes we have to give away to the September 17 grand opening, tell us what the name of your metal band would be if you had one, and which sub-genre of metal you would play. Tickets to Good Vibrations go on sale at 9: In fact, all are regulars at the notorious Ibiza dayclub DC10 originally an old airport hanger , which the Circo Loco brand has grown out of. With additional rooms by Wham! As with that release, all proceeds from Atlas Air will go towards War Child and their efforts to change the lives of children living in war zones around the world. Aside from the noble cause, the EP is worth purchasing in its own right. Can you tell us about The Jacky Winter Group? At our core, we are an agency who represent Australian illustrators and connect them with a diverse client base, from advertising agencies to magazines. Then there are a bunch of things that branch off from that, like our gallery in Melbourne, Lamington Drive. Why is it advantageous for artists to use a creative agency? At the end of the day though, we are like a combined agent, manager, publicist, bookkeeper, and therapist. Who are some of your favourite Australian artists at the moment? You used to live in NYC - how does Melbourne or Australia in general compare in terms of the art scene? My folks were pretty staunch about our PNG roots music, although they themselves are not musos. I got that stuff drilled into me pretty much from birth, pop music was all but banned. Subam pretty much taught me not just how to play music but how to think Recording Tony Allen in my studio last year was inspirational. I think I learnt more in that session about drum kit than I did studying at uni for three years. The way Dilla flipped beats, grooves and samples was so fresh and poetic. It turned so much chaos into a whole lot of sense. Your Crew Grrilla Step was basically an idea of me and Dexter working together. Next minute I moved to Melbourne with my family of drummers. At about the second rehearsal Dexter brought the Royal Fam Krumpers along and we started listening to and playing Krump. COM one thing now. It gets pretty loose sometimes Bellinghen Global Carnival When: Not bad considering he has also managed to find the time to record his next album, Alternative Energy. To check out the talent shoot us an email with the name of his first album - and you may just get your hot lil hands on Alternative Energy and tickets to the single launch at the Sandringham Hotel Friday September Join the Subsonic Music Facebook Group for all the details. These releases followed his work with Dr. Dre and MC Ren as N. A and coincided with his acting debut in Boyz n the Hood, the acclaimed class flick that also starred Laurence Fishburne. Despite a recent focus on his work in the film industry, Ice Cube is gearing up to release a new album, I Am The West, which will be available through Inertia from September A celebration of summertime on the West Coast, Ice was kind enough to describe the album for us. More info as it emerges - disco outfit the Idjut Boys that very same night. In more good news, he has been announced to play a sideshow at Oxford Art Factory on Saturday December 4. Eminem, Tool and Soundgarden. To enter, artists need to submit their album via www. It jumped up from 16 to 8 expected to go into the Top 3 , and is 1 on the UK iTunes chart. Lukas Bellesni of Justice Crew dislocated his knee during a dance routine.

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Chapter 4 : Comic-Con Full Schedule

