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1. Introduction

Anarchy is literally rooted in Greece, with the root word coming from the ancient Greek [anarchos](#) (without authority). However, it came to prominence after anarchists claimed to help [overthrow](#) Greece's military [dictatorship](#) in the early 1970s, with groups such as the Revolutionary Organization 17 November [launching](#) attacks on U.S. and Turkish targets during the 1970s up until 2000, being [designated](#) a terrorist organisation in 1997 (removed in 2015).

In modern history, they have fought for many causes, including educational [reform](#) in the 1990s, Athens' [hosting](#) of the 2004 Olympic Games, the austerity [response](#) to the Greek debt crisis and, more recently, against [tourism](#) and the Tempi train [crash](#). The main anarchist groups in Greece are Rouvikonas, Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei (Synomosia Pynon Tis Fotias or SPF), the Anarchist Federation, the Libertarian Syndicalist Union, and the Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity (RUIS). Some of these groups prioritise fighting authority, some [prioritise](#) social activism, while some combine both. During the Greek refugee crisis, anarchist groups [provided](#) alternative housing and aid for the refugees due to the crumbling infrastructure within Greece.

2. Methodology

The investigation began with a generic Google search to determine the top anarchist groups in Greece. The investigation then used official group social media profiles (X, Instagram, Facebook and Telegram) to gather information. Some of the anarchist groups maintain a public presence, such as Rouvikonas. However, other groups, particularly the Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei (CFN) and the Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity, were difficult to find information on. This is because the Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei is a designated [terrorist](#) organisation, and the Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity, due to ongoing conflicts. All information on these groups was found via reports on their actions. All social media content was accessed between February and August 2025 for relevance.

3. Analysis

The groups discussed in more detail below fall under the broad anarchist philosophy and the Greek forms of anarchy. Most are associated with larger umbrella groups, except for [Rouvikonas](#). Figure 1, below, is a link chart which shows the connections between these groups.

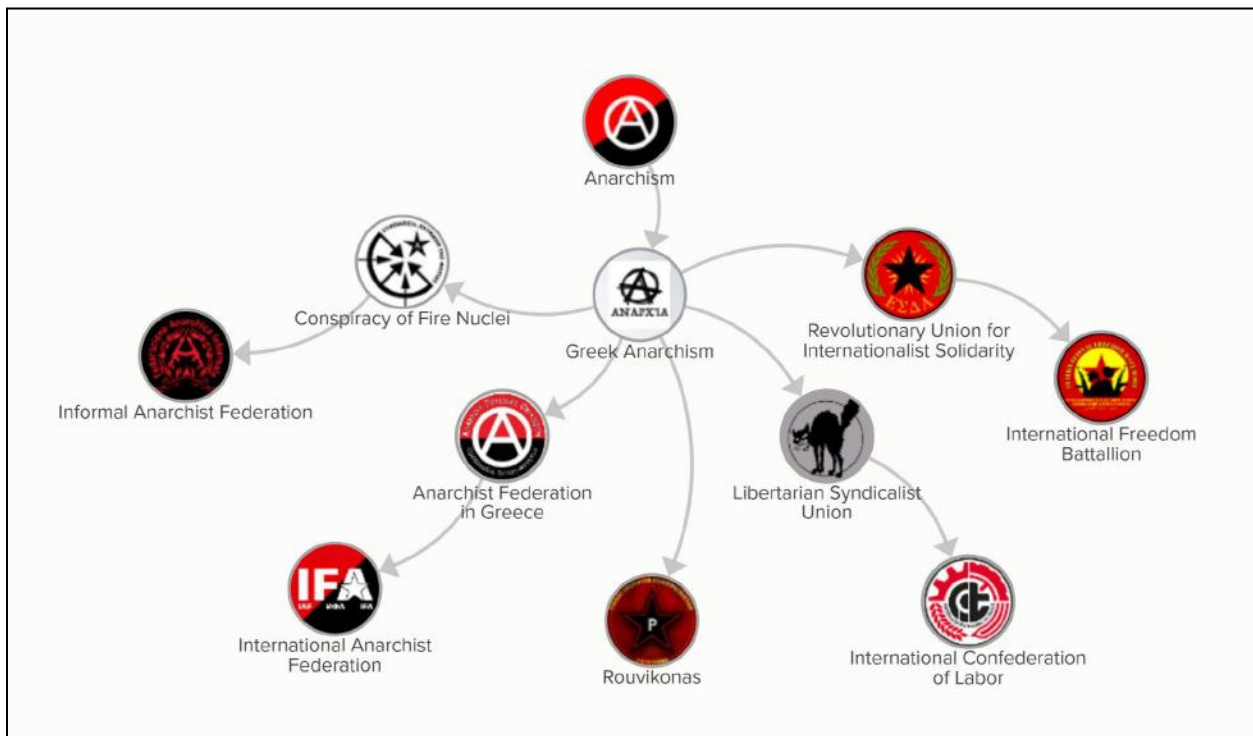


Figure 1: Link chart showing the relationships between Greek anarchist groups and their umbrella organisations. (Source: Wikipedia and Kumu).

3.1 Rouvikonas

Rouvikonas, [founded](#) in 2013, employs direct action tactics, including interventions against drug trafficking, attacks on symbols of state power, and assistance to migrants. They also participate in community-based initiatives, including food distribution and cultural events. Their latest [action](#) targeted the Hellenic Train company, whose train crash occurred in Tempi in February 2025; members broke into the company's offices and displayed a banner labelling them 'Murderers'. Rouvikonas's X (formerly Twitter) account is filled with



Figure 2: Rouvikonas logo/symbol. (Source: Rouvikonas)

their activities, such as [delivering](#) food to those in need, forcefully [stopping](#) the dismissal of a pregnant worker from VresNet, [helping](#) in flooded areas, protesting against the train crash in Tempi and the forceful [intervention](#) against an executive at doValue for throwing a family with a disabled child onto the street for profit. They use Instagram, Facebook, X and have their own website.

