

# NAVALNY THE MITHRIDATIST AND HIS CAMP

The imperialist attempt to break anti-imperialist movements and governments started neither yesterday nor last year. It started with the very rise of imperialism, and it followed anti-imperialism (since there were always anti-imperialist movements against imperialism as soon as imperialism came to be) in both its victories and its defeats. In old Europe, the imperialists managed to destroy communism. There are no workers' states left standing in old Europe; reaction had its bloody death parade. Communism does not exist, but *what does exists* is anti-imperialism. Anti-imperialism is still alive and breathing even if the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie has had 30 years to pillage Eastern Europe. And it is alive not only in the form of some non-governing opposition; it is *in actual power*. Naturally, the imperialists put in the utmost effort to try and destroy these pillars of anti-imperialism. In mainland Europe, *these three anti-imperialist governments are the ones of Russia, Belarus, and Moldova.*

These last days we witnessed a three-pronged attack, a 'bull horn formation' against the anti-imperialist camp. In one of these states, Moldova, they managed to put their comprador in the position of the president. In Moldova there is still room for the anti-imperialists to maneuver, since the reactionaries have not gained control of the Parliament yet. The Parliament is still controlled by the socialists. In Russia, they started a faint attack to get the government to focus on the small fry while they focus

on the two other bastions, Moldova and Belarus. In Belarus, after 6 months of intense conflict, things have been more peaceful since the new year started, and it seems that the government has managed to avoid direct defeat, but there are still more cards to be played by the forces of imperialist reaction.

In this article, however, we will focus on Russia and the recent Navalny-led protests against the government.

## THE RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION

In *all* anti-imperialist countries, there exist some *compradors to-be*, who are in opposition to the anti-imperialist governments. All of them may have 'ideological' differences, but they are *all united under one cause: the cause of compradorship to the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie*. The movie has gotten so old, that we can spot the compradors based on two things; *their* rhetoric, and the rhetoric of the *imperialist mass media* about them. Indeed, upon examination, Navalny, Tikhanovskaya, Sandu, Tymoshenko back in the day <sup>[1]</sup>, they all seem to have come from different novels written by the same writer. Nothing really distinguishes them, they all are loyal servants to cosmopolitan capital, ready to *sell their nation* to the imperialists, for them and the *cosmopolitan intelligentsia* to reap the benefits off the backs of their nation and the imperialized world. One can say that their 'character' has become a cliché. One gets bored just reading their declarations; 'Freedom', 'Authoritarianism', 'Dictators', 'Human rights'. The usual liberal garbage. Only the degenerates and the sellouts can hear their screeches and feel that they have a leader to follow; a person to get behind. In mother Russia, the imperialists decided to use a male (quite

the change!) who *suffers from immortality*. Mister Navalny seems to have the touch of God Himself. He gets poisoned but keeps being alive. It seems the Russian government is afraid of him to the point of poisoning him multiple times, with him getting to survive every time.

It is as if the Russian secret services are *so useless* that they can't even kill a small-fry idiot, a worthless YouTuber, and not only can they not kill him in one try, but they need multiple attempts, all of which fail.

Or, Mister Navalny has the touch of God. God chose him to lead the Russian nation into complete slavery, since we all know that God Himself has given his blessings to the magnificent holders of the banner of humanity of the imperialist nations to put the Hominidae (the Russians included, of course) in their place. Navalny is chosen by God Himself to put the Hominidae in their rightful place, that of the slave. He is the agent of God, and since God's agents on earth are the imperialists, Navalny is the agent of the reincarnation of Christ in *class form*, the *cosmopolitan bourgeoisie*.

Navalny is the *agent of the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie*. He is naturally the *number one enemy* of the communists. The job of the communist is to *target* the agents of the cosmopolitans and crush them with all their might. The propaganda weapon of the communist is to tell the people that they are the ones who successfully crushed the bugs (bugs such as Navalny), while the *national bourgeoisie* was being too lenient.

Above, we declared that Navalny was the agent of the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie, the comprador of the cosmopolitans in Russia.

The above is a declaration, not an argumentation. And since the conscious anti-imperialist reader who is our target audience will consciously and in good faith ask us to give him a proper argumentation, it is our job to satisfy this demand before the

demand is expressed.

Alexei Navalny *the Mithridatist* [2], is one of those typical people who want to be *parasites* off the backs of all the others they deem Hominidae.

