

Bloom [blu:m] n. [ca. 1914; orig. unkn., poss. from the Russian *Obломov*, the German *Anna Blume*, or the English *Ulysses*] 1. The final stimmung of a civilization laid up in its bed and finding distraction from its enfeeblement only by alternating short spells of technophilic hysteria with long stretches of contemplative asthenia. *It was as if the anemic mass of wage-workers lived in a Bloom state. "Down with Bloom!"* (J. Frey)

2. Fig. A vacant, crepuscular form-of-life, commonly affecting humans in the world of the authoritarian commodity. => *Bloomesque*, *Bloomitude*, *Bloomification*.

3. By ext. The feeling of being posthumous. *To be Bloomed out*. 4. The death certificate of conventional politics.

5. The birth certificate of ecstatic politics.

6. Hist. That existence whose assumption determined the formation of the different foci of the Invisible Committee, the anonymous conspiracy that perpetrated acts of sabotage, fomented uprisings, and ended up liquidating commodity domination in the first quarter of the 21st century. *"The spectators stand still when the train passes."* (K.)

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