

**The coronavirus pandemic
the main danger is not the
coronavirus but the
virus of capitalism!**



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**Communist Revolution or the
Destruction of Humanity!**

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Introduction

In recent weeks, in addition to the problems directly caused by the atrocities of the barbaric capitalist system, the spectre of a new type of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been casting a shadow over society. Coronavirus has spread across the globe. We no longer feel safe in the workplace, in the classroom, at home, in the street or anywhere. Noisy cities like Paris and New York have become ghost towns because of the virus. The most vibrant cities evoke the tranquillity of the cemetery. For the first time in human history, most countries have closed their borders.

This is not the first pandemic in the disgraceful history of the barbaric capitalist system. In May 1918, a flu outbreak in Spain became known as Spanish Influenza. A third of the world's population (500 million people) were affected at the time, and 50 million became victims. The number of Spanish flu victims was higher than the number of World War I victims.

Can such pandemics and events like this be controlled? Are such incidents due to the bad management of dictatorial and corrupt governments like China, which have failed to control the spread of the virus and have enabled it to spread to other countries? Should like the right and left of capital require better management of the coronavirus pandemic by capitalist governments?? On the contrary, we believe that the coronavirus pandemic and

other natural disasters are the product of capitalist savagery and an integral part of capitalism's metabolism – a system in which the goal is neither to satisfy human needs nor promote human welfare but to maximize profit at any cost. It is only by eliminating the virus of capitalism that catastrophic events like this pandemic can be overcome; until such time as the aim of production and services ceases to be profit and becomes the satisfaction of human needs.

What are the origins of coronavirus?

Since World War II, we have witnessed the spread of viruses among human populations which are of animal origin. In other words, this virus, like others, has spread from animals to humans, and such viruses have all been characterized by destruction of the body's immune system. AIDS, Ebola and Zika etc. are examples of these diseases. However, animals are definitely not to blame. Many of these viruses live in the bodies of animals without harming the animals and pose no threat to their bodies. But when these viruses spread to the human population, some of them evolve and become pathogenic, playing a destructive role.

One prominent example of such transmission is the outbreak of the Ebola virus. Research has shown that deforestation in Central Africa forced bats to nest in gardens and fields. In other words, the destruction of

forests by humans moved bat habitat from forests to fields and gardens. Humans were also exposed to bat secretions by eating or coming into contact with crops and trees. As a result, bat viruses which had hitherto been safely inside their bodies were transmitted to the human population, taking on the form of disease, killing thousands of people. The problem of ecosystem changes brought about by the capitalist system, and the devastating consequences of these irresponsible changes in the face of the human world, for the sole purpose of profiteering, is now manifest, revealing the true nature of the capitalist system.

Ecosystem changes

The growth of capitalism required unbridled industrialization, and this required humanization, urbanization and other housing complexes, which, in turn, led to the destruction of forests and farms. Environmental changes that are only made for the sake of profit bring about abnormal changes in the ecosystem. Research shows that malaria-carrying mosquitoes reproduce less in areas left untouched, compared to areas where humans have inflicted changes. Another example is Lyme disease (carried by mites), which results from the destruction of mice. The consequences of irresponsible ecosystem changes increase the chances of viruses being transmitted to the human population and attacking the human body.

Transmission of viruses from animals to humans is not a new thing, but rather it is associated with the neolithic period when humans began to destroy the environment, to create agricultural land and to domesticate animals. But the more brutal the transformation of the environment has been, the greater the rate of transmission of viruses from animals to humans. With the beginning of the colonial era, environmental destruction accelerated, and with the growth of capitalism, it became violent. In recent decades, we have witnessed the height of environmental destruction by the capitalist system, which operates only for its own benefit. Researchers at the US One Health Institute have identified hundreds of viruses that result from human interference with the environment. [1]

The US (one of the world's largest polluters) has not only abandoned the Paris climate change treaty. The Trump administration has also allowed the mining and extraction industries to remain exempt from environmental regulations. The result is irresponsible environmental manipulation by industries and mines, paving the way for further destructive changes to the ecosystem and, in turn, reinforcing transmission of viruses from animals to humans.