3.2 Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei

The Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei [uses](#) more violent means, such as bombings and attacks targeting government officials and institutions. They also have ties to international anarchist groups, such as the Informal Anarchist Federation. They first [appeared](#) in January 2008 with firebomb attacks on luxury car dealers. Following monthly arson attacks, the use of crude timed bombs and planned attacks on embassies, EU leaders and organisations, and many members were arrested. They were [designated](#) a terrorist group by the U.S. Department of State on 13 October 2011. However, they [continued](#) attacks by bombing the Director of Korydallos Prison in June 2013 and a parcel bomb attack against a police station in April 2014. An alleged member of SPF is Yiannis Michalidis, “the Archer of Syntagma”, who [appears](#) to still be in prison serving his 20-year sentence for a politically motivated bank robbery. He escaped from prison in 2019 and was caught in 2020. SPF [posts](#) many manifestos, messages and admissions for crimes.



Figure 3: Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei logo/symbol. (Source: Wikipedia)

3.3 The Anarchist Federation in Greece

The Anarchist Federation in Greece is a decentralised [movement](#), with a significant presence in the Exarcheia neighbourhood of Athens. The Exarcheia neighbourhood is renowned for its vibrant artistic and intellectual community, as well as being a hub for anarchist, socialist, and anti-fascist groups. They resurged after the 2008 police [killing](#) of Alexandros Grigoropoulos. On their website, they post [support](#) for workers, announcements for movements and anarchist book reviews. They have international versions of their X, Facebook and websites only.



Figure 4: The Anarchist Federation in Greece logo/symbol. (Source: International of Anarchist Federations)

3.4 The Libertarian Syndicalist Union

The Libertarian Syndicalist Union was [founded](#) on 5 October 2003 and is free from any political party, as it supports direct democracy, anti-capitalism and anti-fascism. During the Greek economic crisis, they joined other anarchist groups to criticise the government's [management](#) of the economy and its reception of migrants into Greece. They are one of the largest and most [active](#) anarchist movements in Greece.



Figure 5: The Libertarian Syndicalist Union logo/symbol. (Source: Facebook)

3.5 The Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity

The Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity is an anarchist military unit [founded](#) in 2015 and was involved in the Syrian civil war. They are [part](#) of the International Freedom Battalion, a collective of foreign anarchist groups that fight for the Syrian Democratic Forces. They have [fought](#) against the Islamic State and Turkish forces, alongside the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG). In May 2017, they [announced](#) that they would spill blood 'from Rojava to Athens', which raised the alarms for the Greek authorities. After Haukur Hilmarrsson, one of RUIS's fighters, was [killed](#) by [Turkish armed forces](#), the group called for attacks on Turkish sites in Greece. This led to the [attacks](#) on the Turkish consulate in Thessaloniki and the burning of a Turkish diplomat's vehicle.



Figure 6: The Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity logo/symbol. (Source: Wikipedia)

3.6 Anarchist Social Media Content

There are multiple social media accounts where anarchists post pro-anarchist content online. There is a Telegram channel called [metadotikos](#) where they post about harmful actions done by 'fascists' and Greek police. They also share memes, other anarchist X accounts, and show revenge actions done against people who actively prevent anarchist actions or against workers. There is an X account called [Θανάσης](#) (Thanasis), where they post anti-fascist, pro-Palestine, and pro-justice posts. The [Rubicon Student Group](#), which meets at the Athens School of Philosophy, shares many Facebook [posts](#) about protests and support for various causes.



Φοιτητική Ομάδα Ρουβίκωνα

Rubicon Student Group

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Για επικοινωνία με την ομάδα κάθε Τετάρτη 10:00-13:30 στην αίθουσα 516 στην Φιλοσοφική Σχολή Αθηνών

Contact the group every Wednesday 10: 00-13: 30 in room 516 at the Athens School of Philosophy

Φοιτητική Ομάδα Ρουβίκωνα's Photos

Albums



Figure 7: Anarchist action organised and promoted via the Rubicon Student Group at the Athens School of Philosophy (Source: radical-guide.com and Facebook).

4. Conclusion

These anarchist groups follow similar trends, with their beginnings in the 2000s and their rising popularity in the 2010s coinciding with Greece's increasing economic and political instability. Many of the groups gained popularity after the police [killed](#) Alexandros Grigoropoulos, a 15-year-old boy.

However, the groups use different methods to reach their aims due to their varied anarchist beliefs. Rouvikonas assists individuals by providing food, shelter, and support for migrants, victims of inadequate infrastructure and workers. The Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei used small attacks to gain attention, but were caught after attempting more brutal attacks. The Revolutionary Union for Internationalist Solidarity fought in Syria against the Islamic State, as well as in Turkey, to push their beliefs. Other groups only post online or do weekly meetings to push their agendas.

Anarchist groups in Greece are similar to groups in other countries with unstable economies and politics, demonstrating that anarchist groups tend to emerge from internal instability. The rise of left-wing and right-wing groups presents volatility and growing discontent with the Greek government. If Greece becomes even more unstable, then more of these groups will appear and gain popularity, causing great polarisation within the country. Polarisation is generated from the political landscape, with the centre becoming less popular, as the extreme right and left gain more support.

Anarchism in Greece spans the spectrum from grassroots activism to vandalism to violent acts. The groups themselves vary from article publishers to lower-level anarchist actors to terrorist groups and military units. The future of anarchism in Greece is uncertain. However, with the country's [improving economic](#) and political stability since the debt crisis, anarchism seems to be declining in popularity.

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