

Discussion assignment for Utopias Class, due 11/24

We will be discussing intentional communities, primarily via the www.ic.org website.

Bring a 1 page summary of what you find on the website to class. Do the following

1. Read some of the material on the ic.org website. What are the purposes of this organization? What are its goals and means of achieving them? What can be said about the general principals of the intentional communities movement?
2. Select two communities from the directory on the ic.org website that are functioning (not just planned) communities and that have their own web sites. Bring a brief description of where they are, how many people are involved, what their principles are, what their living arrangements are, and how they operate (economy and government).

Discussion assignment for Utopias Class, due 12/1

We will bring some closure to our study of utopias by looking at two views of why utopianism has such a powerful draw for us.

Bring a 1 page response to these questions about our final set of readings

Essay 1: Rothstein

What common themes does he identify across the utopias he reviews—what did they try to accomplish?

Why does utopia persist through history—why are we so drawn to think about it/write about it/ try to create it?

What does utopianism look like in the internet age?

Essay 3: Marty

Why does utopia persist through history—why are we so drawn to think about it/write about it/ try to create it?

What is “humane irony” and how can it answer the previous question about utopias?

How is the concept of humane irony applied to Marty’s three cases?