

# Proletarian



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***Don't vote Labour. Don't support Labour.  
Vote to disaffiliate!***



# Labour is the enemy of the working class, our unions must break their links!

Keir Starmer's Labour party came to office in July 2024 with a 'landslide' of just 18 percent of the voting-age population's votes. He picked up the baton of capitalist rule seamlessly from Rishi Sunak and proceeded to batter the people of Palestine to death with it. Along with the peoples of Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Congo and Iran. And now, to try to save the dying system from the scrapheap of history, Labour is increasingly turning the state's full force against British workers.

**Labour is a party of the monopolists and bankers – a party of capitalism.**

## Inequality: robbery of the poor by the rich

We are in the midst of a terrible poverty epidemic in Britain today – a crisis of capitalism that is forcing ever more of the working people into misery, privation and destitution. Real unemployment ("economic inactivity") is around 26 percent – one in four of the working-age population. And this at a time when the 'cost of living

crisis' (ie, inflation) is reducing the purchasing power of wages at a rate unseen in recent decades.

The British ruling class has been printing and borrowing for decades in order to wage endless wars and to subsidise and bail out banks and corporations it considers 'too big to fail'. Workers are paying the price through crippling tax hikes and inflation, which has been exacerbated by the boomerang effect of economic sanctions against Russia in particular (Europe's main provider of cheap energy). Britain's energy cartel has not been slow to take advantage of this situation to raise prices still further – to the great glee of shareholders, who are raking in record bonanzas as Britons freeze.

Today, the poorest 10 percent of British people (6.7 million) have to try and live on £12,500 a year, while the poorest 1 percent (670,000 workers) receive a mere £7,000-£8,000.

**Approximately 18 percent of the population live in relative poverty and a**

**further 8 percent in absolute poverty. Thirty-one percent of Britain's children are living in poverty, many of them arriving hungry at school and around one million even excluded from the free school meals programme thanks to draconian regulations.**

Meanwhile, the top 0.1 percent of the UK population (67,000 people) are luxuriating in an income of £700,000-£1,000,000 a year, and the 55 richest billionaires in Britain increased their wealth by £35 million per day in 2024 – over £600,000 a day each! Yet the corporations these billionaires obtain their wealth from pay less than 10 percent of the government's tax revenues.

What with the tax avoidance of the super-rich, a big uptick in military spending and a ballooning debt to be serviced, the Labour government is in trouble with its finances, despite 15 years of brutal austerity that was supposed to 'balance the books' (by quite literally killing the poor). Chancellor Rachel Reeves declares there is only one way out of trouble – to squeeze more out of the pockets of those who are already poor or those who are modestly comfortable.

It is in this situation that Labour MPs voted through Starmer's (slightly modified) welfare bill, whose purpose is to slash welfare support even more, forcing the impoverished and the sick into the lowest-paid 'workfare' jobs, and preserving the two-child benefit cap that is pushing millions of children into abject poverty. The legislation will perpetuate and worsen the poverty of the most vulnerable, and ruin the future of millions.

It should be perfectly clear by now that Labour politicians will commit any crime to keep their well-paid careers, lining their own nests while facilitating the continued global plunder

and domination of the billionaire elite. Ex-PM Tony Blair is estimated to have amassed a fortune of £400m, secured as a reward for his oversight of genocide in Iraq, and his son Leo is well on the way to becoming a billionaire.

**Labour serves the rich, not the working class, and its leading lights are extremely well paid for doing so.**

## Labour's 'plan' for the NHS is to bleed it

Labour health minister Wes Streeting is keeping waiting lists deliberately high (seven million) while hospitals are facing relentless and swingeing cuts, which further reduce their ability to meet patients' needs. And they are now being told to sack thousands of doctors and nurses – not in the interests of health provision but in the interests of privatisation. Streeting's 'radical reform' of what remains of Britain's health service is being used to push *two million more appointments* – about eight million in total – into the private sector. We are not being given 'special treatment' when this happens; we are being robbed in broad daylight.

*We will pay through the nose twice.* First for the full and comprehensive NHS service we waited for but didn't get, and then for the private service that will not look after most of the conditions many of us face (since they are not profitable enough to treat). Increasingly, British workers are being forced to *pay for the urgent care they need from their own pocket*, via insurance (nine million of us!) or in cash that they can ill afford – or get no help at all.