Navalny, one of the children of the 'first bourgeoisie', never had a job or did any work. His biography is the typical one seen in the children of the bourgeoisie; *being a parasite off the backs of his people*, intellectually masturbating in university, buying some stocks, and then starting a propaganda YouTube channel to express his anger at the Hominidae-supported government (the government itself is semi-Hominidae, because at least it is bourgeoisie!) which dared to put a weak bridle — weak, but still a bridle! — on these young parasites.

Who is this government working for?! How dare they turn away from the Banner of Humanity (the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie) in favor of these Hominidae called Russians?! How dare they?!

Navalny thought that no, he is a hero who should not just keep being a parasite and doing nothing. God came to him in a dream and told him to look to the west, where the agents of God on earth dwell.

Navalny started organizing for the cause of the parasites. 'Compradorship would mean that I could be a parasite without having the semi- or the full Hominidae as obstacles. God told me to look west, and so I will'.

Navalny started organizing protests. The imperialists made these protests look big on camera to show Navalny that he has their favor.

Then Navalny went on to preside over his own party. The party is now called 'Russia for the Future' (we all know what kind of future).

The internal positions of the party can be separated into three

parts; their lines on the economy, their lines on foreign issues, and their political-ideological lines.

We can do this by looking at the program of Navalny himself, the chairman of this party.

It is evident that Navalny tries to gather support from all classes in society. He tries to buy off the proletariat by promising a doubling—and a little more—of the national minimum wage from 12,000 rubles to 25,000 rubles. We quote:

Our program includes an increase in the minimum wage to 25 thousand rubles and the creation of a normally functioning pension system with decent pensions, and this, in turn, will provoke a restart of economic growth with the further creation of a large number of high-paying jobs. [3]

Navalny tries to do something *impossible* in the long-term under non-imperialist capitalism, and especially under the comprador capitalism he wishes to establish. What Navalny proposes is to take the money from the bourgeoisie and give it to the workers. This is only possible by, at the very least, *nationalizing industries*. As we will see below, Navalny wants to do *the opposite* and in fact *privatize everything* leaving the *cosmopolitan bourgeoisie to buy everything* and push the wage even lower, or at most make a minuscule short-term improvement to avoid revolt. In the very next passages on wage, Navalny speaks about the industries.

Our program of restarting the economy, **freeing up entrepreneurial initiative, lowering taxes, and demonopolization** will allow us to achieve truly high growth rates.

Navalny speaks of 'freeing', 'lowering taxes', and 'demonopolization.' Quite the compradorial bourgeoisie

measures!

Now, since this will be market-led (in the global sense), and as we will see later by their lines of foreign policy, this means that the future for Russia that the "Russia for the Future" party sees is this: privatize, lower the taxes for the imperialists, and give everything to the bigger forces of the market, the foreign bourgeoisie and the local compradors. The Russian national bourgeoisie can keep their power by the use of the state as protection. If these state-controlled firms lose the protection of the state, then they are open to *whoever* can buy them. And this means the *big monopolies of the global market* will buy them. These monopolies don't rest on Russian soil. They rest on the soil of the western imperialists.

Navalny, promising something to the workers and something to the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie and the would-be comprador bourgeoisie, starts promising things to the petty bourgeoisie too.

Our program includes a wide range of measures **to free entrepreneurs from the pressure of the bureaucracy, security officials and monopolies**. We are implementing a program to demonopolize the economy and reduce monopoly prices.

They tell the petty bourgeoisie that they will take a part of the privatized state-owned enterprises too. They will take the leftovers from the looting of the foreign bourgeoisie. Thus, the Navalny economic program promises a doubling of wages for the workers first. To do this, he would need the state to be in more control of the economy. In the immediate follow-up of his stance on wages however, he speaks about limiting the control of the state and privatizing state assets. He thus *kills* the existing monopolistic national bourgeoisie who have an *interest in opposing imperialism*, then includes in the third component of

his plan the next bourgeoisie, the current *small and petty bourgeoisie*, who will become the next ruling class of Russia as compradors of the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie. Since Russia will become completely open to the world market, the already big monopolies of the global scale will try to eat whatever they can, and throw the leftover bones to their lapdogs.