The hypocrisy of the bourgeoisie

Secrecy, lies and a lack of clear information about the coronavirus are not just for dictatorial countries but also

occur in democracies, arising from their capitalist interests. The bourgeoisie (in both metropolitan and peripheral capitalism) did not prioritize the coronavirus epidemic until such time as it became a threaten the cycle of capital accumulation and profitability, and did not take the necessary measures to prevent the coronavirus from becoming epidemic.

In China, the authorities covered up the virus disaster and failed to make it known to the rest of the world in order to protect its own interests, which does not present China in a good light. Government officials tried to pretend that everything was normal, celebrating the Chinese New Year with great feasting in late January in Wuhan. Only when the capital accumulation cycle was disrupted did China impose a state-enforced quarantine for the 50-million population of Wuhan. The same is true for South Korea, Iran, Italy, the US and so on. In Iran, too, the Islamic bourgeoisie initially denounced the existence of the coronavirus and even announced that it would legally treat “propaganda” rumours about the coronavirus as “disturbing public opinion”. But when the epidemic in society became a reality, the Tehran representative in the bourgeois parliament confessed to lying about the spread of the coronavirus, admitting:

“We lied in some incidents. Facts about the corona outbreak were also delayed, which also heightened mistrust.” [2]

In Iran, the Islamic bourgeoisie was aware that the actual announcement of the death toll from coronavirus would impose a heavy cost on the bourgeoisie and would affect its economic, political and strategic interests in the region, so it pushed for a delay in declaring that it was facing an epidemic, at the cost of many lives. Trump, like state officials in other countries, initially tried to minimize the coronavirus outbreak, pretending that the US was well prepared to confront it. He said that last year, 37,000 Americans died of the flu, that nothing was shut down, and that life and the economy continued as usual, while only 22 people had died in the US because of the coronavirus:

“So last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on. At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of CoronaVirus, with 22 deaths. Think about that!”[3]

Trump even claimed that the number of people with coronavirus would soon be zero and recommended that those with the virus should go to work if they felt well. [4] He even went so far as to say that “The coronavirus is the Democrats’ ‘new hoax’.” [5]

Trump said that anyone who wanted to be tested for coronavirus could be. The US Food and Drug Administration initially announced that a million people

would be tested by 6 March 2020, but its director later admitted that only a limited number could, in fact, be tested. In America (where much of the world's wealth is accumulated), there are 40 million people living in poverty, who cannot go to the hospital to undergo coronavirus testing.

Inevitably and unfortunately, the coronavirus spread across the US and became an epidemic there too. Trump also had to admit that the US, like most other countries in the world, had been struck by the coronavirus. It was subsequently recommended that in order to fight the coronavirus, the 40 million residents of California should not leave their homes (in other words, go into quarantine). Thirty percent of Americans have no health insurance, which increases the chance of a coronavirus outbreak in the US, compared to Europe.

Increasing the military budget while reducing the health budget

In recent years, countries have increased their military (war) budgets (those characterized by metropolitan capitalism and also those characterized by peripheral capitalism) while cutting their health budgets. Defence budgets (war budgets) increased by 4% in 2019 compared to the previous year. Increased spending on defence in metropolitan capitalism was significant, but the same could also be seen in peripheral capitalism. [6] The

military budget of Asian countries has increased by 50% over the past decade. The same is true of the Islamic bourgeoisie; the budget of religious and military institutions in Iran has increased. Only after the assassination of Qassim Suleimani by the US, the Islamic bourgeoisie approved (with the highest priority) a plan for €200 million to swiftly avenge US actions. [7]

