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ILPS Condemns US for Instigating Coup Scheme, Demands Respect for Sovereignty of Venezuela



The malicious scheme of the US and its puppets headed by Leopoldo Lopez is to fabricate conditions for a military coup against the government which was duly-elected last April. President Maduro is justified in taking the necessary steps against the US and local malefactors in the coup scheme.

The interventionist remarks of US Secretary of State John Kerry against the Maduro government is an attack on the national sovereignty and independence of Venezuela and exposes the dirty hand of the US in causing shortages and inflation and emboldening criminal gangs to attack government buildings and personnel, Bolivarian activists and ordinary citizens.

The same kind of ultra-rightist stooges of the US like Leopoldo Lopez who launched a failed coup against Hugo Chavez in 2002 are again at work in a conspiracy to destabilize and overthrow the Maduro government.

They have been openly funded by US congressional appropriations amounting to hundreds of millions of US dollars in the last 15 years. In the 2014 US federal budget, USD 5 million is openly appropriated for supporting the activities of the anti-Bolivarian opposition. Covert funds for covert activities are far bigger.

The cause of the street violence in Venezuela is not the Maduro government but the US and its puppets. The entire scheme of

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Bayer CEO: ‘We don’t make medicine for poor Indians’

In a crass yet frank admission, Bayer CEO Marijn Dekkers said the company’s new cancer drug, Nexavar, is not “for Indians,” but “for western patients who can afford it.” The statement came in the wake of a recent ruling by an Indian court that certain life-saving drugs could be produced and distributed at 97% of the brand-name price.

While Dekkers’ earnest admission is contemptible on a certain level, the ideological defense mounted by bourgeois media and others reveals a deeper level of truth:

‘Of course we want to make sure people have access to life-saving drugs,’ sycophants and beneficiaries of capitalism emphatically explain, ‘yet widespread violations of intellectual property rights erase the incentive to invest incredible resources into developing these drugs in the first place... Eventually, everyone [who is still alive] will benefit from adhering to the exclusive rights of intellectual property.’

Such apologetism for Bayer unwittingly implicates the wider system: ‘in order to produce life-saving drugs, we need to restrict access via pricing measures, dooming many to unnecessary suffering and death, so that we can make a profit and do it again.’ Of course, ‘everyone’ will ‘eventually’ receive hypothetical benefits over the long-run.

What will they promise next? Flying cars and elixirs to restore youth?

Bayer’s sordid history and the cancer industrial complex

Bayer was founded in 1863 in Barmen, Germany. In 1899, it trademarked aspirin. The previous year, it trademarked heroin and marketed it as a children’s cough medicine “without side-effects.”

During World War I, the company turned its attention toward the manufacturing of chemical weapons and even founded a “School for Chemical Warfare.”

Following the war Bayer joined with other chemical manufacturing firms to form Farben, the largest company in Germany at the time and the largest contributor to Hitler’s election campaign.

During the Second World War, Farben used slave labor in many of its factories and mines. Working with the Nazi regime, Farben owned the patent to Zyklon B, the cyanide-based gas used to murder over a million people in concentration camps throughout

occupied Europe, which it produced without any odorant. In 1946, the Nuremberg Tribunal concluded that without Farben, WWII would not have been possible.

Only 13 of the 24 Farben board members indicted on crimes against humanity were sentenced to prison, and those who were received sentences which were, in the words of the prosecutors, “light enough to please a chicken thief.” Additionally, many of the Nazi-supporting executives and managers returned to the “new” companies that Farben’s assets were divided into in 1952.



Today, Bayer is a huge conglomerate with three primary divisions: Bayer HealthCare, which makes drugs and medical equipment; Bayer MaterialScience, which produces polymers and plastics; and Bayer CropScience, which produces pairings of GM crops and agricultural chemicals. Essentially, Bayer is three large companies, two of which produce or use materials which cause medical conditions like cancer, one which produces cures for medical conditions like cancer – but only for people who can afford it.

