

AFL-CIO/Change to Win Labor Misleaders Ramping Up for the 2016 Wall Street Elections and the Democratic Party of the Bosses:

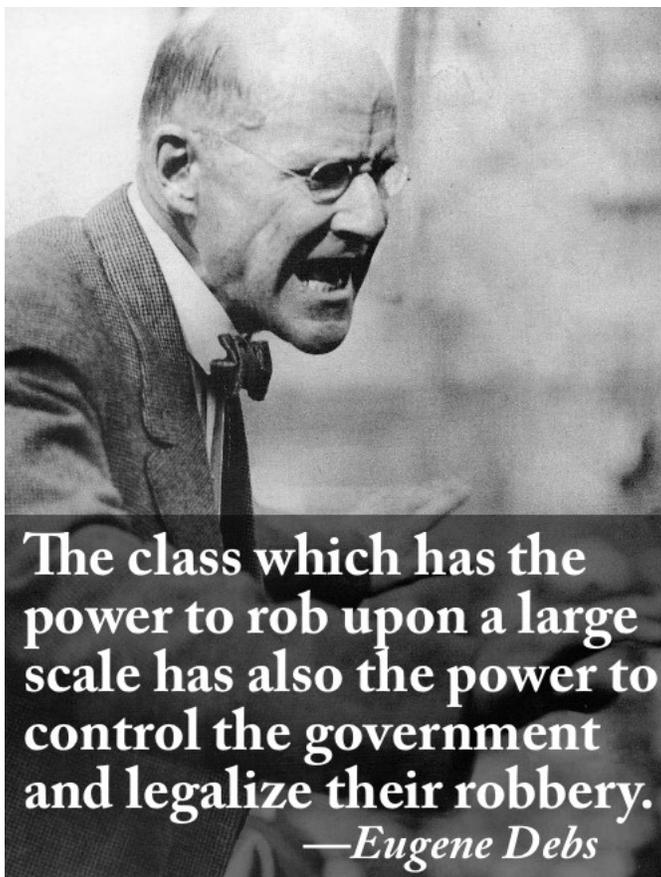
No Support for Fake-Socialist Bernie Sanders, “Sheepdog” for Hillary and the Democrats!

No Support to the Capitalist Green Party!

***Break with the Democratic and Republican Parties of Capital!
Build a Class Struggle Workers/Labor Party!***

Gearing up for the 2016 elections, the pro-capitalist labor bureaucracy of the AFL-CIO/Change to Win labor federations and liberal ‘progressives’ are mobilizing all out support yet again for the Democratic Party, trying to tap into the despair and outrage of the masses who have been on the receiving end of the bipartisan Democratic and Republican party attacks.

Endless wars, rampant racist police violence and terror against the black and brown communities, record deportation of immigrant workers, union-busting, environmental destruction, and the unrelenting downward pressure on the standard of living of workers have created a seething anger among the workers and oppressed who are daily taking it on the chin. Yet at every outbreak of social and class struggle, the liberal and reformist misleaders are there attempting to divert the struggle



The class which has the power to rob upon a large scale has also the power to control the government and legalize their robbery.
—Eugene Debs

into safe channels, seeking to keep the struggle within limits which do not challenge capitalist class rule. They promote populist demands for impotent or liberal reforms palatable to the capitalists. Their role is to direct the movements of the workers and oppressed off of the streets and into that “graveyard of social and class struggles” the Democratic Party. Through the traps of electoralism these labor lieutenants of capital, liberals and reformists limit the struggle for our most minimal demands (like a job at a living wage) to long-term legislative limbo.

Where is the party that fights for Jobs for All now? Where is the party that can end imperialist wars? Where is the party that is uncompromising in defense of the environment? It is not the Democratic Party!