While military (war) budgets have generally increased worldwide, we are seeing a decline in health and education etc. We are witnessing the most severe austerity policies. For example, while the US defence budget has increased by 6.6%, the US Center for Disease Control's budget dropped from \$10.8 billion in 2010 to \$6.6 billion in 2020. Scientists at Predict were looking for the next Ebola vaccine, which was cut by the Trump administration. [8] In early February 2020, the US government announced that it plans to cut funding to the World Health Organization by 53%. The Islamic bourgeoisie, while increasing the funding of religious and military institutions, has reduced the share of health in the budget for 2019, compared to the budget for 2018. The budget for specific conditions such as haemophilia has been cut by 25%. [9]

It is not the coronavirus but capitalism that kills people

Can the coronavirus outbreak and events like it be controlled? Although such phenomena cannot be 100%

predicted in advance, the consequences can be greatly reduced. The outbreak of coronavirus, the Ebola virus and other natural disasters are a product of the capitalist system and are an integral part of the capitalist system's metabolism – a system in which the goal is neither to satisfy human needs nor to promote human well-being but to maximize profit at any cost.

It is not only internationalists who say it is not the coronavirus that is killing people but, in fact, capitalism that is massacring humanity. In capitalist society, everything is for profit only. Professor Christian Drosten, a German virologist, emphasizes that the reason for people dying from coronavirus is not the dangerousness of the disease but the lack of facilities, even in advanced and modern societies. Most importantly, the austerity policies that capitalism has imposed on society in recent decades have limited medical facilities and are now showing their effects. The German virologist says:

“The reason people die from coronavirus is not the dangerousness of this disease. It is because there are no facilities. The possibilities are scarce even in modern and advanced societies because no government has ever built thousands of hospitals in a time of pestilence, when a pandemic occurs. Secondly, the stone that has been put in place by adopting money-saving policies and reducing the number of hospital staff has now fallen on society.

You cannot put nurses out of a job when you are well and then wave a magic wand to find nurses again later. You cannot. The community has no facilities.”
[10]

The same German professor claims that it is not old age and weak immune systems but a lack of facilities that cause death. If the oxygen supply was adequate and all patients could be put on ventilators, the death rate would be much lower than it is now. He says:

“Three to four percent die because of a lack of facilities, not just because they are old, and the immune system is weak. The current facilities are not enough for everyone. If the disease only affected small groups of people, they could be connected to oxygen devices for three days until they could all breathe in the normal way; everyone could be monitored, and fewer people would have died.” [11]

In the past decade, austerity policies have even been applied to the health sector. Hospitals, healthcare services and nursing homes everywhere are faced with staff shortages and reduced facilities. In Britain, the health minister, Mr Hancock, has said that there is a shortage of artificial respirators for people who may be severely affected by the coronavirus. Currently, Britain has only 5,000 breathing apparatuses ready but needs more.

Health also has a class stamp

In capitalist society, everything – including health – is related to class. People's class status and economic status play a decisive role in their illness and treatment. Workers upon who are the creators of essential living, medical, health, etc. facilities are often unable to use the same facilities. A large proportion of the working class and other lower strata of society are unable to acquire essential hygiene materials, masks, disinfectants, etc. A reporter from the Hamshahri newspaper has said that based on his observations of various neighbourhoods in Tehran, class differences are quite evident in terms of access to preventive devices for the corona disease. Although class divergence is manifested in peripheral capitalism more violently and inhumanely than in metropolitan capitalism, it is not specific to peripheral capitalism and is also evident in metropolitan capitalism. This is not due to bad management on the part of the authorities but to the way in which the capitalist mode of production (that is, capitalism) has given the social classes such traits and characteristics.

The US alone accounts for 34.3% of the world's total wealth, and the home of the Statue of Liberty is known as the land of fortune. In this land, class distances are more visible and sharper than elsewhere. One out of five Americans cannot afford the cost of prescription drugs. [12] In the US, people do not have public health insurance.