The political economy of intellectual property

India is not the only country attempting to produce generic versions of patented drugs at a significantly lower cost. South Africa recently caused a row after a similar court ruling allowing for the low-cost local manufacturing and distribution of internationally-patented drugs. In both cases, western capital has threatened punitive actions and even more restricted access to new drugs in the future.

The controversy of local manufacturing of drugs highlights some of the contours of global contradictions. In this case, the bourgeoisie of a small handful of ascendant Third World countries are

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destabilization and regime change is masterminded by the US and violates the national sovereignty and independence of Venezuela and the democratic will of the people of Venezuela.

We fully and unconditionally support the national sovereignty and independence of Venezuela and the democratic will of the Venezuelan people who have risen up to defend the Maduro government. We demand that the US and its puppets stop causing shortages and inflation and committing crimes.

We call on all our member-organizations and allies in all countries to stand and act in solidarity with the people of Venezuela, Latin America and the whole world in defending the Maduro government and opposing US imperialism and its puppets.

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Left-Right White Solidarity? A Comment on the New Face of 21st Century Neo-Fascism (Part One)

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The U.S.-European “Left’s” tepid – and even supportive – response to NATO’s destabilization of Ukraine reveals the deep workings of white supremacy on the “western” mind. We face the specter of a “left-right convergence” to save the global imperial project. How else to explain widespread “leftist” acceptance of racist doctrines like “humanitarian intervention” and “responsibility to protect?”



“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” – George Santayana

Some years ago Italian anarchist Camillo Berneri suggested that while not always visible in the social practices of everyday European life, the racist foundation for European fascism was still present, safely confined to a space in the European psyche but always ready to explode in what he called a racist delirium.

Today, white workers and the middle classes in Europe and the U.S., traumatized by the new realities imposed on them by the decline of the Western imperialist project and the turn to neoliberalism, are increasingly embracing a retrograde form of white supremacist politics.

This dangerous political phenomenon is developing in countries throughout the European Union and in the U.S. Just recently, the National Front, a racist, authoritarian party that labored on the

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feeling more at liberty to challenge the economic hegemony of trilateral imperialism. Western imperialism, for its part, is feeling evermore threatened and determined to maintain its hegemony.

Economically speaking, patents and intellectual property is a type of monopoly capital. When joined with other forms of finance capital, i.e., insurance companies which typically pay the bulk of expensive treatments for those privileged enough to be covered, such monopoly capital allows for the circulation and concentration of capital in the core at the expense of the periphery. Hence, not only do intellectual property rights necessarily restrict access to life-saving medicine for those who cannot afford it, they are part of a system which creates the very conditions whereby the world’s masses are typically poor in the first place.

You can't patent a solution

It is clear that a real solution to global health will not found within the modern capitalist-imperialist system. After all, under capitalism if pharmaceutical companies cannot restrict access to their drugs to secure a profit, they have no purpose to exist and would actually fail as companies. The very business model of the drug

fringes of French politics for years, has emerged as one of the dominant forces in French politics. The Tea Party in the U.S., Golden Dawn in Greece, the People’s Party in Spain, the Partij Voor de Vrijheid in the Netherlands – in these and other countries, a transatlantic radical racist movement is emerging and gaining respectability.

The hard turn to the right is not a surprise for those of us who have a clear-eyed view of Euro-American history and politics. In all the 20th Century fascist movements in Eu-

rope, two elements combined to express the fascist project: 1) the rise of far-right parties and movements as the political expression of an alliance of authoritarian, pro-capitalist class forces bankrolled by sections of the capitalist class and constructed in the midst of capitalist crisis; and 2) racism grounded in white supremacist ideology.

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The neo-fascism that is now emerging within the context of the current capitalist crisis on both sides of the Atlantic has similar characteristics to the movements of the 1930s but with one distinguishing feature. The targets for racist scapegoating are different. The targets today are immigrants: Arab, Muslim and African in

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companies is predicated within a larger system in which a majority of people will not be able to afford their products or services.

A real solution must be sought through a new governing economic principle: democratically and rationally producing and distributing the satisfaction of wants and needs. Such an economic system can only be instituted through revolution: the overthrow of capital-imperialist productive and social relations – intellectual property rights and all – and the economic and political ascendancy of the world’s exploited and oppressed masses.