Wes Streeting is not only funded by the Zionist lobby, but by private health corporations. John Armitage, one of his key backers, is a billion-

aire who ranked number 138 on the 2021 Times 'rich list', co-founder and director of the Egerton Capital hedge fund. Among its almost £19bn of investments, Armitage's fund owns shares worth almost £834m in UnitedHealth (UH), a vast US private health corporation that is at the heart of introducing a private Medicare-style system to Britain in place of the NHS.

### **Waging World War 3 to save our slavery?**

The shared Labour values of which Lammy speaks are genocide and regional war to despoil and plunder the whole middle east. They mean sending war planes in support of the illegal aggressive war that the USA and Israel are waging against Iran (as well as active military and financial support for genocidal wars against Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and anyone else who stands up to the imperialist hyenas).

They mean constantly escalating war with Russia in Ukraine – to the last Ukrainian! – and driving relentlessly toward war with China. Ultimately, they mean full commitment to a *third world war* of global proportions, quite possibly fought with nuclear weapons and risking the destruction of human life on planet Earth.

***All for the preservation of the flagging superprofits of a monopoly-capitalist system of wage-slavery that is facing a systemic and existential crisis, and whose continued existence means only deepening poverty and ever more war for the mass of the population.***

### **Labour's pledge to Nato warmongers: austerity and war!**

When the June 2025 Nato summit took place in The

Hague, it did not escape the attention of thinking workers across the planet that the 'world leaders' in attendance should have been arraigned to face charges for war crimes in Ukraine and the middle east. But in reality The Hague-based 'International Criminal Court' is a tool of Nato and does not prosecute the real criminals. At the summit, Keir Starmer pledged to raise Britain's arms spending from 2.3 percent to 5 percent of GDP by 2035 – that is £130bn per year in today's money, bringing it close to current spending on the 'NHS'.

We recently found out when Palestine Action activists sprayed red paint onto fighter jets at RAF Brize Norton that the planes are actually owned by a hedge fund that leases them to the RAF. So genocide and war, like our crumbling health and social care services, are just more 'PFI' tools through which the billionaire elite loot the state twice over (and which are paid for by taxing the workers) – just as the middle-east war is also a tool for robbing the vast oil wealth of the peoples of west Asia.

***Truly the capitalists – and their 'Labour party' governmental servants – are our implacable enemies! Their joy is built upon our misery. Their wealth upon our poverty!***

It should be clear by now that a union movement chained hand and foot to the Labour party is no use to workers struggling for survival.

***We need to break every organisational and political link with the Labour party and force our unions to actually act behalf of the working class – to collectively and meaningful organise to resist austerity, resist repression, resist militarisation. And to refuse en masse any cooperation with the criminal imperialist war machine!***

## **To save workers from paying the price of the capitalist crisis we must urgently demand:**

- The nationalisation of *all* utilities (without compensation) along with monopoly producers, manufacturers and distributors of food, so as to ensure a secure supply of all necessities at affordable prices, free from the vacillations and disruptions of the world market.
- The requisition and building of social housing and the introduction of a rent cap to address the housing crisis.
- The complete renationalisation of every part of the NHS, including all its buildings and the pharmaceutical industry.
- Leaving Nato, dismantling all British bases overseas and all US bases in Britain, bringing all troops and military contractors home and ending all aspects of British involvement in aggressive wars, including support for proxy forces anywhere in the world.
- The lifting of the minimum wage to a level that provides a decent family existence.
- Legislation for pay and benefit rises that keep pace with *real* inflation.
- An end to currency devaluation through endless money printing.
- An end to the self-defeating sanctions war against Russia, which is fuelling both the energy and the inflation crises.
- An end to all subsidies to banks and monopoly corporations. Any business considered 'too big to fail' or 'necessary to the economy' that cannot make adequate profit from its operations should be nationalised without compensation and run according to a plan based on meeting the needs of the people.





The result of British support and arms for the genocide in Gaza.



Labour foreign minister 'proud' to serve the genocidal regime.