To win Jobs For All we will need to share the work in a planned economy and that is something the ruling class and its twin parties, the Democrats and Republicans, are organized against. The capitalists know from experience that the long term decline of the rate of profit has not been reversed by the rise in the rate of productivity, so they know they cannot raise wages without impacting the share and bond holder's cut of the surplus value/profit. The capitalists cannot provide jobs for all or free education or universal free cradle to grave medical care. They know that to do so will put them out of business. The workers know that too! The historic economic and social interests of the workers cannot be met while the economy is subject to the anarchy of the capitalist market and bureaucratic state interventions do little to mitigate the misery which is the social cost of the private profit system.

As that is the dominant "understanding", our labor leaders only negotiate for crumbs. They may not, but should know, that to fight for the real needs of workers and oppressed labor must end the rule of the 1% and put the ownership and control of the means of production into the hands of the working class. That is a revolution. That is what is on the agenda, but not on Bernie Sander's agenda. Bernie has no intention of guiding the working class to build its own revolutionary socialist Workers Party because Bernie is committed to leaving the capitalists in control of the ownership of the economy. Seek in vain on his web site and the demand for socialism is nowhere to be seen. He offers nothing of the socialist program. No expropriation of the commanding heights of the economy. No workers democratic control and planning of the economy. No program to return the holdings of the multi-national corporations to the peoples of the semi-colonies. His red flag has been washed so many times you can hardly see the pink left in it.

Democracy in America means the "democracy" of Wall Street, the dictatorship of Capital. The elections every two years in America determine which wing of the ruling class will administer brutal capitalist exploitation. It will be either the 'screw you with a smile' Democrats or the 'screw you outright' Republicans. The *Citizen's United* decision has brazenly revealed the farce of democratic pretensions the ruling class promotes. Bernie reduces democracy to getting rid of *Citizen's United*. But those who think overturning the *Citizen's United* ruling will restore democracy are trying to fool you. There never was

popular democracy, not in antebellum or Jim Crow America, and not today. Today black people still have to fight for basic voting rights and against racist cop terror in every city. The mythology of town hall American democracy is long gone and there never was a town hall without a Tammany Hall behind it.

Frederick Engels, co-author of the *Communist Manifesto*, recognized the American political system for what it always has been. As he eloquently wrote over 100 years ago:

'Nowhere do "politicians" form a more separate, powerful section of the nation than in North America. There, each of the two great parties which alternately succeed each other in power is itself in turn controlled by people who make a business of politics, who speculate on seats in the legislative assemblies of the Union as well as of the separate states, or who make a living by carrying on agitation for their party and on its victory are rewarded with positions.'

It is well known that the Americans have been striving for 30 years to shake off this yoke, which has become intolerable, and that in spite of all they can do they continue to sink ever deeper in this swamp of corruption. It is precisely in America that we see best how there takes place this process of the state power making itself independent in relation to society, whose mere instrument it was originally intended to be. Here there exists no dynasty, no nobility, no standing army, beyond the few men keeping watch on the Indians, no bureaucracy with permanent posts or the right to pensions, and nevertheless we find here two great gangs of political speculators, who alternately take possession of the state power and exploit it by the most corrupt means and for the most corrupt ends – and the nation is powerless against these two great cartels of politicians, who are ostensibly its servants, but in reality exploit and plunder it." - [Frederick Engels in his 1891 Postscript \[to the Civil War in France by Karl Marx\]](#)

The Democratic Party hope of today is Hillary Clinton, former Wal-Mart board member, supporter of Zionist Israel against the just demands of the Palestinians and also supported Bush's imperialist wars against Iraq and Afghanistan. A Marxist jokingly remarked on Facebook that imperialist war criminal "Nixon was the last great liberal President." There is certainly some truth in this, as absent the mass civil rights, antiwar, women's and gay rights struggles, the political parties have lurched rightward.

The capitalist crisis reveals the Democrats as qualitatively no different than the Republicans, as Obama has well-earned the title “deporter-in-chief,” “deporting record numbers of our immigrant sisters and brothers. The Democratic Party mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel tried to break the Chicago teacher’s strike and then went on to all-out attack public education. From the TPP to war in the Near East, the differences between right-wing reaction and the Democrats are in the small details.

