Communist Hypothesis 1AC

Contention One is Beggin’ in the Slums

(Grengs 2004, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Michigan ( Joe, CITY, VOL. 9, NO. 1, APRIL, “The abandoned social goals of public transit in the neoliberal city of the USA”, http://communitylearningpartnership.org/share/docs/Grengs.Abandoned\_Social\_Goals\_of\_Public\_Transit.pdf//JC)

Imagine a bus stop in a typical working class neighbourhood … you have a good point.” (del Barco, 1997, p. 1)

Neoliberalism => urban sprawl and white flight

That’s the goal of transit

The inherent contradictions and goals within neoliberalism drive urban sprawl and white flight which further entrenches depoliticization

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Hidden behind the surge of national headlines about sprawl, … lose sight of the public purpose of mass transit.

Capitalism controls transit – creates poverty cycles and war

Capitalism’s tight fist on transit creates poverty cycles by forcing class divisions over mobility which further entrenches war

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In an emerging world order … depend most on good transit.

That creates slums of urban underclass – racism

That creates slums of urban underclass and the impact is new racism - this population is alienated and dehumanized

Wilson 10

(Carter, professor of political science at the University of Toledo, The Dominant Class and the Construction of Racial Oppression: A Neo-Marxist/Gramscian Approach to Race in the United States, Google Scholars)

In the final analysis, several additional points … analysis of contemporary racism.

Capitalist transit => consumerism

That => environmental destruction

The unnatural consumerism that capitalism creates exploits the environment, which threatens a complete ecological catastrophe

Townsend Managing Editor 8

(Terry, managing editor, Individual Versus Social Solutions to Global Warming)

We have to convince millions of people … inherently incapable of doing.

Coalition-breaking/cede political UQ argument – specter of communism key

Endless wars impact

The specter of communism that resists the enclosure of the commons is key to preventing endless wars

Zizek 9

(Slavoj, Professor of Sociology at the Institute for Sociology, Ljubljana University, “Censorship Today: Violence, or Ecology as a New Opium for the Masses” <http://schwarzemilch.files.wordpress.com/2009/02/censorship-today.pdf//HH)jc>

Last but not least, new forms of apartheid, … hypothesis to deploy itself.

Contradictions in capitalism key

Epistemology DA

Their epistemology of viewing of capitalism as the least bad formula for a society prevents antagonizing and any chance of ethical action – means it's a disad to every effort they make

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So where are we today, … hypothesis, against all odds?

Antagonism internal link to the topic – universality/part-of-no-part + commons (universal right to mobility – and econ denies that)

The depoliticized economy denies the universal right to mobility and continually exploits the part-of-no-part

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It is not enough to remain faithful … becoming so is to act preventively.

Neolib bad – extinction

Neoliberalism’s idea of sacrificial genocide results from its refusal to look at alternatives to what it perceives reality to be and creates death drive and war to the point of extinction

Santos 3

(Professor of Sociology at the School of Economics, director of the Center for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra, Portugal (Boaventura de Sousa, taught at Yale University, “Collective Suicide?,” <http://bad.eserver.org/issues/2003/63/santos.html>, DS)

According to Franz Hinkelammert, the West … neoliberalism plus war.

The new modes of subjectification resulting from neoliberalism’s control of the market allows for the logic of a disposable population.

Giroux 8

(The Global TV Network Chair Professorship at McMaster University in the English and Cultural Studies Department (Henry A., “Beyond the biopolitics of disposability: rethinking neoliberalism in the New Gilded Age,” Social Identities Vol. 14, No. 5, September, DS)

The mutually determining forces of every deepening inequality … clearly visible in all of these examples.

The cost of systemic violences committed by capitalism is exorbitant – its our ethical responsibility to confront it.

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For Zizek it is imperative that we cut through …"glitch" in an otherwise sound matrix.

Affirmation Statement

And so we affirm the resolution:

The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

Contention Two is Solvency

Social movements solvency – problematization of SQ policy methods

A countermethodology of planning in the face of neoliberalism is key to make the part-of-no-part seen in policy making

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Federal policy encourages local transit officials …meaningful citizen participation.

Ethics solvency argument

Confronting capitalism is key to making an ethics of the Real

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(Slavoj, professor of philosophy at the Institute for Sociology, Ljubljana, and Glyn, Senior Lecturer in Politics in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at University College, Northampton, Conversations with Zizek, page 18-19)//MP

For Zizek, a confrontation with the obscenities of abundance capitalism also requires a transformation of the ethico-political imagination. It is no longer a question of developing ethical guidelines within the existing political framework (the various institutional and corporate "ethical committees") but of developing a politicization of ethics; an ethics of the Real. 8 The starting point here is an insistence on the unconditional autonomy of the subject; of accepting that as human beings we are ultimately responsible for our actions and being-in-the-world up to and including the construction of the capitalist system itself Far from simple norm-making or refining/reinforcing existing social protocol, an ethics of the Real tends to emerge through norm-breaking and in finding new directions that, by definition, involve traumatic changes: i.e. the Real in genuine ethical challenge. An ethics of the Real does not simply defer to the impossible (or infinite Otherness) as an unsurpassable -horizon that already marks every act as a failure, incomplete and so on. Rather, such an ethics is one that fully accepts contingency but which is nonetheless prepared to risk the impossible in the sense of breaking out of standardized positions. We might say that it is an ethics which is not only politically motivated but which also draws its strength from the political itself. For Zizek an ethics of the Real (or Real ethics) means that we cannot rely on any form of symbolic Other that would endorse our (in)decisions and (in)actions: for example, the "neutral" financial data of the stockmarkets; the expert knowledge of Beck's "new modernity" scientists; the economic and military councils of the New World Order; the various (formal and informal) tribunals of political correctness; or any of the mysterious laws of God, nature or the market. What Zizek affirms is a radical culture of ethical identification for the left in which the alternative forms of militancy must first of all be militant with "themselves". That is to say, they must be militant in the fundamental ethical sense of not relying on any external/higher authority and in the development of a political imagination that, like Zizek's own thought, exhorts us to risk the impossible.

Subjectivation solvency – economic analysis of the subject via mobility

Only when presented with the opportunity to recognize and define ourselves outside of subjectivation can we have free will - and the 1ac is the only path to access lost causes

Vighi & Feldner 10

(Cardiff University UK, Fabio & Heiko International Journal of Zizek Studies 4.1[http://zizekstudies.org/index.php/ijzs/article/view/239/325](http://zizekstudies.org/index.php/ijzs/article/view/239/325" \t "_blank))

Let us recall that the process of subjectivation … political project that actualises our lost causes?

Radical democracy argument with an ethics impact – agency.

Notes: Diff between democracy and radical democracy – refuses to ever come to terms with compromises – total inclusiveness, never exclude anything, pure openness to otherness – this card says that this will fail b/c its stupid, means we don’t scapegoat people who don’t fit in

The radical democracy of the aff will inevitably fail but it's the attempt that prevents the scapegoating of the proletariat by forcing an encounter between the Lack and the Real

Stavrakakis 99

(Yannis, *Lacan and the Political,* Visiting Professor, Department of Government, University of Essex, pages 136-138).

To recapitulate, the starting point of this chapter …, it is crossed, barré by the impossible real.

The 1ac focuses on the way people consume transportation, and allows for politicization of the topic

Princen 2

(Thomas Princen, Associate Professor of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan, where he also co-directs the Workshop on Consumption and Environment, 02, "The Consumption Angle," Confronting Consumption, p. 41-2)

By making consumption more visible analytically, … black box of consumer sovereignty.