

Some Thoughts on Synthesis and Political Identity

Staughton Lynd and Andrej Grubacic. *Wobblies and Zapatistas: Conversations on Anarchism, Marxism and Radical History*. PM Press, 2008. Pp. 300. \$20.00 (paper). ISBN: 978-1604860412

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Wobblies & Zapatistas by Staughton Lynd and Andrej Grubacic is a small book full of rich experiences that Lynd has lived over the course of what seems like a lifetime of militant organizing. His reflections are useful to any organizer, especially those of "accompaniment". Lynd and Grubacic's "Haymarket Synthesis" is interesting and in this substantive review I try to unpack how syntheses like these are useful and where they also become problematic. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: <http://www.transformativestudies.org> ©2010 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]*

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Wobblies & Zapatistas is a long and inspiring conversation between Andrej Grubacic, an anarchist historian from the Balkans, and Staughton Lynd, a longtime Marxist organizer from the US. The conversation veers between many controversial and relevant topics for contemporary radicals. In this review, I will write about a few that stuck out to me for one reason or another. Regardless of any criticism in this review, the book, overall, is very good and highly recommended reading for contemporary believers in other worlds organized more sanely and compassionately than our current one.

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