Yet ironically the nearly defunct Stalinist CP-USA has since the days of Reagan made a distinction between the “ultra-right” and the tolerable right (today’s rightward drifting Democratic leadership) whom they tell workers to bloc with. Their method, the method of creating cross class popular fronts that bind the workers to their class enemy, is at one with Bernie Sanders, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and other fake socialists like SocAlt and Solidarity who are building the Chris Hedges dream alliance out of the experiences of Richmond California and Seattle Washington.

Under the Democratic regime in Chicago the police had their own private Guantanamo torture chambers exposed at Homan Square. Government reports on Cleveland police abuse and similar reports on the Ferguson police funds racket are just the tip of the iceberg of nation-wide state repression imposed by Democrats and Republicans alike. The new liberal Oakland mayor made her debut by denying protesters the right to assemble at night. This is an extension of the so-called free speech zones used to corral protesters at political conventions and, as we witnessed in Kansas City (link to CW#?) and Philly, to protect fascists and Klansmen from anti-fascist protesters.

Bernie Sanders: Fake-Socialist for the Democrats

Sanders role is [“sheepdog” for the Democratic Party](#), to drive unsuspecting workers, activists and leftists, into the voting booth to support the Democratic Party. This is an old political trick that is used by the established capitalist parties, the Democrats and Republicans, to ensure that capitalism remains safe. ***Sanders ‘campaign’ does nothing to mobilize workers in a serious fight to win even the most basic reforms, rather his campaign intends to head off working class political independence and militant class struggle.***

As Bruce Dixon from *Black Agenda Report* so eloquently put it *“Bernie’s job is to warm up the crowd for Hillary, herding activist energies and the disaffected left back into the Democratic fold one more time. Bernie aims to tie up activist energies and resources till the summer of 2016 when the only remaining choice will be the usual lesser of two evils.”* (Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders: Sheepdogging for Hillary and the Democrats in 2016 – Bruce Dixon)

As far as socialism, with Bernie you can pretty much forget it. Any talk of socialism or even the “S” word is not to be found on his campaign site and he explicitly says he is *“a Democratic candidate for President.”* It is the bourgeois press and Sanders’ leftist and fake-socialist supporters, like Kshama Sawant’s Socialist Alternative (SocAlt) who are granting Sanders his undeserved socialist credentials and false progressive credibility. Sanders caucuses and votes with the Democrats 90% of the time and we never hear him raise the socialist program in the halls of Congress.

SocAlt [shamelessly crosses the class line](#) and flatly states that they *“will be campaigning with Sanders supporters against the corporate politicians while politically arguing for Sanders to run all-out through the November 2016 election, as a step toward building an independent political alternative for working people.”* What SocAlt is doing is in essence the politics of the popular front, the same class collaborationist method employed by the pro-capitalist union bureaucracy in binding the workers to a liberal wing of the bourgeoisie. Popular front politics means defeat for the working class, historically quite literally written in the blood of the workers such as in Allende’s Chile. In America, the blood of the workers will continue to be shed nearly daily by the police terror against the black and brown communities until such time as capitalism is swept away. SocAlt makes a mockery of class independence, of independent working class politics and suppresses the historic workers political program, lying to the oppressed by telling them that the cops and jailers are their brother workers. ***We say throw the [Police Benevolent Associations](#) and prison guards out of the AFL-CIO and Change to Win labor federations!***