Under this, it becomes obvious that the workers won't get a double wage; it is more likely that they would *actually lose* part of the small wages they already receive; *nothing* would stop the comprador bourgeoisie from lowering the wages. The national bourgeoisie *are afraid to do so*, since *they need the support of the proletariat* to keep opposing imperialism while also *maintaining* their class position; the comprador bourgeoisie does not need this. They will find ways to curb opposition, be it by *pushing for immigration*, starting to kill and oppress the people for the smallest issues, and putting the army out in the streets in the event of big riots. *There could be a situation like the one in Ukraine*, which is, constant civil war on multiple levels. Sometimes more open, sometimes more hidden.

The rest of Navalny's economic program are talks about an 'incomprehensive capitalism' in Russia, and how privatization solves the issues Russia is facing.

Essentially, Navalny is telling the world that Russia should return back to the *Shock Therapy* of the 90s, something which *the Putinists managed to halt*.

Navalny wants to complete the task set forth by the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie.

Now, what is Navalny saying on foreign issues?

Let's look at his programme.

**Russia's top priority in the international arena is to reduce**

**tensions with the EU, the United States and Ukraine.** For this, it is necessary to start immediate consultations on the entire range of mutual claims and problems in relations with these countries—Russia's most important partners in the international arena. **Russia should return to the ideology of strategic partnership and integration with the EU countries on the basis of the concept of “four common spaces”, identifying as its ultimate goal the creation of a free trade zone between the EU and EurAsEC.** As part of this strategy, it is necessary to intensify negotiations on the **introduction of a visa-free regime between Russia and the EU.** **Russia will reconsider the format of its participation in the international anti-terrorist coalition: political support for the Bashar al-Assad regime and other similar regimes is not a priority of Russian foreign policy,** does not correspond to the long-term interests of Russia and reduces the effectiveness of the fight against terrorism.

What Navalny is saying is the following: We won't support anti-imperialist movements anymore. We will switch to the camp of the imperialists as compradors. To hell with the Baathist Hominidae, long live the holders of the Banners of Humanity, Emmanuel Macron and Joe Biden! Long live fascism and imperialism!

The third line (the 'political ideology') of Navalny is the 'nationalist' one. This only proves how in imperialized countries the struggle is being waged *always* on *who holds higher the banner of nationalism*. Navalny uses nationalistic rhetoric, and he tries to paint his forces as the *authentic nationalists*. This is the same thing the Putinists and the Communists do. So far, it seems that the Russian people are smart enough to know that Navalny *is not a nationalist at all*, but someone who views them as cattle who are good only to provide nutrition for great humans like him. Serve Navalny, and serve Navalny's masters, the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie.



The proletariat understands Navalny for what he is; a *fundamentally anti-nationalist politician*, and his faction a *fundamentally anti-nationalist formation*.

Navalny wants to *sell the Nation*, and anyone reading his programme should understand by now why Navalny wants visa-free passage to the EU for Russia. Navalny wants to send the Russians left and right for *immigration*. He wants to tell the Russians that they don't need to revolt, they just need to go immigrate to Belgium! But the Russian nation is not the Albanian or the Bulgarian one. *There is a limit* on how many mouths imperialism can feed. And while Imperialism can manage for now to feed the smaller nations of the eastern bloc, it won't be able to feed the Russian nation of 144 million. The people understand this, and this is why almost no one supports Navalny. But the fact that Navalny has a small movement should not make us lower our guard; the imperialists have proven that they can do damage even with lower numbers.

## THE PRO-NAVALNY FACTIONS FROM THE 'RIGHT'

There are *two groups* who support Navalny. The first group is the *local compradorist one*, the second are *the masters* of the first group.

Speaking about the first group, there are some other 'parties' besides the Russia for the Future 'party'. One such party are the *neo-Kadets* of the People's Freedom Party (PARNAS). This party, staying true to the legacy of the Kadets, is for routing communism out of Russia in a systematic way. Here is what they write in their program:

Our party categorically **condemns the communist dictatorship, illegally established in 1917 by a group of criminals and carried out with the most severe violence for 72 years, and stands for continuity with historical Russia.** Our party sets its most important goal to **eradicate the consequences of the totalitarian communist past in today's life. Therefore, we are in favor of systemic decommunization.**

Systemic decommunization is an assessment and condemnation of all crimes of the totalitarian regime, disclosure of the archives of the KGB and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, rehabilitation of all repressed citizens and compensation for suffering and forced labor, both to the victims themselves and to their descendants. This is a restriction of the political rights of persons who participated in the preservation of the totalitarian regime. **This is the prohibition of propaganda of any symbols, persons and events related to the implementation of the regime.** [4]