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Further reading references are listed to enable the reader to follow up ideas in more detail, and the diversity in these bibliographies can only suggest the huge research literature that design has initiated. The focus here, however, is to direct the user to the most important and recent books, articles, publications and websites. For this key element we have worked with Nicola Saliss, an experienced librarian whose subject specialism is design. Her detailed work has added a valuable research addition to the listed entries. Design is an ever-expanding discipline within international business, which affects how each of us relates to the modern world. Industry leaders who want to increase their competitiveness, or even create a new market, appreciate the value of investing in design. Design as a practice has undergone profound changes in the last twenty years, not least in terms of technology. Interaction design is the all-important interface between the user and technology. Other new disciplines include experience design to deliver new insights into how brands are marketed, alongside new interdisciplinary practice areas such as information design, which integrates typography, graphic design, linguistics, psychology and applied ergonomics. Entries in the book also explore how the new materials and processes from cutting-edge science are impacting on future design practice. Typical here is the entry on nanotechnology and the emergence of complex contemporary areas of practice, such as sustainable design. In the 21st century green design will continue to impact across the entire design sector, from recent legislation banning old-style light bulbs to reduce greenhouse emissions to packaging recyclability. They range over both theoretical and practical concepts, and like design itself range across the interdisciplinary subjects that have helped shape and grow the discipline of design. These include, for example, sociology, semiotics, philosophy, business studies, engineering and ergonomics. Design was, and is, at the intersection of a range of disciplines and is placed here in the context of the wider economic, social and cultural forces that shape it. The book therefore has entries on Marxism and globalization, and the intention is to offer an insight into how these great ideas and events of the past years have shaped and impacted on design culture. Indicated in bold in the text are crossreferences to other entries which the reader can choose to explore, or not, as relevant. Another key aspect in the choice of entries is the emphasis on the history of design to offer a context and framework for understanding such seminal movements and ideas as Arts and Crafts, the Modern Movement and Postmodernism, which shaped and continue to shape our contemporary visual world. Inevitably, some terms are missing. Finally, these design entries rely on updates, contributions and criticism from those working in and involved with the creative industries. They are warmly welcomed for the next edition. It has its modern origins in the development of the Industrial Revolution. Using advertisements to sell goods can, however, be traced back to Roman times: In the late 18th century pioneering British industrialists such as Josiah Wedgwood understood that simply producing goods was not enough; you had to market and advertise your products successfully. From the s Wedgwood set in place most of the key elements of modern advertising we would recognize today. He used press ads and commissioned leading designers to design his catalogues so that customers could look at and order his ceramics in the comfort of their own homes. In the 19th century manufacturers understood the power of the single arresting image, and signs painted on to buildings became commonplace. These were followed by temporary paper posters and then purpose-built billboards, structures that have become more and more elaborate, so that in the Bund district of 21st-century Shanghai the sides of huge skyscraper buildings host advertisements for international companies. The modern commercial world of advertising had begun. Cities now displayed an impressive amount of commercial visual imagery for which manufacturers had started to recruit some of the best-known artists of the day. Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Aubrey Beardsley and John Everett Millais are good examples of this

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trend, and some artists, such as Alphonse Mucha, were even destined to become better known for their advertisements than for their art. Perhaps the most important commercial artist of the 20th century was Adolphe Mouron Cassandre, whose streamlined posters of French ocean liners remain some of the most innovative graphic images ever created. The key ideas underpinning this can be traced back to the revolutionary work in psychoanalysis of Sigmund Freud. Targeting the subconscious with powerful, and often sexual, marketing images became crucial to advertising. The lobster telephone is a classic example of this technique. In this way, Surrealist experiments were a blueprint for the emerging advertising industry, which now set out to promise much more than the commodity it tried to sell. The complex and sophisticated world of contemporary advertising therefore owes much to the Surrealist exploitation of the power of the erotic as a human impulse. Technology is the other key determiner of advertising, from the potential of neon signs, to the radio, cinema and television, to mobile phone messaging and the Internet. Advertising in the 21st century has come to be an entertainment industry in its own right. Gibbons, Joan, *Art and Advertising. A Century of Poster and Advertising Design*. Williamson, Judith, *Decoding Advertisements: Ideology and Meaning in Advertising*. Gustave Eiffel " used his Eiffel Tower to carry out aerodynamic experiments and published two books on the subject. This indicated that the principles of aerodynamic design were well understood by the early 20th century. The third yearbook of the Deutsche Werkbund, *Der Verkehr*. In the s American commercial designers such as Norman Bel Geddes and Raymond Loewy exploited aerodynamic design in the form of streamlining. In Bel Geddes published *Horizons*, which contained a great deal of seductive propaganda in favour of streamlining. Bel Geddes, Norman, *Horizons*. Deutsche Werkbund, *Der Verkehr*. Jahrbuch des Deutschen Werkbundes. From George Cayley to the Boeing Model Loewy, Raymond, *Industrial Design*. Fourth Estate, []. Simon Jervis, an acknowledged authority on Victorian design, deliberately excluded an entry on the Aesthetic Movement in his pioneer *Dictionary of Design and Designers*, published in *Designers and architects as diverse as Walter Crane, Lewis F. Day, Christopher Dresser, E. The years to can be said roughly to circumscribe the Aesthetic Movement. Walter Pater "94 , in the famous conclusion to his The Renaissance , sums up the ideals of the Aesthetic Movement: Oscar Wilde " , in the preface to The Picture of Dorian Gray in a series of witty epigrams, similarly rejects the idea that art may serve a moral purpose. These people were considered to be 19th-century fashion victims and therefore were the subject of much ridicule and press comment. Until his trial, Wilde carried the whole thing off as a wonderful performance piece, an attitude that found favour in British society, as he never appeared to take himself too seriously. Wilde the Aesthete brought to London a taste for Continental values and ultimately what Victorian society largely held to be Continental decadence. When he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for homosexual activities that era of British style history was effectively closed until the revival of the male dandy in the post-Second World War period. Aslin, Elizabeth, *The Aesthetic Movement: Prelude to Art Nouveau*. *Studies in Art and Poetry*. It signalled an opposition to excessive consumerism and the effects of waste and pollution on the environment. Although global waste problems were understood and recycling was a known concept, the general pattern was not to encourage Third World countries to develop their own technological requirements. The trend was to impose Western technology and Western lack of environmental standards on developing countries. But high levels of conspicuous consumption, the unfair distribution of resources and sheer waste attracted strong opposition, and ever-more voices argued that these developments must be checked. It posited the view that designers had a moral obligation not only to design responsibly in their own country but to apply their talents to solving problems in the developing world. Papanek, for example, illustrated his book with such ideas as low-tech radios, contrasting them with novelty products found in American small ads, such as parrot diapers and electrically heated Queen Anne-style footstools. *Design for the Real World* reflected a growing attraction for alternative technologies and alternative lifestyles away from the city, which led to the establishment of communities in isolated areas of the USA, notably in California. In the early s alternative design embraced anti-industrialized attitudes and images of self-sufficiency: For example, when the environmental group Friends of the Earth was founded in the s, it was seen as part of the alternative*