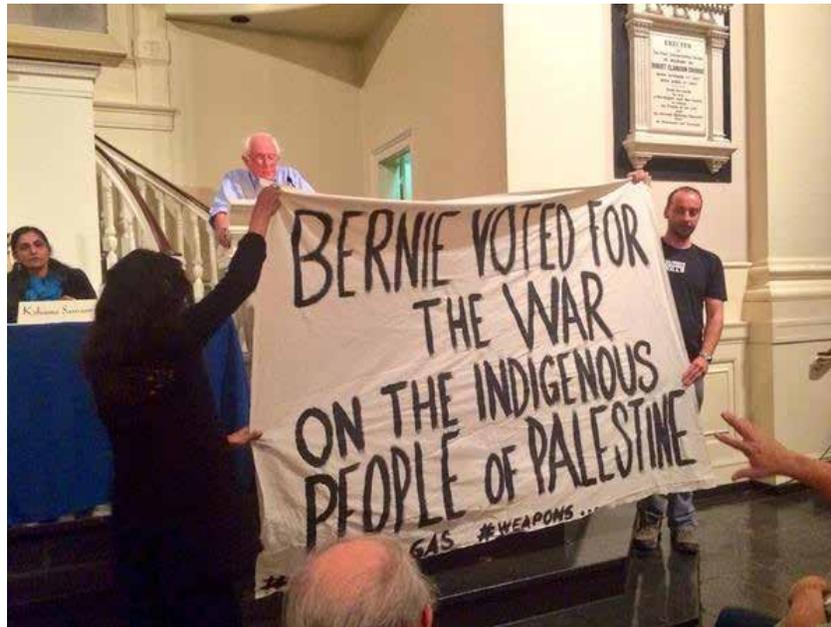
Steve Early of *Labor Notes*, writing for *Jacobin*, admonished labor to take note that Sanders has a “... track record that few ‘friends of labor’ can match.”

Thus we see the readers of Labor Notes creating the cross-class popular front that Chris Hedges, Kshama Sawant, and the “unity at any price” left are drooling over.

In 2014, Sanders showed us his idea of a “*progressive economic agenda*” when he voted to cut [\\$8.7 billion in SNAP food stamp benefits](#), that translates to a \$90 per month cut. Only nine Democratic Senators voted against and [89 House Democrats](#) (Nancy Pelosi) voted for the bill, including 14 members (Loeb sack-IA) of the Democratic Party Progressive Caucus. And now, more food stamp cuts are set to take effect in 2015 and 2016!

Sanders is a social imperialist. He voted for Bush’s war in Afghanistan and has supported the U.S. military occupation of the Near East. In 1999, Congressman Sanders voted for NATO war against Serbia, prompting one of his [staffers to resign](#) asking “*Is there a moral limit to the military violence you are willing to participate in or support? Where does that limit lie? And when that limit has been reached, what action will you take?*” Sanders engages in anti-worker, anti-immigrant ‘American jobs for American workers’ chauvinism by introducing legislation that opposes the federal visa program for foreign workers. He is also a supporter of the Israeli Zionist colonial-settler state that brutally oppresses the Palestinian people and denies them their right to national self-determination.

Sanders economic and social politics are liberal reformism, well within acceptable limits for the ruling class. His calls for such things as free university education is just populist demagoguery. He is not using his campaign to launch the mass movements it will take to win. The capitalist ruling class knows what it needs to do to survive, and absent mass social and class struggle, it ain’t reforming capitalism for the better. What [Leon Trotsky stated](#) about the last great capitalist crisis is true today, that “*in general, there can be no discussion of systematic social reforms and the raising of the masses’ living*



standards; when every serious demand of the proletariat and even every serious demand of the petty bourgeoisie inevitably reaches beyond the limits of capitalist property relations and of the bourgeois state.”

The American working class, divided by racism, has never developed the political class consciousness of the European

working class who did form independent working class parties with a formal commitment to socialism (albeit they became bourgeois workers parties with pro-capitalist leaderships that betrayed their socialist political program and the worker base) and which won limited gains through both struggle and legislation. In America, the delusion is that gains can be won through the Democratic Party of Capital at the ballot box.

So what would a socialist politician do?