These people are by now a *caricature* of the EuroMaidanists! Another aspect of the Kadets was their compradorship to the allied Capital (in short, the first organized group of the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie). The new Kadets keep this part of the legacy too. In the same programme:

In foreign policy, we resolutely oppose any military adventures, for the restoration of friendly relations with neighboring countries. We strive for equal and fruitful cooperation with all countries, **for the establishment of strategic partnership relations with the European Union, for full cooperation with NATO.**

The essence of PARNAS is to destroy completely the proletarian movement internally, to subjugate the Russian nation to the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie externally, and to rip the benefits for themselves while the people suffer under the boot of the imperialists.

Their program is that of the *Nazi collaborator*, who massacred

his own village for his benefit.

The other party of this coalition is the Yabloko, a party of some hippy social-fascists who hide their treason and compradorship behind nice, left-liberal phraseology.

From their program:

The potential of the Russian nation can only be revealed through the **creative assimilation of the values of European civilization**, to the formation of which the great Russian culture made a significant contribution. **The European way is the growth of the well-being of Russian citizens**, the approach to its European standards through the formation in our country of a socio-economic, environmental and political model of the European type, this is the development of Russian legislation in accordance with the principles of the Council of Europe, **this is also a powerful impetus that Russia will receive from integration with the European Union. The interests of our national security also require such integration. In the face of the global challenges of the 21st century, Russia and Europe can only survive together.** [5]

The social fascist hipsters, *traitors* to the Russian nation, are nothing more than an enemy to be opposed like any other. No one wonders how they got around the forces of fascism in Russia to try and bring Russia back onto the path of compradorship.

These are the pro-Navalny factions from the "right" inside the country. Now let's move onto the masters of these factions, the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie.

The imperialists, the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie, view Navalny as their faithful lapdog in Russia. The president of Global Fascism, Joseph R. Biden, is explicit:

The Russian efforts to suppress freedom of expression and peaceful

assembly are a matter of deep concern to us and the international community. Mr Navalny, like all Russian citizens, is entitled to his rights under the Russian constitution. He's been targeted for exposing corruption. He should be released immediately and without condition.

**We will be more effective in dealing with Russia.**

**Unlike the previous administration,** we will be taking steps to hold Russia accountable for the range of malign activities that it has undertaken. [6]

The senile old fool has been president for not even a month and has already started giving orders to the national bourgeoisie of Russia to release the lapdog from his cage. It is as if *we did not warn* [7] the American 'leftists' that the Biden government would be worse on matters of imperialism than the Trump government.

It is as if we did not *repeatedly* tell them that the pillar of global fascism is *not* the Trumpist faction in the Grand Old Liars Party, but the good ol' Democratic Party.

It is alright. History proves the correct one and banishes the incorrect one into oblivion. History *has not the memory of a goldfish*, like most western 'leftists' do.

Other leaders of the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie camp say things in the same vein as the senile old fool.

The German imperialists have so far not taken a strong position. They denounce the imprisonment of their lapdog, but they refused to stop cooperation with Russia on Nord Stream 2. France urged Germany to sanction Russia and damage the cooperation, but Germany seems to have declined.

The Germans think more strategically than the French, and this is evident by the position of Germany in general in regards to the PRC, Russia, and Turkey especially. [7]

But the German, French, British prime ministers, ministers, and officials, all expressed support for Navalny, calling for his release, etc. The EU representative Josep Borrell will go to Moscow in the coming days, and it is certain that the imperialists will demand the release of Navalny and other fascists or they will threaten more sanctions as they did with Belarus. [8]

Thus, we understand that in the international arena it is the global forces of the imperialists which support and throw their weight behind Navalny and his movement.

## THE PRO-NAVALNY FACTIONS FROM THE "LEFT"

It becomes evident that the base of support of Navalny are the compradorial bourgeoisie in Russia, the neo-Kadets, the 'green' fascists, and the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie outside of Russia who are organized in the EU-NATO organizations. In short, *the forces of Global Fascism*.

But as the Bolsheviks came to witness 100 years before our time, imperialism and fascism requires *always two flanks* to be able to function successfully; *the left*, and the right flank. We spoke already about the right flank. Now let's speak about *the left flank*.

Social-fascism, the Left Flank of imperialism is 'divided'—in reality, they are divided only in name, they are very much united—into some component parts. Usually, these component parts are characterized by three ideological groups.

