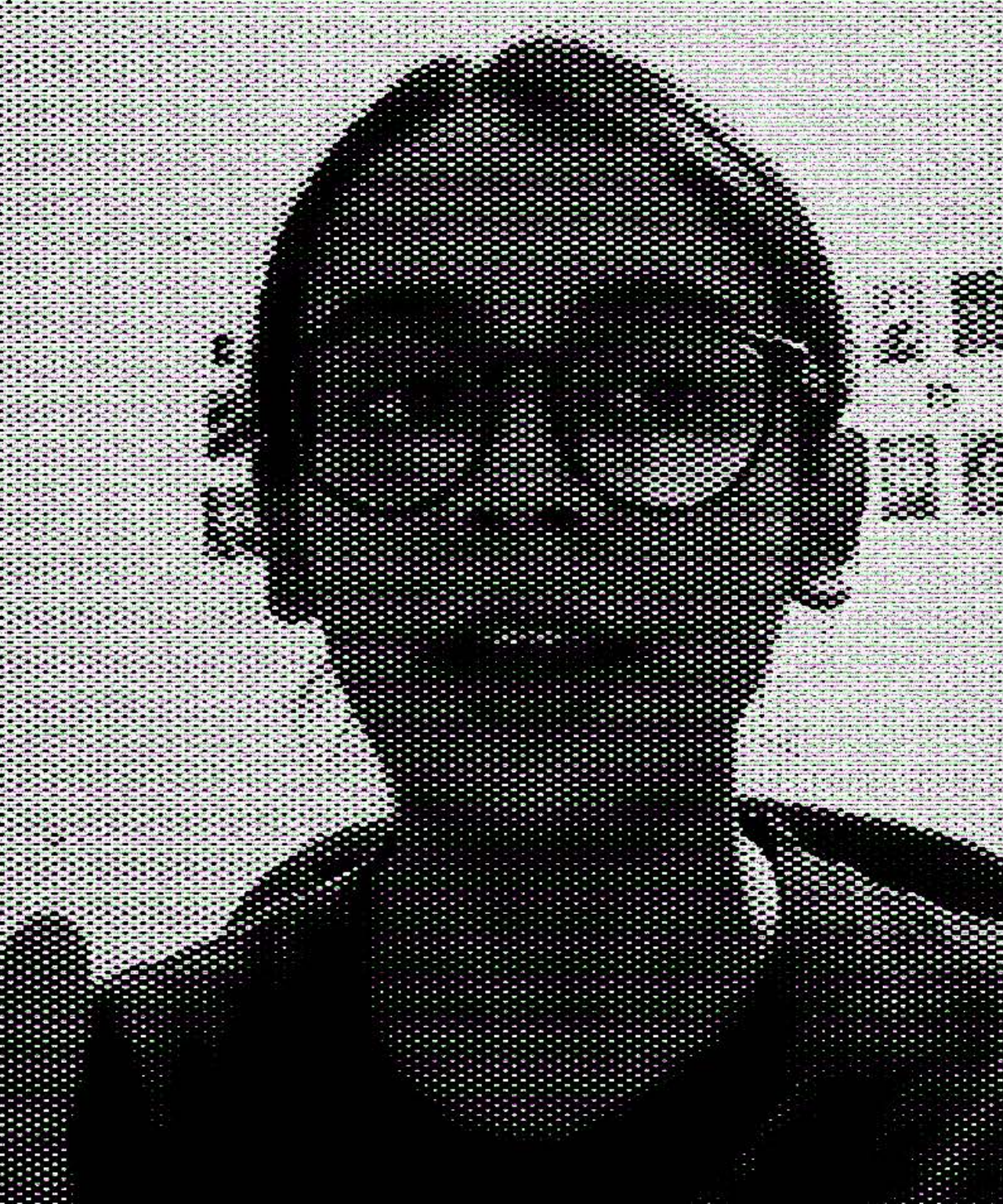




**PARTICIPATORY  
METHODS ARE  
OFTEN  
MARGINALIZED  
WITHIN  
INSTITUTIONS  
OF POWER -  
SUCH AS  
WITHIN  
ACADEMIA AND  
SYSTEMS OF  
GOVERNMENT  
INCLUDING  
LEGAL SYSTEMS**



