Subject: Steve Albini's PSW forum
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Wow.

I try not to be a hater. I really do. It just seems too easy, ya know? Too negative.

But I was doing my weekly skim through the various online forums, and ran across a thread on Steve Albini's PSW forum, started by Steve himself, concerning who was more important, Wang Chung or Minutemen.

It immediately degenerates a pathetic display of all the most heinous, cliched, eye-roll-inducing indie-rock crap you'll ever read. And the thread just goes on and on for pages and pages, with the god-like Albini baiting them with little Zen koan-type comments apropos of nothing but his own ego and silly puckishness.

I found myself thinking: "Damn, what a bunch of fucking losers."

I cannot believe anyone takes this "punk/indie" stuff seriously anymore. If the music's great, then great. But the whole "punk/indie" lifestyle choice...it seems even more trite than other lifestyle choices because of its incessant insistence that it isn't a lifestyle choice at all but a position of moral/aesthetic/fashion authority. Meanwhile an entire generation of spoiled, oblivious white kids have co-opted the sound and the style and made it into the candy-coated, mass-marketed cartoon of an empty fashion it always wanted to be anyway.

Sorry for the rant.
Jimmy