A socialist representative in the Senate or House would advance legislation based on the historic socialist program of the working class and utilize the office and bully pulpit to organize and mobilize the mass movements of the workers and oppressed. Primarily they would utilize the campaign and elected office to advance the historic, working class political program of transitional demands based on struggle to abolish the capitalist system. Working class consciousness is key, and socialist candidates must use their electoral campaigns and elected offices to build political class consciousness, to educate, agitate and organize the struggles of the working class and the oppressed. The building of an independent workers/labor party based on a class struggle program is vital.

To her credit, Sawant, during her campaign for Seattle City Council, called for Boeing workers to take over the plant to much applause. It was the limits of her reformist politics that forced her to stop there, rather than calling for sit-down strikes in the entire industry and nationalization without compensation

to the major shareholders and run the industry under workers control, and for a workers/labor party. Such calls would likely have received as much applause among workers who know they are being screwed by the bosses. Rather than being the tribune of the people, Sanders idea of “struggle” is caucusing with the Democrats in a hopeless misbelief that it is the political class not the workers themselves who can make socialism.

Early American Socialist Eugene V. Debs ran for President five times on an openly socialist program seeking to mobilize the workers to fight to abolish capitalism, winning nearly a million votes in 1912. As opposed to Sanders, Debs opposed imperialist war and was jailed for his opposition to World War I.

Green Party: Supporting the Right of Corporations to “generate profits”, but in a Responsible, Environmentally Friendly Way

For many on the left, the Green Party is seen as an alternative, even though it is a pro-capitalist party, appealing to small capitalists and middle class professionals and de-classed layers who see no future in an economy run by the working class. It is pretty plain to see for anyone that [reads their program](#) that it is not about expropriating the expropriators. Essentially they want a regulated, environmentally and worker “friendly” system of capitalist exploitation based on small scale businesses (i.e. petty-bourgeoisie). This is completely delusional. The capitalist system from its inception has trended towards concentrated monopolies. Small scale capitalism turns into large scale capitalism and a hell of a lot of it pretty quickly. Socialism does not oppose the concentration of production into larger and more efficient enterprises. Indeed the materialist method recognizes that the socialization of production is one of the major advances brought to humanity by capitalism. While production has been socialized by Capital, wealth appropriation remains private. This is the basic contradiction of capitalism that only the socialist revolution can resolve. The Greens want to go backwards and are ultimately idealists promoting a nostalgia for an artisans’ economy which could never have been more than a half-way step between pre-capitalism and monopoly-capitalist imperialism.

A green capitalism is impossible. Capitalism is not rational and is driven to maximize the rate of profit for Capital. Only a centrally planned socialist economy run under democratic control of the workers

can roll back the environmental destruction already wrought and create a true rational, environmentally-safe mode of production.

The Greens, like Sanders, breed illusions in the electoral system that change will come through the ballot box. Change (for the worse) through elections can be seen in Richmond, CA, where Green former mayor McLaughlin in a popular front with Mike Parker and the Richmond Progressive Alliance (RPA) administered on a decaying capitalism on a municipal scale:

“Richmond, California has become, like Seattle, a prime example of what happens when the fake Trotskyists create a popular front with the liberal left capitalist parties like the Greens and the milieu of disaffected Democrats seeking “change” within the confines of the capitalist system.

*The Green Mayor, the referendum to tax Chevron, the sugar drink tax, the eminent domain housing foreclosure solution and minimum wage increase referendum all overshadow, in the pages of *The Nation and Labor Notes*, the expose of the dilapidated conditions in the public housing complexes, the campaign of bullying and abuse of power by City of Richmond managers, the underperforming schools in the West Contra Costa School district, the privatization by Veolia of the water and sewage systems, a minimum wage campaign which if successful will keep workers enslaved to sub-living wages for the foreseeable future, and a school-to-prison pipeline which the RPA/Green/“socialist” bloc have tolerated and presided over for the last eight years....” - [Class War Vol.2 No.2](#), “Sewer Socialism in Richmond, California”*

For Marxists, the class nature of a political party is determined first by which class interest its political program serves, then by their policy in practice and last by its class composition. The [Green Party program](#) does have some social democratic demands, such as jobs for all and universal healthcare that put the ostensible socialists such as the [Chicago Socialist Campaign](#) to shame, but they are fundamentally committed to capitalist property relations. Their platform explicitly calls to “...change the legal design of corporations so that they **generate profits**, but not at the expense of the environment, human rights, public health, workers, or the communities in which the corporation operates (emphasis added).” With their concern for capitalist profits, it came as no surprise that the Greens in Richmond refused to join actions (March 2009 and Labor Day 2012) which

called for the expropriation of Chevron. They want to ‘curb corporate power’, not eliminate it.