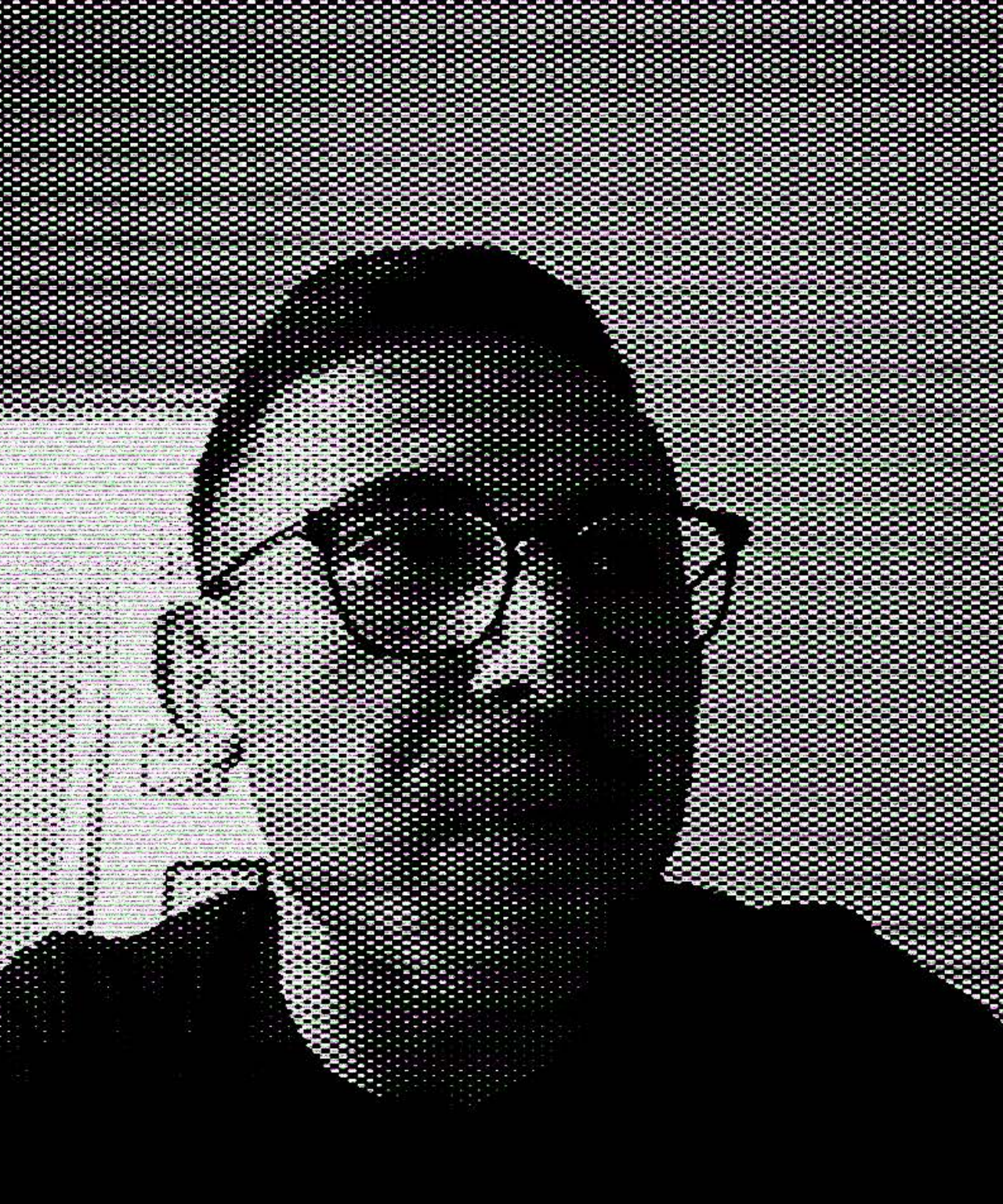
**THESE  
INDIVIDUALIZED  
MODES OF  
DELEGITIMIZATION  
SHOULD BE SEEN  
AS METHODS  
THROUGH WHICH  
POWER SEEKS TO  
EXTINGUISH  
CRITICAL  
COUNTER-  
HEGEMONIC  
KNOWLEDGE**



**REFUSAL TO  
ALLOW  
SOMEONE'S  
EXPERIENCES  
TO BE LEGIBLE  
TO EXISTING  
SYSTEMS OF  
POWER, IS AN  
ESTABLISHED  
TECHNIQUE OF  
ERASURE**



**GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS WILL  
OFTEN MEET THE  
COMMUNITY-LED  
RESEARCH WITH  
AN OUTRIGHT  
REFUSAL TO  
ALLOW IT OR  
WITH QUESTIONS  
SEEKING TO  
DELEGITIMIZE  
NOT ONLY THE  
DATA ITSELF,  
BUT ALSO THE  
COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS**

