

- first ran into it in early '70s in BC founding member of GLF
  - used to buy it - probably Spartacus Books.
  - read it from time to time "It was really a Toronto newspaper"
  - it had its politics - what ~~was~~ <sup>we</sup> were there
  - I have more criticisms of it now than then
  - Now: business of putting out paper - people have to devote their life to it - they've pulled away from old life of gay comm. They don't go to bars, baths so often
- Result: paper is out of touch with reality.

- When I first came to TO I was constantly defending TBP - too radical etc.  
 Move to put OITC excellent - grounds it in actual lives. People see it as somber + heavy.  
 I contribute to it in the reviews I write - but I see it as a paper of record - Land Humphrey sees it + attach.

- Also: I've travelled to other parts of country - it tends to disorganize: got it from Doug Wilson, Metcalf, Sparrow.  
 Metcalf's example of no geographical flags

Paper no longer sees itself as producing or org a gay movement but stepping back + looking at it  
 E.g. - the Minishaft  
 also that what constitutes news out there isn't seen as news here + we ignore it.  
 Sparrow raised \$100 for us but we don't like religion