# Genocide and repression go hand in hand

## Police repression: Labour attacking workers' civil rights

Home secretary Yvette Cooper, meanwhile, is not content with simply continuing her Tory predecessor Suella Braverman's work: sending police officers to arrest and intimidate people who speak up about genocide; making charges of 'racism' (Public Order Act) and 'terrorism' (Terrorism Act 2000) against our party comrades and *thousands more British workers who oppose the Israeli-US-UK-EU axis of genocide in Gaza.*

On Wednesday 2 July 2025, Keir Starmer, Yvette Cooper and the entire party of Labour criminals ('right' to so-called 'left') voted to proscribe Palestine Action as a 'terrorist' group. We note that PalAction joins the organisations of the real Palestinian resistance, which were proscribed (against international law) in 2022 by Tory home secretary Priti Patel.

On the very same day, female Labour and Tory MPs had the gall to line up and pose in 'suffragette' sashes, celebrating the group led by Emmeline and Sylvia Pankhurst that fought by means of direct action for the vote for women. Sylvia Pankhurst was also a key lead-

er of the 'Hands off Russia!' campaign, which stopped the British army and its imperialist leaders (notably including that rabid anticommunist Winston Churchill) from intervening to strangle the young Soviet republic that had emerged like a phoenix out of the ashes of the WW1 imperialist slaughter.

Labour MPs have apparently lost all sense of shame, blind to their own hypocrisy and servitude to imperialism. The leaders of the official trade union movement have shown, through their ongoing support for Labour, that the party's MPs are not alone in abject servility to the system.

## Kneecap and Bob Vylan

At Glastonbury this June, Irish republican rap group Kneecap were banned from live coverage by our 'national' broadcaster, the BBC, because a member of the band, Mo Chara! (meaning comrade, or friend) had once celebrated the resistance and displayed a Hezbollah flag. He is being taken to court on charges of 'terrorism'.

Punk band Bob Vylan, meanwhile, strode onto the stage after this censored performance and led the entire crowd in chants of "Free Palestine!"

and "Death, death to the IDF!" Clearly similar repression is heading their way – but the cat is already out of the bag. These cultural workers, these artists and performers are light years ahead of the entire corporate press and bourgeois political pigsty (including the so-called Labour parliamentarians and their Trotskyite and revisionist disciples, all of whom carry the hod for British imperialism).

***Kneecap and Bob Vylan upset the corporate media and political class by revealing the widespread popular support for Palestine and the mass revulsion with the Gaza genocide, which no media silence, no law and no state repression can extinguish!***

## Labour's shared values with Israel and imperialism

Meanwhile Labour foreign secretary David Lammy repeatedly proclaims that it is the "honour of his life" to serve the genocide and the British imperialist war machine. Even while trying to distance himself from the most blatant excesses of the criminal Netanyahu regime, which is using mass starvation and firing squads to implement a "final solution" – a holocaust of the population of Gaza – Lammy revealed himself with

the following statement in the House of Commons: "I want a strong friendship with Israel based on shared values, with flourishing ties between our peoples and societies. We are unwavering in our commitment to your security and your future; to countering the very real threat from Iran; the scourge of terrorism; and the evils of anti-semitism." (20 May 2025)

## Corbyn's failure to fight the Zionist IHRA definition of 'antisemitism'

The entire campaign to outlaw opposition to the criminal policy of our own imperialist government has been hidden under the mask of "fighting antisemitism" and "fighting terrorism". This is a weapon that was finely honed during the period of Jeremy Corbyn's leadership of the Labour party. Theresa May adopted the Zionist International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) lobby group's 'definition' of antisemitism, and was promptly followed by a host of political parties and state organisations – including Corbyn's Labour.

The IHRA definition of 'antisemitism' seeks to make criticism of Israel a crime. And by

extension it works to criminalise any opposition to Britain's criminal wars abroad. In this way, the ruling class – with Labour at the helm – has been robbing us of all 'civil' right to oppose and resist its exploitation, war and genocide.

In 2017, the bands at Durham Miners' Gala stopped under the balcony of the County Hotel to serenade Corbyn as he applauded them. The corporate press, the ruling class and his own Labour party hit him relentlessly with the same accusations of 'antisemitism' that are being hurled at all who oppose the Gaza genocide today? What did he do when they called him a 'terrorist sympathiser', as they are now labelling thousands of Palestine supporters?

