

Table 30.1 Be Your Own Peer: Principles.

	“elitist” approach	“mainstream” approach
Purpose	Resist capitalism through alternative formations Advance towards post-capitalism through historically determined Marxist seed formation or Kondratiev wave	Prevent planetary extinction Live fulfilling lives, work less Propose concrete policies Recognize that peer produced objects cannot compete with economies of scale of industrial mass production
Language	“Peer production” “Cosmolocalism” “Connected subjectivities”	“Live the good life” “Commons” “Common goods”
Technology	Benefits of continuous technological growth	Develop and implement “slow” data (with a low environmental data footprint)
Short-term Tactics	Engage with municipalities, use civic tech Develop networks of cooperatives The need for global social movements to adopt these approaches	Degrowth agenda relevant to working-class people Socio-economic recognition of commons by governments Use of all media to foster the values of the commons
Long-term Strategies	Widely implement alternative systems such as collective control of new energy and digital systems	New cultural values for the commons Multi-level divestment from fossil fuel policy, proposals and implementations International laws that recognize commons

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