Editorial

Fifth Estate Collective

2004

Welcome to another *Fifth Estate!* This marks our eighth issue since moving to Pumpkin Hollow. With an editorial office in the Barn and an editorial collective all over the continent, we are proud to approach our 40th anniversary with a thriving publication as opposed to authority as ever.

When we announced the theme as "Conspirarchy and Elections," little did we realize how much the edition would emerge as one focused on politics and rhetoric. In particular, we examine the growing tension between the horrific hallucination known as democracy and the utopian vision known as anarchy.

As we go to press, activists all over the world are preparing for a Spring and Summer of intense actions. We hope this magazine will inspire courage and commitment for the struggle ahead.

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