- 1) Anarchists
- 2) 'Communists', 'Marxists' and 'Socialists', tendencies of every color. 'Communists' and 'Socialists', and 'Marxists' only in name. Some of the first social-fascists came from this group actually, one needs only to remember the history of the Second International.
- 3) Social democrats of various stripes.

So, how did local and international Anarchists react to the protests?

CrimethInc., an anarchist publication released two letters by Russian anarchists on the situation.

Here is what these reactionaries hope for:

It had been **our hope** that sooner or later, **the unrest from Belarus might spill over into Russia** — this is certainly the best hope for rebels in Belarus and elsewhere around the sphere of Russian influence, as well as all who suffer under Putin. We publish this here in the interests of fostering international perspectives among all who endure the consequences of capitalism and state power. May every revolt deepen and spread. [10]

And this:

Anarchists can help people who find themselves at street actions for the first time to be more effective and safe on the streets, to confront the police, to create horizontal structures **for helping those** who are imprisoned or experiencing state repression, as well as planning future actions.

The anarchists admit *for the entire globe to see* that they are *bigger defenders of fascism than the open fascists themselves*. The ones who took part in the protests in both Russia and Belarus are first and foremost the right-wingers, and the ones who don't know much about politics and yet went to the protests, are

nonetheless led by these right-wingers. What the anarchists are saying is that they hope for another Belarus in Russia, and that anarchists will go help the protesters. Of course, since the anarchists are 'horizontal' and unorganized, they can't really influence the protests in a different direction to that of the ones who are organized, i.e the fascists, and what this means in practical terms is that these degenerates will play the game of the imperialists just fine, whether they want to or not; that these anarchists *will actively help the agents of imperialism*. And anarchists proved that their actions stay true to their words, at least in regards to helping the projects of the imperialists in the course of the last 30 years. They are always there to back up imperialism and fascism, be it Syria, Hong Kong, or wherever the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie injects them next to spread their *degenerate venom* like the snakes they are.

The above excerpts from their article should prove to *anyone* with doubts, to *anyone* new to the anti-imperialist movement, yet to *anyone* who feels a *burning hate against imperialism*, to anyone *who hates* the thing the imperialists and their lapdogs call 'Western civilization' *with a passion*, that unity with these people is simply *not possible*. *Not only* is unity not possible, but *armed struggle* against the anarchists during pre-revolutionary struggles or even civil wars is a necessary thing to commit to. In some places, life brought brought this into existence. In Syria, the anarchists made their allegiance clear since day one. Relentless struggle must be waged against the anarchists, *Nechayevshchina* must be waged against their organizations, their leaders, their theoreticians. In Syria, where life demands blades to clash, our goals demand for us to fight them without regret, to *completely annihilate them*. In Russia or Belarus, where a complete, open civil war is not yet taking place, *Nechayevshchina* is a legitimate method to acquire information, and target and liquidate their organizers, for the

anti-imperialist revolutionary soldier. Against these people, the agents of reaction, *everything is permitted*. And that is because these people *hide* in their phrase-mongering, it is because these people are placed by the *rootless cosmopolitans* to *sever the link between the intelligentsia and the proletariat*, and to *paralyse* the communist movement. It is this reason that they *are so dangerous*.

Anti-imperialists who are students should pretend to be anarchists, be friendly to them, learn their names, their occupations, and try to find out *their connections* to the global forces of reaction and expose them when the time is right. Take tabs on them to pass to the revolutionaries, and to know who to target to disrupt the imperialist reaction in the future. It is certain that knowing their leaders and the direct agents of imperialism in their movement, their theoreticians in the intelligentsia, is important to know for both now and the future struggle.

When the time comes, the revolutionaries will need to deliver a blow to this dangerous venom called anarchism, there will be—and there already is—a need to *sever* or *weaken* the link and influence the anarchists have on the intelligentsia and the student movement which concentrates itself against the bourgeoisie. *The more* the anarchists are able to influence the intelligentsia and the student movement, *the more* any communist operation to get the intelligentsia and the student movements who protest against the anti-imperialist bourgeoisie governments on the grounds of 'fighting capitalism' (a vague capitalism that is!) on their side will be harder.

This, comrades who read this, is one of the hundreds of proofs that there can't be unity between things which can't be united. The anarchists, under the pretext of opposing 'tyranny' make themselves *weapons for imperialism*, they recruit the would-be



*anomalies* who want to fight the current state of things but haven't yet broken with liberalism and thus are taken under the wing of the anarchists.

