Radical Research = Doing Radical Things To Change Stuff

- What do they know
  - FOI filing requests
    - "Protection of the user"
      - Can be key to the detriment though

- How can we change policy through proof?
  - Low hanging fruit first
    - Workplace specific before going after the government's policy
  - Also because burn-out is real
  - Fun, interesting, and important to us
    - Then extrapolate later
  - People are still likely to enjoy it

- Alternative methods of distribution
  - Making data publicly available

- Finding structure
  - Independent research can be difficult
  - And can be hard to justify, vs. other needs
    - Team work with a diverse group?

- Library issues don't just affect library workers
  - Limitations of FOI, and potential further limitations
    - Universities could
      - BUT frequent push back

- EFF private funding grants

*You can always call yourself an independent researcher, just follow good research practices

- Keep in mind people's specific skill sets

- Radical Librarians
  - Thinking of doing a dissertation
    - Targeting new & potential librarians
Radical research

What we learn at Library School

What don’t we learn?
(alt. practices etc...)?

How can we develop library school modules to reflect/adapt?

What do you want to learn?
Radical research

Radical libraries as a phenomenon

What are they?

How can they be studied?

Who might be interested?

Can we get small grants/funding for research projects? EFF... Google?

Get in touch with non-library types doing research in radical groups - help flesh out ideas / collaborate.
Radical research ideas
LIBRARY
POLICIES OF EXCLUSION

Who is being excluded?
- Homeless people (e.g., Manchester)
- Non-digital citizens

How? How do we provide evidence of exclusion?
- Gather clear policy documents that explicitly and implicitly exclude.
- As more services rely on connection to the internet, exclude those without the means.
- Quantify services not available offline — find out who that affects.

Methods + data collection eg. FoI requests

Impact eg. Policy we'd hope to change
- Audiences who'd be interested in our results
- Ways of communicating with communities
- Membership requirements?