

# The Avant-Tarde Manifesto

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This is not written as an Avant-Tardist but by a man (or It) who is occasionally an Avant-Tardist.

“He is a playful aesthete miscreant gentleman, intellectual scholar retard, decadent hedonist working class conceptualist, sincere anti-academic ironist, Network-Surrealist satirist, AND mock-heroic bathetic shitposting non-poet ragebaiter cortisol spiker. He is a Post-Artist Finance Punk who occasionally practices Liedownism”

- Debbi Bienstock, 2028

The Avant-Tarde is an aesthetic movement codified in 2022, coined by Adam Lehrer. Everything failed and Alex Bienstock’s crony-frenemies had nothing else really going for them so they decided to be idiots and ruin their potential. Many of them have bad tattoos and angry women in their past.

I would like there to be more Black representation honestly.

What the Avant-Tarde community tried to do was make readings a little more Thrash and Noisecore, a little more NSBM, a little more fat and smelly, a little more crass. The Alt-Lit scene felt gay and I wanted it to be less Cheugy Queer Twink Slop (CQTS).

The Avant-Tarde is not Dada or Neo-Neo-Dada. Radical gay sex with your father’s corpse could be an Avant-Tarde piece de resistance!

The Avant-Tarde is the anti-intellectual elite. It didn’t make things that look like “poetry”. It wasn’t supposed to be liked by “writers” or “alt-lit” people. It was extremely irreverent, using bigotry, and extremely sloppy formally. It isn’t Neo-Faux-Naive, but actually Faux-Smart, because we’re actually retards trying to sound smart by sounding dumb. We despise seriousness, sentimentality, and thoughtfulness. To be critical of us was moot, because that’s exactly what we wanted retard! One would like it because of how bad and hated it is. Typos are fine, big deal pussy!

“Zee Avant-Tarde disseminates itself online virtually as well as physically in perpetual bits. Zis theater iz always happening in zee -1 as it iz never whole (1). Zis Avant-Tarde iz always playing off each other, as zare bits are open-ended and modular, in relation to zare own index and in-joke-narrative-lexicon.

Zee Avant-Tardist iz not only offensive towards others but to themselves, vich is of course correlated to zee Death-drive of zee Micro-micro-celebrity. Zis instance of being incendiary iz zee will to be unliked and alienating.”

- Coked-out Freud

The Avant-Tarde laughs at insecure justification and dialectical intellectualism. It dismisses Avant-Gardist voguish clout-heroism with Liedownist Cynicism.

I hope History sees me as more than just an Ex-Avant-Tardist and recognizes my Spite.Vegas arc.

Ye went full Avant-Tarde after us.

The Avant-Tards mostly have STEM degrees and are extremely erudite. We actually require applicants to take tests before they are admitted. Certainly not STD tests.

Alex Bienstock has currently denounced Avant-Tardism to pursue Hollywood.

An Avant-Tardist has only read the first page of a book and skimmed Wikipedia until they got distracted by

- 2069