They have private health insurance, and, crucially, people's right to life is determined by their wealth. Most health insurance companies in the US work on a split-cost basis, which means that policyholders must pay part of the cost of their treatment before claiming the rest from the insurance company. According to Al Jazeera, high treatment costs make it difficult for Americans to get tested for the coronavirus. [13] For this reason, those with no money who contract coronavirus are unable to go to hospital for examination and testing, so the actual number of those infected is unknown. No private insurers are willing to pay for this social crisis. The 39 states of the US have no conceptual sick leave. In other words, if someone gets sick, he or she is expected to be at work, which, in turn, increases the virus transmission rate. On the other hand, official medical advice stresses that anyone who shows symptoms should be quarantined for two weeks, which means living without pay for a fortnight.

Essential hygiene items such as masks, gloves and disinfectants have become scarce because of the excessive demand. It is not only the pharmacies and health stores of peripheral capitalism but also those of metropolitan capitalism where shelves are empty of the most basic means of prevention. In response, the black market has boomed, offering much sought-after goods at several times the normal price. Corruption and the black market are not the product of corrupt governments but are a product of the class system and a product of the dirty

capitalist system. On 16 March 2020, 50,000 masks – masks that were needed most to fight coronavirus in the hospital – were stolen from Cologne Hospital in Germany, and we are not talking, here, of corrupt countries but the heart of Europe. [14] The stolen masks will undoubtedly be on the black market now. The affluent strata of society will certainly have a better chance of accessing essential health supplies and will be able to use the facilities of private but very expensive hospitals in the current crisis.

Coronavirus and the workers

One particular narrative would have us believe that coronavirus works democratically, infects everyone, does not distinguish between the workers and the bourgeoisie, and kills anyone that it can. The question we should be asking is are humans truly equally at risk of coronavirus? The answer is no. The coronavirus is more likely to be transmitted by contact with affected persons or by touching surfaces that affected persons have previously touched. People who work or live in crowded environments have an increased risk of getting the virus. Workers are in close contact with one another because of their working conditions, and they share common tools. Shared use of toilets, public transport and shared dining rooms etc. increases the likelihood of transmission of the virus. Due to their economic conditions, these workers are compelled to continue working despite being ill.

Unfortunately, the level of preventative measures for workers is very low, so coronavirus is more likely to spread in the workplace than elsewhere. Poverty, malnutrition, poor access to healthcare, inadequate housing and limited access to medical facilities etc. make the working class and lower strata of the population more vulnerable to coronavirus.

What is the fate of workers who are quarantined for having corona? Many workers are engaged on projects, temporary contracts or small units etc. with no insurance coverage. Society should continue even in the event of quarantine, and this can only be done by working people. So, in some areas, workers even have to work overtime.

Widespread layoffs have already begun because of the economic crisis caused by the spread of coronavirus, not only in peripheral capitalism but also in metropolitan capitalism. Widespread deportations have already begun in Europe. According to CNN, more than half of all American job opportunities are likely to be lost because of the coronavirus pandemic. [15] The crisis will be more violent in periphery capitalism than in metropolitan capitalism. In Iran, 1,600,000 job opportunities are likely to be lost due to mass spreading of the coronavirus. [16] The loss of 1,600,000 job opportunities will be a severe blow to the working class, which is currently struggling to survive. Millions of working families will be poorer than they are today. One worker who has recently become

unemployed has said the following about the current situation and his job prospects:

“Where do we go with corona now? How do we pay for Nowruz [Iranian New Year] expenses? Where do we look for a job? While affluent people are staying at home and quarantining themselves, workers leave the house in the morning and work as usual, as if there was no disease in poor areas.” [17]

In a capitalist society, labour power is a commodity and the value of this commodity in the capitalist society, like any other commodity, is to be determined by the amount of necessary social labour for its reproduction. In other words, the value of labour power at any point in time or location (country specific) will be different. In the metropolitan capitalist countries, the reproduction of this commodity is more expensive and its value is high, hence its maintenance is more important. However, in the capitalist periphery, the cost of reproducing this commodity is low and its care and maintenance are not of considerable importance.

Science at the service of capital

It is a fact that in the shadow of the Industrial Revolution, capitalism has been able to expand itself worldwide in the name of capital, and so has science.