***He was the test case: and he failed us miserably. He apologised and slunk off with his tail between his legs, retreating and even attacking his most loyal supporters, putting them into flight and disarray. The success of this campaign of slander and vilification has allowed the same abuse and repression to be unleashed on tens of thousands of British workers.***

Through this and his many other policy and principle U-turns, including over Brexit, we have

seen Corbyn's character clearly revealed. His half-baked re-launch of wet-Labour with Zara Sultana and John Reed will so obviously end in abject failure that it barely deserves comment. Its only role is to keep hopeful but frustrated voters engaged in the failing electoral process for just a little longer – as austerity, racism, war and repression continue to accelerate.

More recently, in December 2024, Wes Streeting met with Zionist lobby groups and pledged to use this definition, which conflates opposition to Israel with antisemitism, to attack pro-Palestine health workers across the NHS. He has been true to his word.

We applaud the British Medical Association (the doctors' union), which recently adopted resolutions affirming that "anti-Zionism is not antisemitism", promising to "defend the right of health workers to oppose the Israeli genocide in Palestine", "oppose the infiltration of Zionist firms such as Palantir to data-mine the NHS", "suspend relations with the Israeli Medical Association" and "oppose the destruction of health facilities in Gaza". It further promised to "condemn Israeli war crimes and pressure the government to uphold the ICJ

decision [on Israel's genocide] and suspend all arms trade and support to Israel".

While struggling to meet our wider goal of bringing socialism to Britain, we must kick the IHRA definition out of every institution and disaffiliate Britain from the IHRA. We must cut all economic, scientific and academic ties with Israel, enforce sanctions on all Israeli entities and companies, and close down all political, media, intelligence and military cooperation with the Zionist entity.

The Israeli ambassador must be expelled, and the Israeli embassy must be closed. The entire Zionist lobby must be exposed and brought to trial for its complicity in genocide. All those jailed or sacked for supporting Palestine and opposing the genocide must be reinstated, freed and compensated. They are the heroes of our time; the ones who refused to stay silent.

Clearly none of this will happen while the British state is headed up by pro-Zionist leaders such as Keir Starmer, David Lammy, Rachel Reeves, Yvette Cooper and Wes Streeting, all of whom are servants of imperialism to their fingertips.

## Join the communists

Not only do we need to campaign against the bad conditions and lack of prospects for working-class people in Britain today, but we need to work for a completely different type of society – one where people's needs decide everything.

So many problems face this world: environmental degradation, poverty, disease, racism and war. They'll never be solved while capitalism remains, but they could all be dealt with if society was set up for the benefit of the majority rather than the private gain of a few billionaires.

The Communists refuse to be intimidated by the barrage of lying propaganda that fills Britain's corporate media. It is the capitalists' job to try to stop us from building a socialist society; it is our job to do it anyway!

Our aim is to revive revolutionary Marxism and popularise it amongst the broadest possible sections of our class. Combining knowledge with disciplined organisation is the key to success in the fight against capitalism.

Our membership is youthful, while our leadership is experienced. We may be small, but we are growing. We welcome anyone who is serious and committed to working for a socialist future.

***Become a supporter at [thecommunists.org](http://thecommunists.org)***

## Mass non-cooperation:

*Workers must act together to:*

- Refuse to make or move any weapons or supplies that are bound for Israel.
- Actively block all such shipments that are known to be on British roads and rails or in British ports.
- Refuse to write, print or assist in the broadcast of information that justifies or whitewashes Israeli crimes or reinforces fake Zionist narratives, remembering that journalism which justifies aggressive war is a war crime in itself.

- Refuse to put Israeli products or Zionist-promoting newspapers and magazines on supermarket shelves.

- Cut all academic, scientific, technological and research links with Israel and force the government to break its military and diplomatic ties – there must be no normalisation of genocide.
- Unions must mobilise workers to carry out this programme and defend any group or individual who is victimised for taking this principled stand.
- *The power is in our hands to end these terrible crimes. We must organise and use it!*





A spectre is haunting the Labour party: the spectre of communism!

# What is the DMC afraid of?

While Labour is attacking workers in Britain and across the world, what is the committee of the Durham Miners' Gala (DMC) worried about? Bizarrely: *the spectre of communism!* Or to be more precise: the image of Stalin!

