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Especifista is a sporadic publication by **Amanecer: For a Popular Anarchism**. *Especifista* aims to start a conversation with those involved in different struggles, be in the community, in labor or any other, about the roots of society's ills, the possibility of fundamental change and how we can achieve it.

Especifista is a publication by anarchists, that is to say, people who believe that society should be organized in a manner that provides for all based on their needs, and where the power and decisions flow from the bottom up, in a real democratic way.

We selected the name *Especifista* because it best describes our political perspective.

Especifismo is a practice of anarchism originated in South America, and first theorized by the Federación Anarquista Uruguaya in the 1950's.

With other parallels in the anarchist movement, it is based on the idea the anarchists should primarily be involved in the struggles of the people, not to control them but to preserve their democratic and radical character. This is called social insertion,

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and comes from the belief that popular movements are not only the hands of revolution, they are also its brain.

Anarchists should organize into their own, specifically anarchist organization to theorize and strategize about their involvement in the social movements and to learn from them.

The organization of anarchists should also be a voice for the principles of solidarity, democracy and anti-capitalism in the popular movements.

With *Especifista*, we aim to add to the voices that continue to promote these principles inside social movements.