

# DARK STATES

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## GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

### SILENT SPRING

#### History and Formation

After the Shantou Province massacre, the US government was forced to take a hard look into the role of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Subsequent investigations uncovered radical elements within the EPA that, unsatisfied with successive administrations failing to respond to the effects of climate change, had decided that more direct action was required. Although not responsible directly for the Shantou Incident, they had been complicit in providing information and resources to those that were responsible. Corporations, sensing weakness, lobbied for their subsequent closure as a government agency.

The incumbent Administrator of the EPA at the time of its closure, Lily James, was so enraged by such an act that she immediately resigned her post and fled West Virginia. Once out of the public eye she went about reforming an agency devoted to environmental control through direct action. One of Lily's favourite books from her teenage years was *Silent Spring*, and so the name of the new organisation was reborn.

#### Organisation and Beliefs

Essentially, as environmental protection is now outlawed, the Silent Spring must work outside of the law. As such and by necessity they are distributed in a loose collective around the US, using distributed information architecture principles to allow maximum effect without anyone being a central point of failure.

People are organised into cell of one, using a dark web app called Whysper to communicate with each other which uses quantum cryptography to ensure privacy. Each individual will identify a 'target', someone who is shown to be creating a significant environmental effect, and once approval is given by group consensus through the app, individuals can carry out whatever actions are deemed necessary to stop such activities from occurring. These activities may include 'monkey-wrenching', 'ecotage' or other activities, anything that will disrupt or force the target to cease what they are doing. Individuals are commonly known to work in affinity groups, known as cells, and are usually self-funded.

What constitutes a target is simple, anyone that they consider to be a threat to global stability. This may include logging, genetic engineering, GMO crops, deforestation, sport utility vehicle (SUV) sales, energy production and distribution, and a wide variety of other activities.

The core beliefs of Silent Spring include:

- That the world needs saving from irreversible climate change, and that accepting and adapting is not going to be enough
- That passive action in the subject is no longer good enough and that active suppression of global entities responsible for climate denials and change is acceptable
- That those who deny or actively support adaption are enemy combatants and that loss of life is permissible
- That loss of civilian life for the cause is acceptable as long as it has furthered the ultimate cause