Thus, relentless struggle must be waged against anarchists. They have proven themselves dangerous enough, and we can't keep brushing off their efficiency at paralyzing the link between the intelligentsia, the anomalies, and the proletariat and the global anti-imperialist movement.

Of course, there may be Anarchists individually who are worth recruiting into our movement—honest people. But so far, there is no organization worth working with. Individuals? Perhaps. Time will tell.

We discussed the first component ideological group of the left flank of imperialism. Let's go on to the second one, the so-called 'communists'. We will speak here about the Trotskyists. The social-fascistic Trotskyists of the "Socialist Alternative" (more like the 'Imperialist alternative') talked positively about Navalny and the protests too. True believers it seems, in line with their support for the fascists of Belarus some months ago. The other Trotskyist organization, The Russian Socialist Movement also took the line of a pseudo-condemnation of Navalny which essentially supports him. Quoting their article on the issue:

In Moscow, St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg, Izhevsk, Nizhny and other cities, the socialists supported the protests on January 23, **demanding the release of political prisoners**, the democratization of the political system, and the investigation of political assassinations and corruption.

Despite the fact that we are not supporters of Alexei Navalny and otherwise see "the beautiful Russia of the future", **the arrest of the politician is a blow to all democratic forces and another step**

towards dictatorship. [11]

Usual Trot phrase-mongering fanfare known since the time of Lenin. 'We don't support Navalny, but....'

In another instance, they denounce the arrest of the compradors. This tells us everything we need to know about their political beliefs.

Another Trotskyist group, the Marxist Tendency, released something similar to the lines of the previous two groups.

Not one iota in solidarity with the political and economic views and aspirations of the liberals, **we are categorical opponents of political repressions carried out by Putin's dictatorship**, since we understand that in the end, the machine of political persecution will hit the working class and left-wing activists most massively. [12]

In the same spirit as the previous organization. 'We don't support this or that, but...'. It is quite obvious by now what these people have in mind.

Same with another Trot organization, 'Revolutionary Workers Party':

And although the RRP does not support Navalny and his program, it is important to understand that people came to this protest not so much for Navalny as against the current government and its criminal social policy, against its repression and intimidation. The trigger for the protest was a film about Putin's secret dacha for 100 billion rubles. [13]

'We do not support the fascists, but....'

Thankfully, the people of Russia aren't the imperialist parasites of the US. They see Trotskyism for what it is, social fascism,

and this is why these small groupuscules will remain that; small groupuscules.

Now to go on to the third component, social democracy. This would be Navalny's party itself in a way. Other than that, the other 'social democrats' in Russia *are nationalistic*, and thus they *are under the banner of the government*. <sup>[14]</sup>

In this case, the 'official' social-democratic parties, such as Just Russia are under the banner of the government.

There is no serious 'social democratic' opposition against the government to speak of. The imperialists did not manage to twist the arm of the social democrats of Russia to become a component of their left flank of imperialism, and this is why the imperialist opposition to the government is so weak. The only serious opposition to the government is the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, which itself is on some points allied to the government. But we will speak about the communists below.

## THE COMMUNISTS

All the communist parties took a position on the protests. Some parties with their stance make evident their lack of understanding of the situation, the lack of understanding of imperialism, and what Russia as a nation is facing with people like Navalny. *The struggle in Russia is one of nationalism*; he who appears to hold the *banner of nationalism* higher than others, wins the game. To demonstrate who holds the banner higher, *it is logical to suppress* the ones who appear to want to sell the nation, in short, the compradorist bourgeoisie.

It is logical then, for the communists, to attack the self-proclaimed nationalist government for failing to act quicker, for

failing to act against the traitors in a more comprehensive manner, e.t.c. But when one *attacks the government* because it *suppresses* and jails the fascists and the compradorists, then something is wrong in one's understanding of the attacker. Something is hugely wrong with one's understanding of imperialism. And this is *the reason* why the people of the imperialized nations *don't support* such parties and leave them on the fringes, *despite* these parties having a more 'orthodox' take on Marxism-Leninism, revolution and Communism in general. *Despite* these parties *appearing more radical*. At the end of the day, the people of the imperialized nations will gather around the goal of anti-imperialism, and they can understand (some in more a crude, some in a more refined manner) who opposes imperialism and who does not.

