

Don't post the revolution on Facebook

The following text has some thoughts about publishing pictures on the internet. Facebook is fun, youtube as well. It's nice to share your experiences with friends from all over the world. Especially in our little queerbubble it's useful, cause we can't travel around the whole world every week to visit our friends and to show them what is new in your life.

So therefore Facebook comes in very handy. Unfortunately facebook is not only helpful for our self. Facebook is a very easy and helpful tool for the police, fascists, companies and evil journalists. With a few clicks it's possible to find a person's network of friends, where the person works, parties, does politics and so on. Maybe the Copenhagen queerfestival is not the top priority on the secret polices list, but who knows? Maybe some people participating at the festival are in the searchlight, illegalized or maybe the police finds it useful to have an overview over the international anti-capitalist queer movement. Just to use later on. Fascists are also on facebook. Maybe they are only a click away from your own profile. Maybe you are accidently friends with a fencewalker that has both right- and left winged friends, maybe your old school friend turns out to have a right winged brother or maybe someone just guesses your password and enters your account. There have been incidents before where journalists have used facebook in their articles. Not only to make jokes about stupid politicians, but also to incriminate left people.

So what I'm trying to say is that facebook is not just for fun. Don't post anything you don't want others than your friends to see, and don't post pictures were people, that have not agreed, are on. - They may have a reason for not wanting to be on the internet. I write this text especially for the queerfestival, because I don't agree with how the last year's festival and its participants have been shown on the internet. I didn't like to see the fabulous oilwrestlers end up in public facebook spaces, so stupid straight guys could comment on them. I get the creeps of finding groupshots with peoples name attached, visible for everyone - friends and enemies. The queerfestival is for us, the participants - have fun, enjoy, take pics of your friends, but please ask us first and don't put us on facebook.

-love from a concerned and paranoid queer activist