The DMC wrote to us to “instruct the CPGB-ML not to display images of Joseph Stalin at the Durham Miners Gala” as “such images are not in keeping with the values [!] of the Durham Miners Association (DMA) or our Gala”.

These ‘labour movement custodians’ seem nervous that the very presence of Stalin’s portrait (which has been very popular in previous years) will expose their weak servitude to economism and to Labour-led social democracy – ie, their abject betrayal of the working class. [We wonder: has any other image been banned from the gala? Any party or banner? Any bourgeois or pro-capitalist ideology? Certainly not the rabid representatives of genocide in the Labour party!]

The DMC added, by way of ‘explanation’: “Since 1871, the gala has expressed the vital

importance of trade unionism, the duty to *look after each other in the community* [!] and the desire to build a society *where wealth is created for the common good*. It gives a voice to the oppressed throughout the world. The gala brings people together in peace.”

As to ‘wealth being created for the common good’, that is simply not what happens under capitalism. The *Ragged-Trousered Philanthropist* can explain to this puny trade union ‘gentry’ that although workers labour mightily under capitalist conditions, they yet remain poor – and get ever poorer over time. *Their work generates wealth that enriches the exploiting class*. That is how capitalism works. That is the system that the present trade union bureaucracy and the Labour party serve.

And because we do not flinch from pointing out these uncomfortable truths, the wothies of the self-identifying ‘left’ endlessly proclaim that our party is ‘anti-union’! No, comrades, we are not against trade unions, but we are implacably opposed to everything that ties workers to their pres-

ent conditions of wage-slavery and impoverishment.

***What we are fully in favour of is helping the working class to organise itself as a class and in its own interests.***

Trade unions will undoubtedly have a vital role to play in this process, but to do so they must break all organisational, ideological and political links with the imperialist Labour party (a servant of our enemy class) and get shot of the servile Labour-allied bureaucrats who currently control them.

One would hardly think it needs pointing out that all those trade union leaders being rewarded on retirement with a seat in the House of Lords are not getting a pat on the back and a fat expense account because the ruling class is grateful they spend decades fighting for their members’ (or our class’s) interests against the interests of the bosses!

***Under conditions of capitalist-imperialism, you can serve the system or you can serve the working class by fighting for the system’s overthrow. There is no ‘third way’.***

Far from defending the rights of workers, the DMC wants to preserve the link with the imperialist Labour party, and to keep workers’ activities within the bounds of capitalist exploitation, thus keeping workers in subjection to this criminal gang.

The beautiful banner they don’t want workers to see carries powerful words from Stalin’s well-known work *The Foundations of Leninism* – a book that schooled millions of class warriors, workers and socialists around the world:

***“Either place yourself at the mercy of capital, eke out a wretched existence as of old and sink lower and lower, or adopt a new weapon – this is the alternative imperialism***

***puts before the vast masses of the proletariat. Imperialism brings the working class to revolution.”***

Stalin’s words, along with the teachings of Lenin, Marx and Engels, have never been more relevant and more needed by the workers. Perhaps that is why the DMC is so haunted by them?

## Durham miners in the USSR

It is interesting to note how far the ‘values of the Durham miners’ have transformed over the decades. We invite our snivelling servants of capital, Guy and Mardghum, to read the report of a former general secretary of the Durham Miners’ Gala, John E Swan, written on 28 February 1937 on his return from a trip to the Soviet Union:

“In contradistinction to Britain, the introduction of science and machinery to industry [in the USSR, at a time when none other than Josef Stalin was the general secretary of the Communist party and leader of the country] is welcomed by the workers because *the burdens of toil are reduced thereby and the industrial progress is reflected in an improved status for all* instead of the increased wealth being diverted to the benefit of an unproductive few.”

Swan’s report noted that the USSR’s economy was still in the throes of transition, but described how Soviet workers were forging ahead with courage. Transport was improving, and the whole of the state was being organised with the faith and assurance that poverty would soon be banished. Of special interest to miners were the parts of the report dealing with trade unions, holidays with pay, pensions, workmen’s compensation, hours of labour, safety in mines and

mines inspection.

