

Fig.126 Screenshot showing me in Manhattan picking trash from the large sidewalk. In such places the trash tends to only represent the tourist influx. Mostly I pick trash in the more peripheral areas where I myself live. In this respect the resulting collages come to better represent real life and the consumer psychology enforced onto ordinary people.

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Not only in winters or during rainy seasons I find little trash but also in the gentrified heart of the bigger cities. I then usually explore more peripheral places such as artist squatted areas, immigrant areas and the more edgy districts. While in Berlin for example I avoid the center of town and shift to the dirtier peripheries like Neukölln. Here I can experience an authentic blend of both the immigrant community and the artist community not afraid of manifesting themselves. Similarly in other cities I avoid the sterile financial district and focus on the more bohemian neighborhoods. In this sense I do not find myself a parasite going where there is to eat. On the contrary I think that parasites are those who are obsessed to scale up their power and capital getting hold of the self-organized neighborhoods to replace them with gentrified and dead-from-the-start shopping centers. Well it is my opinion that not only the world cannot afford rich people but also these very centers of gentrification are not sustainable. Their facades may be covered with vertical gardens and there might be the most up-to-date system to regulate the temperature and what not but in principle the whole set up that is required to keep them up and running is horrific depleting not only exotic forests but also their people.