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To the French strikers of 1995, true heirs
of Babeuf

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Chronology

1760	23 November	Babeuf born at Saint-Quentin.
1773–5	approx.	Working on Picardy canal.
1777–8		Apprentice <i>feudiste</i> .
1782	13 November	Marries M.-A.-V. Langlet.
1785	November	Begins correspondence with Dubois de Fosseux.
1789	14 July	Storming of Bastille.
	October	Publication of <i>Perpetual Land-Register</i> .
1790	October onwards	Babeuf publishes <i>Le Correspondant picard</i> .
1792	17 September	Babeuf elected to <i>conseil général</i> of Somme.
1793	21 January	Louis XVI executed.
	May–October	Babeuf in Paris, working in food administration.
1793–4	December–July	Babeuf in prison.
1794	28 July	Fall of Robespierre.
	3 September	Babeuf launches <i>Journal de la liberté de la presse</i> .
	5 October	<i>Tribun du peuple</i> launched.
1795	February–October	Babeuf in prison.
	31 October	Establishment of Directory.
1796	28 February	Closing of Panthéon Club.
	30 March	Establishment of ‘secret directory’.
	10 May	Babeuf and comrades arrested.
	9 September	Grenelle mutiny.
1797	20 February	Opening of Vendôme trial.
	27 May	Babeuf executed.