Capitalism is keen on science and knowledge as long as they are aimed at boosting labour productivity, reducing production costs and increasing profit rates.

If the context or phenomenon is not profitable (or in the interests of imperialism), scientific research will cease. Medical and pharmaceutical research is being marginalized if it does not benefit the owners, while last year alone, 10 major US pharmaceutical companies made \$69 billion profit.

There is no vaccine for this virus yet, although Germany, the US, Iran and others have claimed to have taken major steps towards producing a COVID-19 vaccine that will soon go into production. However, it will take a long time to complete the various stages of testing, and any prospective product must be approved before it can be mass-produced. It is unclear whether such a vaccine is possible and how widely available it would be around the world. Recently, Trump tried to persuade German researchers at the Tübingen-based biopharmaceutical company CureVac (which is researching a vaccine for corona) to secure the vaccine for the US only in return for a huge payment of \$1 billion. [18] Such a monopoly by anyone will only serve as a pressing tool for imperialist interests and an indicator of the extent of humanitarianism and bourgeois morality.

The key question for any serious human being is why do the military and intelligence/espionage services make important inventions? Bourgeois governments spend

billions of dollars each year on military, intelligence and espionage investigations; the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan alone will cost the US \$4–6 trillion. How much medical research, and how many medical and pharmaceutical facilities could be provided to society at the expense of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars? Following the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014 (which soon spread to the US, Spain, Britain and Italy, with around 11,000 victims within two years), what serious preventative measures were carried out to curb the spread of similar viruses?

Crash of the stock market

The economic, social and psychological consequences of coronavirus will be catastrophic, and the working class and lower strata of society in all countries will be the main victims and will pay the price. This is the major difference between the current coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and previous viruses. The coronavirus has had devastating effects on the world economy. Just like an earthquake centred in China, it began in China, and its destructive waves reverberated throughout the capitalist world.

One example of this is the fall in stock prices, especially in capitalist metropolitan countries. On Monday 9 March 2020, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, tremors shook the world stock market. The fall of the New York Stock Exchange only 34 minutes after its opening

led to a 15-minute halt (which has not been seen in 11 years, i.e., since the financial crisis of 2008). When trading resumed, the stock market continued to decline, so Black Monday was introduced. The decline in the New York Stock Exchange, of course, was a continuation of a trend that began in the Asian financial markets, then reached European markets and later reached the New York Stock Exchange. Two Republican US senators, through information rentals, realized the new conditions and sold millions of dollars in stock before shares crashed.

One repercussion of coronavirus has been the winding down of various industries and reduced demand for oil. Saudi Arabia and Russia have failed to agree on a drop in oil production, and oil prices have fallen sharply in world markets, echoing the fall of January 2016.

Factories and industries (especially in metropolitan capitalism) are closing down one after the other, and many small companies are going bankrupt. The world economy is estimated to have lost more than \$6 trillion due to the coronavirus. These are the consequences of capitalism in the face of a virus.

Corona and bourgeois morality

The coronavirus outbreak has removed the camouflage from bourgeois morality and civilization, and it has undermined the reality of bourgeois morality. Italy is the cradle of history and civilization, and millions of

people from all over the globe travel there annually to get acquainted with this history and civilization and to become acquainted with the civilization that flowed from ancient Rome and is still evident to this day. It is one of the eight most industrialized countries in the world and also has the most highly developed medical system in the world, with one doctor for every 169 people, according to WHO statistics.

