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Isn't it disturbing that people seem to know perfectly well what's wrong with the society, yet if anyone tries to move towards that ideal, they'll be immediately chewed down. You know – the simple principles of transparency and accountability. Now - is it just the human nature to be a cowardly pack hunter or are we victims held hostage by few psychopaths who effectively form a ruling class via sensationalist media, disparate laws and brute militia force?

Ask that question every time yet another madman raves on TV about economy, banks, justice, LGBT, environment, religion or foreign affairs with little to none material proof.

You never get the full story. Yet you enable the narrative. You elected them. You. No one else. This is a portrait of you.

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Born: 1985

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Artist statement:

My art practice deals with the madness of contemporary statism. It revolves around the power relations of individual liberties, community necessities and the subsequent corruptive nature of the ruling class. Predominantly, it addresses the essential Nietzschean chasm between "Might is Right" Master Mentality and "Integrity at all costs" Slave Mentality via anthropomorphic metaphors

Selected personal exhibitions:

2013 System

Wall gallery pop-up space, Tallinn

A look into a monocultural mind

2011 Ritual

Aatrium gallery, Tallinn

Commentaries on lifeless sociopolitical rituals

2010 Object/Subject

Fundom project space, Tartu

You are what you own