Let's take for example the United Communist Party. There is nothing of worth in their declaration; not even a mention of imperialism, not even a mention of what Navalny represents, not even a mention of the nature of the government or the right-wing opposition *which leads the protests*. Besides the fact that in their proclamation they fail to mention the most important things, when they mention the government and the Navalnyists, they make *some heavy blunders*; first, they quote Lenin out of context (Lenin's article of 1902, 'Political Agitation and "The Class Point of View"'), where Lenin tells us to join and try to wrestle control of the liberal protests. Here is Lenin's quote:

It is our direct duty to concern ourselves with every liberal question, to determine our Social-Democratic attitude towards it, to help the proletariat to take an active part in its solution and to accomplish the solution in its own, proletarian way. Those who refrain from concerning themselves in this way (whatever their

intentions) in actuality leave the liberals in command, place in their hands the political education of the workers, and concede the hegemony in the political struggle to elements which, in the final analysis, are leaders of bourgeois democracy. [15]

Why is this wrong? Because Lenin is talking about completely different periods and scenarios. Lenin here is not talking about a compradorist movement fighting against a national anti-imperialist bourgeoisie government; Lenin in his article, which the UCP misquoted hoping no one would contextualize the quote (smells like the technique used by the CPUSA, ripping off quotes from Lenin's *Left-Wing Communism: an Infantile Disorder* to justify their support for the Democratic Party), speaks about the bourgeoisie opposition against the feudal aristocracy which at the time was at the helm of the state. Thus, Lenin correctly says that yes, the communists should enter the anti-Tsarist movement, 'solve' the liberal questions (the question being Tsardom) in their own socialist manner, and compete with the bourgeoisie over who will get the support of the workers. To not cede ground to the liberals against the aristocracy, but to compete with the liberals on who will be the most effective force against the aristocracy. This is absolutely correct.

But modern Russia is not Tsarist Russia, and the current anti-government protesters aren't interesting in taking the world forwards but backwards. The situation now is similar to the Kornilov reaction; imagine Vladimir Ilyich condemning the 'arrest' of Kornilov by the (compradorist even!) Kerensky regime. In fact, the Bolsheviks condemned the ESEK government for *allowing Kornilov out!* Basically, what we said a communist should do. People who want to sell the country should be jailed. When the government does not jail them, we should critique them. But when the government is jailing them, it is nonsensical to critique the government for jailing them!

This huge blunder by the UCP is something that does not paint them well to anyone who knows the context behind Lenin's quote.

We quote from their article:

One point of view is that, since the protest is organized by pro-Western liberals, then it is unacceptable to participate in it, since the left will become pawns in someone else's game, extras for right-wing politicians.

Another point of view is as follows: different people come out to protest actions, and we can and should work with them. This point of view seems more correct to me, and I will try to explain why.

It is possible that somewhere only liberals—anti-Sovietists come out to protest actions. I fully admit it. However, based on what I know about the event that took place, for example, in Vologda, the overwhelming majority of the participants did not have a clear political agenda.

Essentially, the UCP adopts the second point of view. The protesters are lead by compradorists, so let's enter the 'liberal question and solve it in a socialist manner' as Lenin told us. But this actually works against the communists. The nationalists will see this act and think that you *actually do what you yourself describe in the first point of view* ! And they will be correct. There will be a time for the communists to organize their protests against Putin, which the communists did, do, and will do multiple times. Protests where traitors and compadorial sell-outs are heeding the calls of someone like Navalny is not the right place to look for recruits.

Imagine if the Bolsheviks went to the protests of the supporters of Kornilov and told them how bad Kerenski is, but that Kornilov is bad too. Yes, *not everyone* in the protests is a social fascist *in a refined way*, but there are reasons why someone like Navalny *ever appealed to them*. We have seen the play many

times before, and it does not end well for the communists.

Next, they released an article only a few days ago titled 'Stop the regime heading towards fascism'. By the title alone it is proven that the UCP is making a massive mistake and in fact playing into the ideological game of the Imperialists. Or in the worst case, they don't understand what Fascism is, and they separate it from imperialism. (Under their presumed understanding, the government of Iran is fascist too!) Let's quote some parts of the article.