The working class needs unity, it is desperately needed, but on what political basis and with which social class should the workers stake their future? The CWG stands on the method and historic program of the working class as best expressed in the [1938 Transitional Program](#) of Trotsky’s Fourth International. For Marxists, it is not unprincipled to bloc with or advance critical support to working class parties and workers candidates. It is necessary to openly and unflinchingly warn the masses of the limits of the reformists program and methods. This outs the reformists and their politics to the test. However, when those candidates act as sheepdogs or ally with the class enemy to trap the workers into a political bloc with the bosses, we warn the workers to reject Sawant, Early, Sanders and those like the [Communist Party U.S.A. \(CP-USA\)](#) who overtly elevate one wing of the ruling class as more progressive than another with their fake fight against the “ultra-right.”

AFL-CIO/Change to Win Labor-Faker Misleaders

Of course, the electoral circus would not be complete without the Democratic Party labor bureaucrats. With the Iowa caucus being the traditional focus of national attention, a Working Families Summit is was held on May 16th in Ames, Iowa attended by several hundred people. Sponsored by the AFL-CIO, the Iowa Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), many unions such as United Electrical (UE), Communication Workers of America (CWA) and various other unions and labor bodies, the purpose of the summit was to “*bring together progressive Iowans and progressive ideas, so more Iowans and political candidates at all levels better understand the issues that are critical to working families.*” Other sponsors included a various assortment of liberal community based organizations (CBO) and NGO’s such as the Iowa Community Action Association, along with liberal think-tanks such as Progress Iowa and the Iowa Policy Project.

It is the liberal think-tanks, like the Center for American Progress (CAP), that help set the Democratic Party political populism that the union bureaucracy utilizes so effectively to keep the working class in check. Quite ironic that CAP claims to be fighting for social progress, yet [receives funding](#) directly from corporations, major retailers, energy interests,

health care companies and financial institutions such as Comcast, Walmart, General Motors, Pacific Gas and Electric and General Electric. He who pays the piper!

These conferences that the labor bureaucracy stage have nothing to do with organizing a fight against the all-out attacks being waged by the bosses and their Democratic and Republican political parties against the working class, against the oppressed, against the poor, and against society as a whole. All this is designed to come up with a non-action plan for the Democratic Party.

If anyone thinks the union misleaders have a unique strategy to win substantial gains for workers and the oppressed, think again. They don’t! This is the same tried and failed method they have employed for decades. Their strategy is ‘Vote Democrat!’, reliance on the courts lobby legislators and begging the bosses for some crumbs from the table. The result has seen dramatic cuts to social gains, attacks on public education, deportation of immigrant workers, unemployment or underemployment, and a labor movement that has been brought to the brink.

If the labor leadership was serious, they would be throwing labor resources into organizing and action committees to unionize the low-wage retail and fast food industries “wall-to-wall”. Instead of fighting for a living wage at prevailing union wages and benefits, the labor-skates peddle the sub-living, poverty minimum wage, something they have been pushing for several years. As far as civil rights, where were the organized union contingents at the #BlackLivesMatter protests?

The labor movement will only be rebuilt through struggle independent of the Democrats. What is needed is to revive the class struggle tactics that built the unions, the mass picket lines that mean “don’t cross”; the sit-down, solidarity and general strikes; flying picket squads and hot-carguing. Every labor struggle should be run with the efficiency of a military operation with the mass mobilization of the working class and the oppressed. What is needed is an independent revolutionary workers party!