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lifestyle movement, and its campaigns to save the whale and other endangered species were considered worthy but not mainstream. That situation had changed radically by the late 20th century, by which time such issues were high on the political agenda. Later, it became a term of abuse, and hippy ideas were dismissed as the self-indulgent attitudes of middle-class students who subsequently sold out to an Establishment they had once rejected. Of major importance here is the hippy attitude to technology. Young people in the late s began to oppose economic concepts such as planned obsolescence and the exploitation of natural resources. Hippy culture also challenged the design status quo. Design choices now became arbitrary and often bizarre, with the emphasis placed on individual lifestyles. Clothes were bought second-hand or from shops selling Afghan coats and embroidered Indian shirts. For women, the tailored clothes and obvious make-up of the early s were discarded in favour of a more natural look and long hair. Furniture and interior design started recycling Victorian items, and propagated DIY ideas of building storage units from planks, bricks, beer crates and other discarded industrial materials. The norms of Western culture were regarded with deep suspicion, and alternative lifestyles and religions from the East, in theory at least, provided more attractive examples of how to live out the new social revolution. The last vestiges of the movement were appropriated by wealthy, middle-class consumers who developed a taste for sushi, lentil loaves, personal growth and staying mellow. Ashley, with her husband Bernard, began her business marketing Victorian-inspired clothes for middleclass hippies, and the sprigged fabrics from which they were made became her hallmark. Hers was a nostalgic, fantasy vision of urban life that suited the revivalism of the s, with its obsession for strippedpine Welsh dressers, country cottages and health food. Habitat also started to market a whole lifestyle based on this look, including curtains, wallpaper, furniture, lamps and other household items. In this way alternative lifestyles made a mainstream contribution to popular design in the late 20th century. Alternative lifestyles in the 21st century are still strong but tend to be more focused towards downsizing homes and work alongside a continuing commitment to organic food and sustainability. The carbon footprint, a measure of impact on resources, has encouraged people to holiday at home, thus offering a different aspect to alternative lifestyles. A Cultural Encyclopedia of the s and s. Ten Speed, []. McFadden, Cyra The Serial: A Year in the Life of Marin County. Sebba, Anne, Laura Ashley: A Life by Design.

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