The protesters behaved peacefully, except for chants, no aggressive actions were observed, property, cars were not damaged, glass was not beaten. In contrast, law enforcement officers were not distinguished by politeness. Arrests were carried out in a particularly humiliating manner. A group with truncheons ran into the crowd, pushing the protesters apart, snatched out the intended victim and dragged him by the arms and legs into the paddy wagon. [16]

And:

Some members of the OKP, the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and other left-wing organizations took part in the protest action. In this regard, the question arises—should citizens of leftist convictions take part in such events. In my opinion, there is still a meaning. Firstly, it is necessary to stop the regime moving towards fascism, and secondly, to use this event to clarify the true essence of Navalny's movement, to clarify the essence of the left movement.

Thus, if one seriously follows the logic of the title and these two quotes, two things become evident; the 'regime' is going towards 'fascism' because they are not soft on pro-imperialists, and second that again, the communists should work in this movement because 'we need to win these people onto our side'.

Even if some are recruited, it is not worth the danger of enforcing protests which will serve imperialism in the hope of recruiting a minuscule percentage of the protesters on our side. That is all for the United Communist Party.

Now to speak about the Communist Party of the Russian Federation. This party is *the real* opposition to the government. The communists of the world should support this party. The CPRF has proven to us that it will in no way become a pawn to the imperialists, and while in some of their analysis on the Putinists they may err (such as essentially calling Navalny Yeltsin n. 3, implying that Putin is Yeltsin n. 2), their errors won't help the imperialists.

The CPRF should use these protests to point out that the government is not nationalist enough, allowing the Navalnysts to roam free. They should call out the Putinists for 'betraying' the national interests by ever daring to allow people like Navalny to roam free. And they already did this at various points. The UCP tried to do the same thing, but since the UCP does not seem to understand the essence of fascism, it is bound to err in trying to win over the masses.

The CPRF correctly understands that not everyone in the protests is a Navalnyst. Of course, this does not mean that the character of the protests is not a social-fascistic one overall. Whether the CPRF or the UCP can win from the protests by using the tactics they do remains to be seen in the coming months.

To arrive finally at some conclusions. If the national bourgeoisie government gets replaced by compradors, it would put the anti-imperialist movement *on ice*. It will take years before the anti-imperialist movement manages to bring itself back up on its feet.

Thus, the protests and their character should in no way be



supported. There is a difference between calling the government 'fascist' for jailing protesters that participate in a compradorist movement (even if not all of them are compradorists individually), and going to the protests to compete on nationalist grounds and trying to take over the socialist-minded without indulging in wrong rhetoric about Putin and his 'fascism'. Putin *cannot* be equated to fascists or the cosmopolitan bourgeoisie. Doing so is playing straight into the hands of the imperialists.

The CPRF correctly understands that the struggle is over who holds the banner of nationalism higher. On these grounds, they should keep themselves supportive of the government in its anti-imperialist actions, and oppose the government when it makes errors inherent to all bourgeoisie formations, national and cosmopolitan alike.

In reality, this is what the CPRF does already, and so we hope they will continue to do it the correct way so as to one day lead a revolt and bring Soviet power back to Russia.

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- to conduct a "comprehensive de-communization and de-Sovietization" of Belarus;

- return the white-red-white flag and coat of arms "Pogonya" as state symbols";
  - withdraw from the "Union state", the Eurasian Union, the Customs Union and other integration entities where Russia dominates
  - return the status of the only state language to the Belarusian language;
  - switch to NATO standards, start training military personnel and send Belarusian military personnel to educational institutions and centers of NATO countries;
  - Belarus fulfills all the criteria for membership in the European Union and NATO, and submits relevant applications for membership in these structures;
  - assign names of "Belarusian national heroes" to Belarusian military units and educational institutions";
  - conduct large-scale privatization and develop a "full-fledged" land market for the "full use" of the potential of transnational corporations;
  - to restructure, modernize, partially or fully privatize large and medium-sized state-owned enterprises;
  - start preparing for Belarus' joining the future supply chain of liquefied natural gas from the United States to Eastern Europe;
  - de-bureaucratize and optimize the number of institutions and employees in the field of education;
  - optimize the structure of healthcare, abolish the regulation of tariffs for services in non-state medical centers;
  - reduce the excess number of hospital beds;
  - improve the health management system and develop cost-effective technologies, review existing protocols for treatment of diseases in terms of cost-effective methods of evidence-based medicine;
  - promote the development of a competitive environment in the housing sector through demonopolization and development of private enterprises;
  - transfer to private businesses hotel facilities, baths, recycling of household waste, maintenance of streets and courtyards, funeral services.
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