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# Never Mind the Bollocks, I Wanna Be AnarCHI: A Manifesto for Punk HCI

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**Abstract**

This paper presents two fingers to the HCI establishment. We reject the status quo that defines what language and forms are appropriate "contributions" for this staid "community" of quasi-scientific poseurs. We argue that CHI in particular is a tool that serves to reinforce the political and ideological status quo, favouring sell-out researchers wielding arcane verbiage and p-values, all paid for by corporate and government interests that reward the building of systems that distract, subdue and subjugate. We present our manifesto for Punk HCI, which celebrates principles of anarchy and freedom in exploring the impact of technology on human culture, values, social structures and psychology. We encourage research motivated by passion and dissent over patents.

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anarCHI; critical theory; punk

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L.1 Rejects top down authoritarian classification system.

Song: A Manifesto for Punk HCI  
Tuning: E Flat  
Band: LiSC  
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Key:

/= Slide Up

\= Slide Down

p= Pull Off

h= Hammer On

P.M.= Indicates Palm Mute

.= Muted Note

\*= Harmonic  
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Notes:

These are correct as far as I can tell. It's pretty simple. I included all the lyrics and I also did the strumming patterns to it too.

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Intro  
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e	-----
B	-----
G	-----
D	-5-5-5--5-5-5--5-5--5-5-5-----
A	-5-5-5--5-5-5--5-5--5-5-5-----
E	-3-3-3--3-3-3--3-3--3-3-3-----

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Verse one and two  
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We are designing the future

e	-----
B	-----
G	-----7-5--5-5-5--5-7-7---
D	-5-5-7-5--5-5-5--5-7-7---
A	-5-5-5-3--3-3-3--3-5-5---
E	-3-3-----

We have the power to change things....

e	-----
B	-----
G	-----7-5--5-5-5--5-5-7---
D	-5-5-7-5--5-5-5--5-5-7---
A	-5-5-5-3--3-3-3--3-3-5---
E	-3-3-----

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Break (Same as the intro)

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NSF, NSA, EPSRC.....

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-5-5-5--5-5-5--5-5--5-5-5-----|
A |-5-5-5--5-5-5--5-5--5-5-5-----|
E |-3-3-3--3-3-3--3-3--3-3-3-----|

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After Break:

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Guitar 1:

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----7-5--5-5-5--5-7-7---|
D |-5-5-7-5--5-5-5--5-7-7---|
A |-5-5-5-3--3-3-3--3-5-5---|
E |-3-3-----|

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Guitar two plays this real fast...

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |---5-----5-----5-----5---|
D |-3h5---3h5---3h5---3h5---|
A |-----|
E |-----|

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## Lyrics

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We are designing the future  
We have the power to change things  
We diagnose unfairness and problems  
Why do we design in the same things?

I'm trained by, I'm paid by the people  
To understand and see things more clear  
As long as what I see agrees with  
What the government suits wanna hear

NSF, NSA, EPSRC  
ERC, ACM, I triple E  
Springerlink, Elsevier, DARPA, MOD  
Impact factors, tenure track, engage with industry

Its clear the massive projects that they're funding  
Form the basis of the tools they use against us  
I for one will no longer be a part of this  
I for one will stand up against it

It doesn't have to be like this  
Reject the subtle kind of pressures that go unseen  
let's think about a punk HCI  
3 chords, two fingers and a touchscreen

Lets think about a punk HCI  
Small projects, Big ideas and a vow  
Never ever let your better principles  
Be undermined by cash from funding coun-cils

Lets think about a punk HCI  
Small projects, Big ideas and a vow  
Use our tools to provoke and protest  
And use computers to make futures that are ours