Italy is one of the countries most severely affected by coronavirus. People with coronavirus have flocked to Italian hospitals on an unprecedented scale, and the hospitals are unable to accommodate so many sick patients. The medical staff in Italy sometimes work up to 80 hours a week, and hospital staff are truly devastated. Doctors are faced with the difficult decision of choosing life or death for their patients, irrespective of their own wishes and their professional ethics. It is painful to imagine but true all the same. They decide which patients to treat and which patients not to treat:

“If a person between 80 and 95 years old has severe respiratory failure, it's likely we will not go ahead.”[19]

Imagine; those who have worked hard their whole life and built a community now do not even have a chance of being treated. Dr. Christian Salaroli, head of the intensive care unit at Bergamo Hospital in Lombardy, has told the *Corriere della Sera* that the psychological pressure on

medical staff is devastating and that some doctors in his team are being crushed under the pressure of the decisions they have to make, and he has said the following:

“This is happening to both senior physicians and young physicians who have just arrived and have to decide the fate of a human being. This happens in large numbers too. I have seen nurses with thirty years of experience crying; some suddenly in crisis have become psychotic and trembling.” [20]

Other European medical personnel have said that if conditions in these countries become critical and they continue to face a lack of facilities (such as in Italy), they will have to make the same decisions despite their best intentions and conscience. Medical personnel are doing an arduous job and have to make such decisions because of a lack of medical facilities. It is capitalism that implements austerity policies in health, hospitals, healthcare and other centres. The capitalists themselves have access to state-of-the-art private healthcare and state-of-the-art hospitals, and the working class and lower strata of society must go to public hospitals. Civilization and the civilization of barbaric capitalist society is no more. In this so-called “civilization”, profit comes first and last, not human lives. As for the capitalists themselves, they have access to private hospitals equipped with the latest technology and the most sophisticated personnel, whereas the working

class and lower strata of society have to go to public hospitals.

Corona and peripheral capital

Iran is also one of the countries most severely affected by coronavirus. Official statistics provided by the Islamic bourgeoisie are inconsistent with reality. The Islamic bourgeoisie has been trying to under-represent the statistics. Hospital staff who have tried to provide accurate statistics have even been harassed by security forces. The key question is why the coronavirus could become an epidemic in Iran. The following factors should be mentioned in relation to this issue:

- Despite the prevalence of coronavirus in society, its existence has been denied by the Islamic bourgeoisie on the occasion of the anniversary of the “revolution”. This show is important in providing legitimacy to the Islamic bourgeoisie.
- Holding a parliamentary election circus was important for presenting an image of bourgeois parliamentarism to the Islamic bourgeoisie. However, this election circus subsequently became a political disgrace to the Islamic bourgeoisie.
- Failure to impose a quarantine in the city of Qom led to coronavirus spreading. This contradicts the ideological superstructure of the Islamic

bourgeoisie, which considers the city of Qom to be sacred.

- Because of Western economic sanctions, the Islamic bourgeoisie has a closer relationship with China and has continued to allow Mahan to operate flights to China.
- Although Iran's medical science staff are highly trained and even comparable to metropolitan capitalism, Iran has an extreme class divide like the US. The affluent can access the highest standards of care, while the working class and lower strata of society are deprived of such facilities.

Corona and imperialist rivalries

Coronavirus has laid bare the imperialist tensions that already existed, with humanitarian gestures being made in nauseating and humiliating ways, supposedly in the name of culture and civilization. While the virus was killing in China and Iran (before having reached Europe and North America), competitors in China and Iran were not only unhappy but also happy about the spread of the virus and its economic impact. They even abandoned human-friendly demagogues, and easily and clearly expressed their wishes and happiness. They proudly claimed to have the most advanced treatment system and to be fully prepared for the spread of the coronavirus. US commerce secretary Wilbur Ross has said that the deadly coronavirus

outbreak in China, which has plunged the Chinese economy into a serious crisis, could be advantageous to the American economy. In a television interview, he said that:

“I think it will help to accelerate the return of jobs to North America.”[21]

Apparently, these civilized barbarians thought the trade war now consisted of the coronavirus, without the need for an actual trade war or sanctions. Mark Dubowitz, executive director of the Washington-based “Foundation for Defense of Democracies”, also sided with the Israeli government, saying that the coronavirus had done something that US economic sanctions against Iran could not do and that it was better to put a stop to Iran’s non-oil exports (posting his views on Twitter:

“Coronavirus has done what American economic sanctions could not: shut down non-oil exports.”[22]

Capitalist virus

Capitalism is the source of the coronavirus pandemic, the Ebola virus, the destruction of the environment, the nightmare of war, chaos and dozens of other problems. Capitalism has become a serious threat to humanity and

life on this planet. It is the nature of capitalist systems to prioritize exploitation, profit and the accumulation of capital over human needs.

