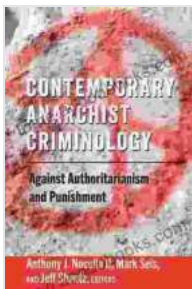


# Against Authoritarianism and Punishment: Radical Animal Studies and Total Liberation

In *Against Authoritarianism and Punishment*, scholar-activist Dr. Jeff Lewis argues that the modern prison system is a form of authoritarianism that punishes and controls both humans and animals. Drawing on the work of Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, and other critical thinkers, Lewis challenges the dominant paradigms of animal studies and criminology, and offers a radical new vision for total liberation.



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## Authoritarianism and the Prison System

Lewis begins by arguing that the modern prison system is a form of authoritarianism. Authoritarianism is a system of government that is characterized by the concentration of power in a single person or group, and the suppression of dissent. In the prison system, this power is

concentrated in the hands of prison guards and administrators, who have the authority to control and punish inmates.

Lewis argues that the prison system is authoritarian in three main ways. First, it is based on a system of domination and subordination. Prison guards and administrators have the power to control and punish inmates, and inmates have no say in the rules and regulations of the prison. Second, the prison system is based on a system of surveillance and punishment. Prison guards and administrators constantly monitor inmates, and they can punish inmates for any infraction of the rules. Third, the prison system is based on a system of isolation and exclusion. Inmates are isolated from the outside world, and they are often excluded from participating in society.

### **The Punishment of Animals**

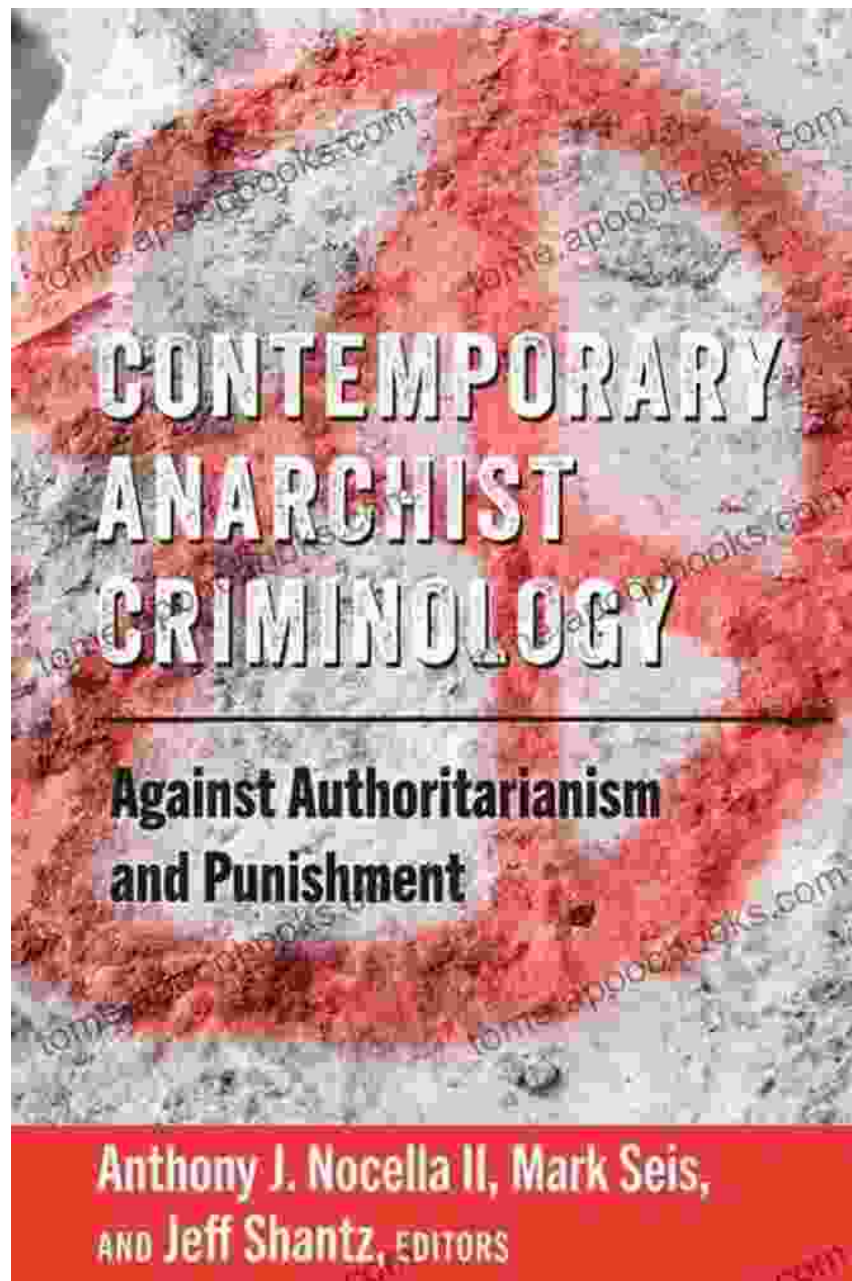
Lewis argues that the prison system is not only authoritarian, but it is also a form of animal punishment. Animal punishment is the infliction of pain or suffering on animals for the purpose of control or retribution. In the prison system, animals are punished in a variety of ways, including being beaten, shocked, and gassed. Lewis argues that this punishment is not only cruel and unnecessary, but it also reinforces the authoritarian nature of the prison system.

### **Radical Animal Studies and Total Liberation**

Lewis argues that the modern prison system is a form of authoritarianism that punishes and controls both humans and animals. He offers a radical new vision for total liberation, a world in which all beings are free from domination and exploitation. Lewis argues that this vision can only be achieved through a radical transformation of the prison system, and he

calls for the abolition of prisons and the development of new forms of justice that are based on compassion and rehabilitation.

**Against Authoritarianism and Punishment is a powerful and provocative book that challenges the dominant paradigms of animal studies and criminology. Lewis's work is essential reading for anyone who is interested in the fight for animal liberation and social justice.**

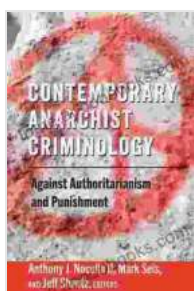


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