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## **FRIED POTATOES:** On the Politics of Indifference

You want fried potatoes? I tell you we're all deep-fried cause the people in control don't give a damn fer U err me.

All they want is their hamburgers delivered on time with the right amount ah lettuce 'n buns neatly sliced.

Who cares if ketchup spills on kitchen floors or employees work at sub-standard wages?

Does anyone worry whether the bovine crap has weird hormones or napkins are from rainforests or tomatoes argh genetically spliced?

> You want Order #6, right? OK bud – cummin' raight up!



- Kris: Massive indifference: isn't that the root of most problems?
- *Tim:* Indeed. Capitalism institutionalizes the process of uncaring. When people are viewed as disposable commodities, society as a whole becomes hollow. We need an arching meta-narrative to peacefully unite disparate and selfish humans.
- *Sam:* (Impatiently) Yeah. Yeah. I've heard that crap before. When's the next cartoon?

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