During their visit, the Durham miners visited a plant producing tractors, rolling stock and heavy machinery, which employed 32,000 workers of 16,000 of them women. They reported that the Soviet working day consisted of just eight (fully paid) hours, one of them being for meals. Wages were higher for skilled workers than unskilled, but all were paid for their off days.

"We were informed there were 900 expectant mothers, who would be given special care during the prenatal stage and for some time after their babies were born. Expectant mothers are given light work for four months before time of childbirth, with no reduction in their standard of wages, while for two before and after the birth of the child, they are paid full wages and not allowed to work at all. If she so desires, a mother may also be sent to a rest home."

The report described the catering at the works canteen, which was of high quality and very low priced. All was described as being decent food that would contribute to keeping workers healthy and well fed. Creches for workers' children were fully funded by the trade union.

The Durham miners also reported on a trip to the Bolshoi theatre in Moscow:

"All the important members of the Presidium, including Stalin, were present. Stalin was dressed in a khaki-coloured tunic and looked remarkably fit and well. He received a great reception, and there was no mistaking the affection the people had for him. Those newspapers who reported him to be a sick man would have had a great surprise had they seen how well and fit he looked."

The Durham visitors heard a

grand speech by Soviet president Mikhail Kalinin, in which he talked about the perilous march of fascism into Spain and described the USSR's support for the international workers' heroic battle against it. He also outlined betrayals by the counter-revolutionary Trotsky and his treacherous followers.

***So what exactly about all this real working-class history has got the DMC so worked up?***

The committee is clearly not thinking about how to serve British workers and bring socialism. Nor about how to expose and destroy the treacherous Labour party – that most insidious of enemies within our ranks.

Like far too many in the Labour-aligned trade union and labour movement bureaucracies, it would appear that the DMC's members are too preoccupied with defending the petty privileges that go with being a trade union worthy to have any energy left for considering the fate of the working class or the future of humanity.

***These privileges are paltry when seen in the context of our movement's grand aims, but among other advantages they include the ability to control the 'DMC2021 limited company', which holds £4.5 million in assets (£1.7 million of them in cash).***

Do the DMC committee members care for the millions of workers languishing in poverty and unemployment? Or for the millions being targeted by British bombs and sanctions?

***Or do they just know which side their bread is buttered on?***

## Unite and fight!

◀ **page 8** accompanied by an enormous wave of islamophobia.

Marx said that "a nation that enslaves another forges its own chains", and showed that our oppressors gain strength not only from the vast increase in looted wealth that comes from dominating other countries but also from the accompanying division of workers. That is why communists support national-liberation struggles; we know that weakening British imperialism abroad will help us to destroy the capitalists' power at home.

## Socialism will end racism

When we have grown up in a capitalist world, it can seem that racial tensions are inevitable, but the experience of socialist countries shows that they are not. The 1917 October Revolution in Russia declared imperialist war, occupation and colonial seizure to be criminal, and all people to be equal, outlawing discrimination.

***By involving people from Asia in the building of a new society and culture, the USSR crushed imperialism's excuses for its ruthless exploitation of the world, proving that there is absolutely no justification for any kind of racism.***

The USSR replaced xenophobia, bigotry and warfare with cooperation, respect and fraternal harmony, and showed the huge contribution that all people are able to make to the building of a higher culture when given the opportunity. The era when open racism and naked colonialism could be tolerated was over, as millions of oppressed people were inspired to join the fight against it.

This in turn inspired anti-racist movements in the imperialist countries. Britain's first anti-racism law in 1965 was an *admission of moral defeat* by our rulers. Where once they trumpeted their racist ideology proudly and openly, now they have to hide it behind weasel words about 'equality' and 'respect'.

## Organise the resistance

After decades of marginalisation and demonisation, the poorest communities in Britain today are a powder keg of frustration and rage, full of revolutionary potential. What is lacking is the organisation and ideology that will turn the forest fires of our occasional uprisings into an unstoppable inferno that will ultimately burn the entire system of exploitation to the ground.

All those who reinforce the notion that 'immigrants' are somehow to blame for the problems we face today, whether they are on the 'right' or the 'left', are doing the capitalists' job for them and promoting division when what we need is the greatest possible unity to fight effectively for our future.