– Nikolai Brown

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Europe; Latinos and the never-ending target of poor and working class African Americans in the U.S.

What makes the rise of the racist radical right even more dangerous today is that it is taking place in a political environment in which traditional anti-racist oppositional forces have not recognized the danger of this phenomenon or for strategic reasons have decided to downplay the issue. That strategy has been tragically played out in the “immigrant rights” movement in the U.S.

The brutal repression and dehumanization witnessed across Europe in the 1930s has not found generalized expression in the U.S. and Europe, at least not yet. Nevertheless, large sectors of the U.S. and European left appear to be unable to recognize that the U.S./NATO/EU axis that is committed to maintaining the hegemony of Western capital is resulting in dangerous collaborations with rightist forces both inside and outside of governments.

The manufactured crisis with Russia over the issue of Ukraine is a case in point. The incredible recklessness and outrageous opportunism of the U.S./NATO/EU axis in destabilizing Ukraine – knowing that the driving forces on the ground were racist, neo-Nazi elements from the Right Sector and the Svoboda party – demonstrated once again the lengths that this axis is prepared to go to achieve its geo-strategic objective of full-spectrum economic and political global domination.

Yet strangely, not only did many radicals in the U.S. and Europe not see the potential threat that this situation represented but they seemed unable to penetrate the simplistic cold-war propaganda that suddenly reemerged to frame events in Ukraine.

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Instead of being concerned that as a direct consequence of U.S. actions a government came to power in Europe that for the first time since the 1930s included ultra-nationalist, racist neo-Nazis in key positions, the left along with the general population allowed the corporate media and U.S. propagandists to turn the narrative away from U.S./EU destabilization of Ukraine to Putin’s supposed expansionist aspirations.

The ease with which the corporate media was able to flip that script and to make Putin the new face of evil has been truly astonishing. And the fact that that narrative was embraced by most liberals and large sectors of the white left in the U.S. only affirmed that having abandoned class analysis, anti-imperialism and never really understanding the insidious nature of white supremacist ideology, the U.S. left has no theoretical framework for apprehending the complexities of the current period.

The inability to extricate itself from the influences of white supremacist ideology has to be considered as one explanation for the strange positions taken by large sectors of the white liberal/left over the last few years. How else can one explain the bizarre incorporation of the discourse of humanitarian intervention and the obscenely obvious racism of the “responsibility to protect?”

Could it be that many white radicals have fallen prey to the subtle and not-so-subtle racial appeal to a form of cross-class white solidarity in defense of “Western values,” civilization and the prerogative to determine who has the right to national sovereignty that is at the base of the rationalization of the “responsibility to protect” asserted by the white West?

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The apparent incapacity of white leftists to penetrate and understand the cultural and ideological impact of white supremacy and its powerful effect on their own consciousness has weakened and deformed left analysis of U.S. and European foreign policy initiatives. It has also resulted in the U.S. and European left taking political positions that either objectively championed U.S./NATO imperialist aggression or provided tacit support for that aggression through silence.

As a consequence of the abandonment of anti-imperialism and an active class/racial collaboration with the Western bourgeoisie, an almost insurmountable chasm has been created separating the Western left from its counterparts in much of the global South.

Instead of more resolute anti-imperialist solidarity, broad elements of the white left in the U.S. and Europe have consistently aligned themselves with the policies of the U.S./NATO/EU axis that are giving support to right-wing forces from Ukraine to Venezuela.

>Exaggeration, racial paranoia, an overly simplistic and a divisive, even “racist” assessment of the liberal/left will be the charge. We accept those charges. We accept them because we know they will come. For those of us living outside the walls of privilege, who must nevertheless accept the realities of the colonialist/imperialist-created global South, we don’t have the luxury of comforting illusions. Our lived experiences negate the false history of Europe’s benevolent civilization. We see developing in Europe and the U.S. a very real possibility of a left-right racial convergence fueled by crisis, leftist ideological confusion and what appears to be a mutual commitment to maintaining the global structures of white supremacy.