For Workers/Oppressed Struggle!

As the Communist Workers Group (CWG-U.S.) wrote in 2014:

“If it were merely a question of “good” people in Washington, those “friends of labor” our unions told us to elect, wouldn’t they have already imposed massive programs to put us all to work, lift us out of poverty, to replant the forests, to put millions to work building clean energy projects, to put millions more to work cleaning up the environment, when they had the majority in both houses and the executive? But big capital cannot see profit in that kind of investment, and they, more than your unions ever did or could, own the politicians in congress, lock stock and barrel.” – [“Abolish Wage Slavery”](#)

Only the power of the organized, politically class conscious working class, linked to the struggles of the specially oppressed, has the power to fundamentally change society.

The fight for civil rights means defending the black, brown and immigrant communities against the racist cops through disciplined, organized labor, black and brown self-defense guards! For labor political strikes against cop brutality and racism! For workers tribunals to bring these killer cops to justice!

No One is Illegal! Tear Down the Wall! For Free Movement Across Borders! For mass labor mobilizations and political strikes to stop deportations and defend immigrants against La Migra! Fight for full citizenship rights for all immigrants! For international, across border class struggle!

To win a living wage labor needs its own independent politics, based on the mass mobilization of the workers in every job place to organize the unorganized, to revitalize the unions where they exist, build new unions and build solidarity among all workers to strengthen the entire class, as opposed to the current state of atomization of labor, of business and craft unionism, which today is in many places degenerating into corporate unionism and captive unionism.

To do this we need a workers party with a fighting program that unites all workers, from the best paid to the poorest. This can be accomplished when the organized sector takes up the demands of **JOBS FOR ALL -SHARE THE WORK -THIRTY HOURS WORK FOR FORTY HOURS PAY! FREE QUALITY UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE,**

EDUCATION AND PENSIONS ARE A RIGHT!

These demands can be won by ***forming rank and file class struggle caucuses in our unions that bring back the class struggle methods that built the unions in the first place, like job site occupations, general strikes and political strikes.***

Thus our fight today is not to reform a decaying mode of production ready for the dung heap of history. Our fight must be for what we need to lift all of us out of poverty! ***Abolish all student debt! For free quality education, and housing for all! For free quality socialized medicine to include free abortion on demand and full women’s reproductive services!***

Only a workers’ government can guarantee a living income for all because only a workers’ government will relieve the capitalists of the hoarded capital and put it to work. Only a workers government can or will tell big capital that if you cannot provide for all, we (the assembled working class) will nationalize the commanding heights of industry without compensation and run them under the workers own self-management and plan.

But a workers’ government will not come about without a struggle, a struggle in the unions, the factories and job sites ***led by a worker’s party with a revolutionary program, which by its very nature must confront the multi-national corporations and thus be internationalist and build the fight for workers power in a revolutionary workers international party!***

This is what it takes to end poverty in our time!

Build mass workers assemblies! Form the workers party that fights for a workers’ government and the historic program of the working class. For a rational, centralized planned environmentally-friendly economy run under workers control based on social needs, not profit!

ABOLISH WAGE SLAVERY! For a Socialist World!

What we Fight For

We fight to overthrow Capitalism

Historically, capitalism expanded world-wide to free much of humanity from the bonds of feudal or tribal society, and developed the economy, society and culture to a new higher level. But it could only do this by exploiting the labour of the productive classes to make its profits. To survive, capitalism became increasingly destructive of “nature” and humanity. In the early 20th century it entered the epoch of imperialism in which successive crises unleashed wars, revolutions and counter-revolutions. Today we fight to end capitalism’s wars, famine, oppression and injustice, by mobilizing workers to overthrow their own ruling classes and bring to an end the rotten, exploitative and oppressive society that has exceeded its use-by date.

