

“They can hide wherever they want, because we are going to find them. Either in a cave or in the sewer, which is where rats hide, or in an assembly, that doesn't represent anyone, or behind a chair in the university”.

David Piqué (Captain of the Police Force in Catalonia)

“They are not going to get away scot-free”

Esperanza Aguirre  
(President of the Autonomous Community of Madrid)

## MAKING A STAND

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**Interrupting:** Interrupt the flow of words which ties us to impotence. Tired words which tire us even more. Slogans and gestures repeated a thousand times that nobody believes in. Getting rid of standardized languages. Against the language of experts and of authorities, stating without fear “we can't read”, we are the barbarians who desert this false knowledge, the illiterate who have to learn again everything.



**Empty out.** Empty out the identities that capture us and lock us up. We talk from an empty and concrete “we”, never complete, brewed face to face, in an anonymity that singles us out and at the same time puts us on the united front of shared problems. It is absolutely necessary to go to the essentials. Empty ourselves of common sense. Of meanings. We don't need them. Truth is built in struggle, when we leave the places we have been assigned, when we get rid of fear, when we don't accept justifications. To empty out is to become empty. Not having anything, and therefore not being attached to anything, is fearing nothing anymore.

**Articulate.** Articulate, point by point, the infinite and unpredictable politizations that take place today in any moment of our most common daily existence. To articulate the politizations is to name the background rumour, the social illness. This implies self organization, not as a magic solution, but as a group of problems to be solved; specially, decision making, determination of common goals, and the question of violence. But in the end, the question we should really ask ourselves is: ¿What level of organization and what degree of demand are we willing to assume in the struggle?



Les quatre cents coups

I sense that making a stand is starting to build a “we”.

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