Understanding the violent history of the Western project and the pathological nature of white supremacy, we are forced to see with crystal clarity that within the context of the volatile economic and social conditions in Europe, giving legitimacy to neo-fascist forces like those in Ukraine might just be the fuel needed to ignite that racist, fascist delirium Berneri referred to.

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Philippines: NPA Enforces Logging Ban, Holds POW

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NPA Southern Mindanao

Red fighters apprehended in its checkpoint Sgt. Jeric Bucio Curay (serial number 803477) of the 72nd Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army, at 8:00am, 4 April 2014 in Barangay (village) Andap, Laak, Compostela Valley. Curay, who came from a military detachment in Barangay Panuramin and was riding his motorcycle when he was arrested, is now being held as Prisoner of War (POW) under the custody of the Comval-North Davao-South Agusan Subregional Command of the New People's Army.

Consistent with its practice of lenient treatment towards POWs, the NPA custodial force ensures the safety and security of POW Curay as he undergoes an investigation for his involvement in counterrevolutionary and anti-people activities in Laak.

The arrest of an enlisted personnel of the 72nd Infantry Battalion is timed with the NPA's renewed campaign against Armed Forces of the Philippines units (the other one is the 60th Infantry Battalion) responsible for protecting big logging firms which have wiped out the forests of Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, and Agusan del Sur provinces. Wanton destruction of remaining forest cover and unchecked commercial logging in these areas have greatly impoverished Lumads and peasants, and have made them more vulnerable to environmental disasters and climate change.

The NPA, likewise, warns the Big 4 loggers of these provinces to submit to the revolutionary government's total log ban policy. Comval Gov. Arturo Uy is behind the Big 4 logging lords, namely, Laak Mayor Reynaldo Navarro, SPO3 Eduardo Bajalia of the Regional Intel Office, SPO Simplicio Samar, and Ret. police officer Diosdado Wamilda.

In the boundary town of Loreto, Agusan del Sur, Mayor Dario Otaza and Gov. Edward Plaza are also behind the indiscriminate logging and continued destruction of forests. Thus, they stand to face NPA sanction against environmental plunderers and destroyers of people's livelihood.

Aside from being goons for logging companies, the 60th and 72nd Infantry Battalions are actively holding checkpoints in the



areas to harass residents suspected as revolutionary forces; the soldiers take pictures of these civilians. In their active intelligence work, they also arrested a peasant and released him/her two days later. In their operations last January, they uprooted crops planted by the peasants. A joint operation of the 60th, 26th, and 72nd Infantry Battalions also led to the killing of two peasants in Barangay Kauswagan, Loreto.

In the face of these abuses, the NPA has intensified its tactical offensives against the AFP. In February, the NPA sniped against the 60th Infantry Battalion during its military operation in Barangay Ampawid, Laak. Two soldiers were killed and one was wounded. Last month, the NPA has launched eight attritive actions. This month, the Red fighters have targeted a patrolling Cafgu and six detachments of the 72nd Infantry Battalion by holding checkpoints in km12 Barangay Casoon in Monkayo town; Barangays Titoy, Lubho, and Panuramin in Laak town; Barangay Kalyawa in Kapalong town; and Km 19 in Veruela town, Agusan del Sur. These attritive actions have led to three AFP casualties.

The NPA shall persevere in punishing logging lords and their AFP protectors. The arrest of Curay and other tactical offensives should serve as a strong warning against enemy troops that continue to protect exploiters of remaining natural resources at the expense of environmental preservation and people's welfare.

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A large, colorful mural serves as the background for the logo. The mural depicts various scenes of struggle and daily life, with figures in the foreground and more abstract elements in the background. The title "SIGLO DE LUCHA" is written in large, bold, yellow letters across the top. Below it, "JOURNAL OF CHICANO NATIONAL LIBERATION" is written in a smaller, yellow font. At the bottom, the subtitle "A Third Worldist approach to Chicano-Mexican national liberation" is written in yellow. The website address "siglodelucha.wordpress.com" is also displayed in yellow at the bottom of the mural.