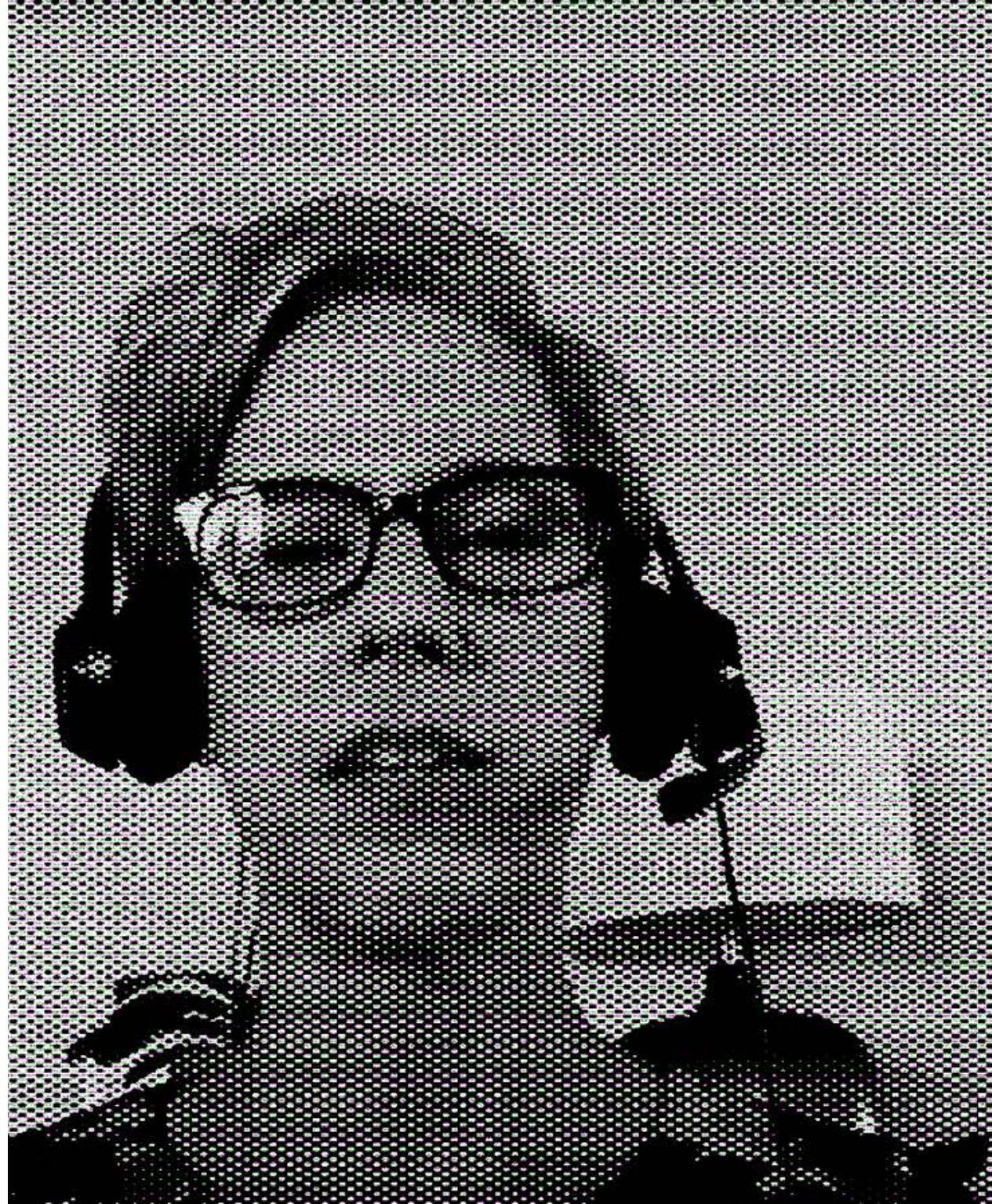


**EFFORTS TO  
DELEGITIMIZE  
LEGAL  
EMPOWERMENT  
PROCESSES CAN  
OFTEN TAKE THE  
SHAPE OF  
DEHUMANIZING  
AND  
DELEGITIMATING  
PEOPLE  
THEMSELVES**




**TO INVALIDATE  
THE ENTIRE  
EFFORT OF  
LEGAL  
EMPOWERMENT  
MOVEMENTS,  
OFFICIALS CAN  
SINGLE OUT  
AND TARGET  
INDIVIDUALS  
WITH  
DISCREDITING  
CLAIMS**

**FORGING AN  
INACCESSIBLE  
SYSTEM IS  
ANOTHER  
STRUCTURAL  
MECHANISM OF  
THE  
DELEGITIMATION  
OF COMMUNITY-  
LED AND  
PARTICIPATORY  
LEGAL  
EMPOWERMENT**







**RESEARCHERS  
CREATE  
PARAMETERS OF  
PARTICIPATION  
THAT MAY ERASE  
THE VALUABLE  
PERSPECTIVES OF  
ALL WHO WERE  
WILLING TO  
ENTER THIS  
SPACE OF  
COLLECTIVE  
KNOWLEDGE  
CREATION**



**WHEN ENGAGING  
WITH ENTITIES  
OF POWER, IT IS  
HELPFUL TO  
ANTICIPATE  
ATTEMPTS AT  
DISTRACTION  
AND WAYS THAT  
BUREAUCRATIC  
RESPONSES MAY  
BE LAUNCHED TO  
DERAIL THE  
EFFORTS OF THE  
COMMUNITY.**