We fight for Socialism

By the 20th century, capitalism had created the pre-conditions for socialism – a world-wide working class and modern industry capable of meeting all our basic needs. The potential to eliminate poverty, starvation, disease and war has long existed. The October Revolution proved this to be true, bringing peace, bread and land to millions. But it became the victim of the combined assault of imperialism and Stalinism. After 1924 the USSR, along with its deformed offspring in Europe, degenerated back towards capitalism. In the absence of a workers political revolution, capitalism was restored between 1990 and 1992. Vietnam and China then followed. In the 21st century only North Korea survives as a degenerated workers state. We unconditionally defend the DPRK against capitalism and fight for political revolution to overthrow the bureaucracy as part of a world socialist revolution.

We fight to defend Marxism

While the economic conditions for socialism exist today, standing between the working class and socialism are political, social and cultural barriers. They are the capitalist state and bourgeois ideology and its agents. These agents claim that Marxism is dead and capitalism need not be exploitative. We say that Marxism is a living science that explains both capitalism’s continued exploitation and its attempts to hide class exploitation behind the appearance of individual “freedom” and “equality”. It reveals how and why the reformist, Stalinist and centrist misleaders of the working class tie workers to bourgeois ideas of nationalism, racism, sexism and equality. Such false beliefs will be exploded when the struggle against the inequality, injustice, anarchy and barbarism of capitalism in crisis, led by a revolutionary Marxist party, produces a revolutionary class-consciousness.

We fight for a Revolutionary Party

The bourgeoisie and its agents condemn the Marxist party as totalitarian. We say that without a democratic and a centrally organized party there can be no revolution. We base our beliefs on the revolutionary tradition of Bolshevism and Trotskyism. Such a party, armed with a transitional program, forms a bridge that joins the daily fight to defend all the past and present gains won from capitalism to the victorious socialist revolution. Defensive struggles for bourgeois rights and freedoms, for decent wages and conditions, will link up the struggles of workers of all nationalities, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations, bringing about movements for workers control, political strikes and the arming of the working class, as necessary steps to workers’ power and the smashing of the bourgeois state. Along the way, workers will learn that each new step is one of many in a long march to revolutionize every barrier put in the path to their victorious revolution.

We fight for Communism

Communism stands for the creation of a classless, stateless society beyond socialism that is capable of meeting all human needs. Against the ruling class lies that capitalism can be made “fair” for all, that nature can be “conserved”, that socialism and communism are “dead”, we raise the red flag of communism to keep alive the revolutionary tradition of the Communist Manifesto of 1848, the Bolshevik-led October Revolution, the Third Communist International until 1924, and the revolutionary Fourth International up to its collapse into centrism, with the closing of the International Center. We fight to build a new Communist International, as a world party of socialism capable of leading workers to a victorious struggle for socialism.

Join us: Where overthrowing capitalism is all in a days work !!!

Early American Socialist Eugene V. Debs attacked the “[Monstrous System](#)” of capitalism and the capitalist Democrat, Republican and Progressive parties in his 1912 acceptance speech as the Socialist Party Presidential candidate. Below is an abridged version of this speech:

“The infallible test of a political party is the private ownership of the sources of wealth and the means of life. Apply that test to the Republican, Democratic, and Progressive parties and upon that basic, fundamental issue you will find them essentially one and the same. They differ according to the conflicting interests of the privileged classes, but at bottom they are alike and stand for capitalist class rule and working-class slavery...”

One question is sufficient to determine the true status of all these parties. Do they want the workers to own the tools they work with, control their own jobs, and secure to themselves the wealth they produce? Certainly not. That is utterly ridiculous and impossible from their point of view. The Republican, Democratic, and Progressive parties all stand for the private ownership by the capitalists of the productive machinery used by the workers, so that the capitalists can continue to filch the wealth produced by the workers...

It is vain to hope for material relief upon the prevailing system of capitalism. All the reforms that are proposed by the three capitalist parties, even if carried out in good faith, would still leave the working class in industrial slavery. The working class will never be emancipated by the grace of the capitalists class, but only by overthrowing that class...”

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