CPP Condemns Arrest of Senior Leaders

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) condemns in the strongest terms the reported arrest yesterday of Benito Tiamzon and Wilma Austria. Tiamzon and Austria are both senior cadres of the CPP Central Committee and consultants of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) in peace negotiations with the government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH).

At the time of their arrest, both Tiamzon and Austria were performing tasks and duties assigned to them by the CPP and the NDFP. Up to recently, both were busy conducting first hand investigation into the conditions of the working class people in the Visayas region whose lives were devastated by supertyphoon Yolanda (Haiyan) and who continue to suffer from the Aquino regime's antipeople, crony-controlled, corrupt and grossly inept response to the calamity.

Both were closely monitoring the efforts of the New People's Army (NPA) in carrying out rehabilitation work in devastated regions. They were receiving reports from NPA commands about efforts to mobilize Red fighters to help build communal farms, till the land and mobilize and distribute seeds and other agricultural resources from the NDFP.

Austria, who has been among the country's stalwarts in upholding and bannerizing the rights of women, is gravely concerned with the situation of women and children after the calamity, and has been vigorously calling on all revolutionary forces to work hard to expose their sufferings and extend all possible effort to alleviate their conditions. She was utterly indignant at having learned that substantial amounts of relief goods had rotted at the Aquino government's warehouses while the people of Tacloban continue to suffer from lack of food, shelter and income.

Tiamzon, himself, has been actively looking into the widespread devastation wrought by the storm on the agricultural economy and fishing communities of Eastern Visayas, Cebu, Panay and Negros. He was personally looking into studies estimating the actual damage on agriculture and fisheries to be at P75-80 billion, contrary to the Aquino regime's grossly understated estimate of P15 billion which help justify the allocation of bigger funds to his crony's big business infrastructure projects.

As peace consultants of the NDFP, the arrest of Tiamzon and Austria further imperil peace negotiations between the GPH and the NDFP. The CPP condemns the Aquino regime for outrightly violating the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) in carrying out the arrest and detention of Tiamzon and Austria. They are both publicly known figures in peace negotiations. The NDFP has further identified both Tiamzon and Austria as holders of documents of identification counter-verified by then officials of the GPH.

The CPP condemns the Aquino regime and its armed forces for filing a slew of trumped-up criminal charges against Tiamzon and Austria. The CPP condemns the media campaign being conducted by Malacañang and the AFP to demonize Tiamzon and Austria by depicting them as common criminals.

Such effort by the Aquino regime seeks to draw away attention from the public flak it is getting for its lies, corruption and ineptness, especially at the heels of its monumental failures in addressing the urgent demands of the people of the Visayas

devastated by the supertyphoon. The Aquino regime is increasingly isolated from the people because of its contempt and disregard for the socio-economic conditions of millions of workers and peasants who suffer from its wrong economic policies that prioritize the interests of its cronies and its foreign big business bosses.

As leaders of the CPP, Tiamzon and Austria are the opposite of the landlord Aquino and his coterie of corrupt officials. Tiamzon and Austria are the epitome of simple living. Neither of them own a private home nor drive their own sportscar. Neither do they play with guns for fun or personal satisfaction. They are not like Aquino and his officials who plunder public funds to aggrandize themselves or perpetuate their political rule.

Despite their age and health conditions, both Tiamzon and Austria continue to travel great distances in the rural areas in order to reach the farthest peasant homes and be among the most downtrodden masses. Unlike Aquino who was totally clueless of the conditions of the people in the path of supertyphoon Yolanda, Tiamzon and Austria were among the peasant masses when the winds ravaged through the Visayas. Unlike Aquino who took four days to act, Tiamzon and Austria immediately mobilized the CPP's forces to carry out relief work and help in the rehabilitation of the peasant masses who suffered grave devastation of their crops and livelihood.

The CPP demands the immediate release of Tiamzon and Austria, as well as all their companions, and the dropping of all criminal charges against them. The CPP demands that the Aquino regime accord them the right to counsel and medical attention. Austria has severe asthma, and suffers both from a serious kidney ailment and spinal bone degeneration secondary to osteoporosis and is in need of constant medical care.