For years, the austerity policies of the filthy capitalist system have frustrated health systems, not only in peripheral capitalism but also in metropolitan capitalism. A shortage of personnel and medical equipment etc. is evident in the most advanced countries. The possibility of achieving health for all humanity within a capitalist social system is no longer an illusion! Coronavirus and the like are not the product of bad management by officials in this or that country, but rather they are the product of capitalism which is itself a virus.

It is only by eliminating the capitalist virus that production and services can be directed towards meeting the needs of everyone – not towards financial gain. With the disappearance of the capitalist virus, harmful production purely driven by profit will also disappear, and a new focus can put on ethical environmental changes and human health, rather than the austerity policies that have been forced upon us.

To prevent the spread of coronavirus, social isolation has been imposed, not only on the working class but on all humanity. We are faced with exceptional circumstances, and these are painful because the material conditions for workers' protests are extremely limited. Nevertheless, we are witnessing a class struggle in Italy, the country that has suffered the most from coronavirus in Europe. Italians

object to their situation and reasonably proclaim, “*We are not a Lamb to the Slaughter!*” [23]

Capitalism smells of blood, filth and sludge; capitalism is the source of all misery and troubles, not only for the working class, but for the whole of humanity. If the working class does not act on its historical mandate, that is, to overthrow capitalism through communist revolution, the destruction of humanity is certain. The barbarism of capitalism is not only seen in world war; but world war is only one of its forms and can take on other forms, such as virus pandemics, capital atrocities, environmental catastrophe or the collapse of humanity.

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Basic Positions:

- The First World War was an indication that the capitalism had been a decadent social system. It also proved that there were only two alternatives to this system: communist revolution or the destruction of humanity.
- In our epoch, the working class is the only revolutionary class. Furthermore, only this social class can deliver the communist revolution and end the barbarity of capitalism.
- Once capitalism entered its decadent period, unions all over the world were transformed into organs of the capital system. In turn, the main tasks of unions were to control the working class and mislead them about its class struggle.
- In the epoch of decadent capitalism, participating in the parliamentary circus and elections only strengthens the illusion of democracy. Capitalist democracy and capitalist dictatorship are two sides of the same coin, namely, the barbarity of capitalism.
- All national movements are counterrevolutionary, against the working class and the class struggle. Wars of national liberation are pawns in imperialist conflict.
- The reason for the failure of the October Revolution was the failure of the revolutionary wave, particularly the failure of the German Revolution, which resulted in the isolation of October Revolution and afterwards its degeneration.
- All left parties are reactionary: Stalinists, Maoists, Trotskyists and official anarchists etc. represent the political apparatus of capital.

- The regimes that arose in the USSR, Eastern Europe, China, Cuba etc., while being called “socialist” or “communist”, only offered a particularly brutal and barbaric form of capitalism: state capitalism.
- The revolutionary organization constitutes the avant-garde of the proletariat and is an active factor in the development and generalization of class consciousness. Revolutionary organizations may only take the form of revolutionary minorities, whose task neither is to organize the working class nor take power in its stead, without being a **political leadership**, or a political compass, where revolutionary organizations’ political clarity and influence on the working classes are **the fundamental elements for the implementation of a communist revolution**.

Political belongings:

The current status, positions, views and activities of the proletarian political tendencies are the product of past experiences of the working class and the effectiveness of the lessons that political organizations of the working class have learned during the history of the proletariat. Therefore, Internationalist Voice can trace its own roots and origins back to the Communist League, the First International, the left wing of both the Second International and the Third International, and the fractions that defended proletarian and communist positions against the degenerating Third International, which was represented by Dutch-German fractions, and **particularly Italian Fraction of the Communist Left** and the defence of Communist Left traditions.