The CPP, together with the workers, peasants and downtrodden masses and all their revolutionary forces, deplore the arrest of Tiamzon and Austria. Their arrest forms part of the general trend of repression under the Aquino regime. Daily, the landlord Aquino seeks to perpetuate the oppressive and exploitative system by unleashing his attack dogs, armed and supported with US military financing, against the peasant masses and workers, who stand up for their rights and voice their demands.

While the wisdom and guidance of individual leaders is important, the advance of the revolutionary struggle depends more on the collective wisdom, determination and organization of the revolutionary masses. The arrest of Tiamzon and Austria will not stop the main trend of advance of the people's war.

It is the Aquino regime's puppetry, corruption, brutality and mendacity that teach the Filipino people about the need to wage revolutionary resistance. They are thus ever determined to advance along the path of widespread mass struggles and revolutionary armed resistance in order to achieve national and social liberation.

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RAIM Statement on Sex Work

Pornography and prostitution are routine subjects of critique within the nominal left. Indeed, the part these industries play in the cultivation of anti-womyn attitudes, along with the anti-womyn violence sex workers are frequently subjected to, are well-documented things. The very fact that sex workers are primarily womyn and it is by-and-large womyn's sexuality that is on offer, while men are overwhelmingly the consumers, is an obvious example of patriarchy. Yet, what is conspicuously missing from the mainstream narrative on sex work even within the nominal left is the perspective of sex workers themselves. Occasionally, individual sex workers are tokenized or quote-mined to support this or that position, but rarely is a serious attempt made to understand the material realities that sex workers face and what this means for revolutionary organizing. As Maoists, we need to do better.

In the U.S. and Canada, sex workers are overwhelmingly womyn, and a majority are of oppressed nationality. Trans womyn, who suffer homelessness and unemployment at double the average rates, also have high representation in sex work. The vast majority of sex workers have unstable living situations, few having homes of their own or even the ability to rent. Moving between homes of friends, hostels, or places much worse; it is common for sex workers to be deprived access to the safety most people in North America enjoy. Sex workers frequently face harassment and violence from customers, their bosses, and from the police. Many are survivors of sexual abuse. When sex workers are subjected to violence, it usually goes unnoticed from the broader community. In short, sex workers are generally part of an underclass in the U.S. and Canada who have been pushed out of the classes which have historically benefited from capitalist-imperialism. Though there are many reasons womyn enter the sex trade, not least among them is a lack of employment opportunities elsewhere.

Keeping all of this in mind, it becomes clear that campaigns critiquing pornography and prostitution which focus only on *reducing consumption*, as opposed to building a program that works toward uniting sex workers in revolutionary struggle, risk jeopardizing sex workers' already precarious livelihoods. Many critiques also include sentiments which perpetuate already widespread hatred against sex workers, obviously a reactionary endeavor. Moreover, attempts to abolish or reduce the prevalence of sex work within the context of capitalism invariably harm sex workers. In places where many forms of sex work are illegal, sex workers are in a position of high risk, and have very few real protections. But "alternative" models fare no better. The so-called "Swedish model," which puts more emphasis on "reducing demand" for paid sex by punishing consumers and those who "promote" sex work, while ostensibly focusing less on punishing sex workers themselves, has in reality been a disaster for sex workers. Violence against sex workers has increased as a result of this "model," and reduced income has made it even harder for sex workers to attain stable housing and/or has pushed them into other avenues like the drug market. The policy has also effectively

dismantled any leverage sex workers may have had by criminalizing sex worker collectives. Simply put, the "Swedish model"—and indeed *any* attempt to eliminate sex work within the context of capitalism—is frankly an attack on the stratum of womyn who are already among the most downtrodden. This is because these efforts do not in any way address the contradictions that give rise to the sex trade and which push womyn into sex work.

On the other side of the coin, there are reformist efforts to decriminalize sex work and to incorporate sex workers into labor-aristocratic trade unions. *At best*, these efforts may succeed in giving some sex workers upward mobility, but this will be *at the expense* of the lower strata, just as the mainstream LGBTQ movement has largely been converted into a watchdog of capital through the expulsion of the most oppressed elements. At worst though, reformist efforts on this front will simply fail outright, because integration of sex workers into the empire is not something the bourgeoisie in the United States or Canada seem ready to bring about.

Reformist efforts ultimately fail because they do not address the fundamental contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed and exploited of the world. We want to smash patriarchy and all of its manifestations. But to do that, we ultimately need to smash capitalism.

So here is where RAIM stands:

1. Sex work is real labor!

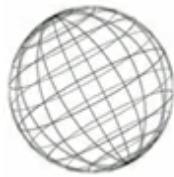
There is a tendency for people to treat sex work in a metaphysical way, as something that is somehow categorically different from all other labor. In reality, although sex work is non-productive, it is labor just as much as any other service work. In fact, many sex workers are in a position where they consume the product of less labor than they expend. Effectively, a large number of sex workers have their time stolen by capital, and to a much greater extent than many *productive* workers in the U.S. and Canada. Thus, sex workers are a source of revolutionary potential here.

2. Build dual power!

Rather than working "within the system," we want revolutionary organizing which challenges and undermines the system. We want militant institutions run by and for sex workers and supported by the broader communist movement, which provide for the material needs of sex workers, defend and protect sex workers from violence and abuse, and shift power away from imperialism and patriarchy toward sex workers and the oppressed and exploited in general.

3. Unite sex workers against imperialism!

Revolution will come to the U.S. and Canada through the global defeat of U.S.-led imperialism. Sex workers can and should be united into the broader revolutionary struggle against imperialism from within the belly of the beast.



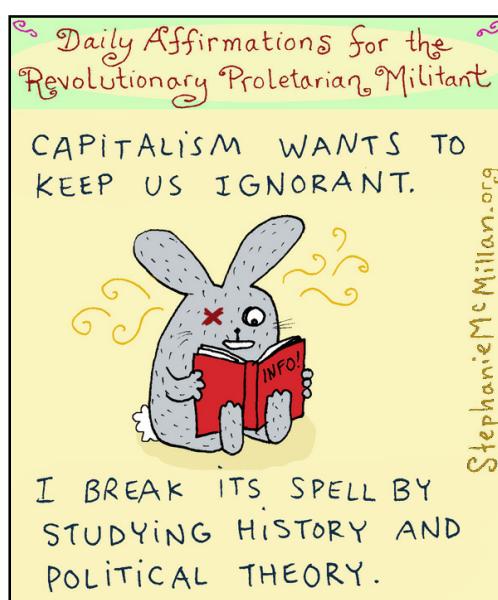
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What is RAIM?

The Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Movement (RAIM) is a collection of revolutionary communist organizers, activists, artists, and technical workers based in the United States and Canada.

Ideologically, RAIM upholds the revolutionary tradition of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. However, we differ from many modern Maoist and communist organizations in our analysis of global class relations. We understand that a majority proportion of people in core imperialist countries are historically an embourgeoisified vanguard of the global labor aristocracy, a section which is prone to defending capital. We additionally support the national liberation of oppressed nations in tangent with a global dictatorship of exploited and oppressed nations as a means of politically liquidating settler-imperialist countries like the United States and Canada.



Revolution will come to the US and Canada as part of a general process of global defeat for US-led imperialism. RAIM exists to develop the subjective forces necessary for the eventual seizure of power away from US-led imperialism as part of a world-wide upsurge of proletarian revolutionary struggles.

Join RAIM

There are a million reasons to oppose capitalist-imperialism but only one solution: revolution. But revolutions do not just happen spontaneously. They require the dedicated efforts of an advanced element representing the proletariat. RAIM exists to push forward the subjective forces of global new democracy, socialism, and communism. Yet what we are doing so far is only the beginning. And we need your help. Check out RevolutionaryAIM.org for more info on how to get involved with RAIM.

Onward toward victory, comrades!



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