Class-conscious workers of all backgrounds need to take hold of the weapon of Marxist-Leninist education, and to use this understanding to break down the walls of suspicion between communities, uniting in a common fight against our common oppressors, and advancing the revolutionary struggle against imperialism and for socialism.

***As the old adage goes, 'United we stand, divided we fall'. Or as Marx and Engels wrote so profoundly: "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to win!"***



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## Black and white: *Unite and fight!*

In order to keep the obscenely unequal imperialist system in place, and to preserve their tremendous wealth and power, the billionaire capitalist class has become very experienced at dividing the oppressed. Racism is used to make us redirect the anger and frustration that *should* be focused on the capitalist system at our fellow workers.

The job of bourgeois political parties is to protect the interests of the exploiting class. That's why they turn a blind eye to the pollution of the planet, send working-class kids to die in predatory wars over resources and markets, and push wages down as far as possible. The drive for a cheaper workforce has led to cuts in housing, healthcare, education, benefits and services. It also leads to the export of capital – whereby British capitalists close down enterprises here in order to produce more cheaply abroad.

These things are done to maintain profits, but *blame for the ill effects is regularly laid on a scapegoated minority* ('immigrants' or 'asylum seekers') which is itself suffering from the drop in living standards. Essentially, *all* capitalist parties *have* to be racist. It's part of their job to make sure that, instead of recognising that all workers are our class brothers

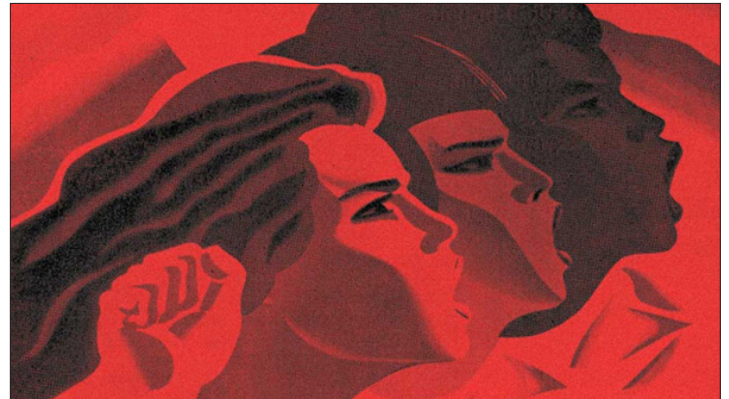
and sisters, we learn to deride each other's traditions, and to identify with our 'own' exploiters because of shared skin colour, language, culture or religion.

Racial prejudices are deliberately renewed by capitalist media and politicians every day, and this is increasing as the economic crisis gets worse. Even better-off white workers suffer as a result, since our class is unable to organise itself to replace capitalist exploitation and war with a secure, meaningful, cultured and dignified socialist life, free from inequality, insecurity and war. That is why we say that racism is a *class* issue and not only a problem for its victims.

### Immigration lies

Population migration has been a feature of human life as long as we have existed as a species. 'Immigrants' are not our enemy; British capitalism is! Classifying workers as 'illegal' leaves them prey to the most extreme exploitation and abuse, and turns them into weapons of the capitalists to depress the wages of all. That is why we demand *full citizenship rights for all people who live and/or work in Britain*.

If we fail to understand that it is the capitalists' insatiable urge for profit, not some 'other' group of workers, that is



One of the greatest tricks that has been played on the working class is to have convinced so many of us that our poverty is the result of actions by other, even poorer, people, and not of actions by the tiny billionaire class who get daily richer on all our backs.

responsible for our problems, we can become prey to the lies of fascist hatemongers, who want to mobilise us against our own class to help save capitalism.

***Those who fall for BNP or Farrage-type ravings are being turned into dupes of the exploiters against their own class interests.***

And it is not only white workers who are played for fools by the ruling class. Non-white communities, too, are encouraged to keep themselves apart – to avoid 'contamination by western culture' or to organise under the seemingly 'progressive' banner of black nationalism, which is founded on the insidious lie that *all* white people are *congenitally* racist and that 'white supremacy' rather than the capitalist ruling class is the main enemy of ethnic-minority workers.

### Racism, the police and war

Recruitment of black officers

cannot change the institutional racism of the police. As agents of the capitalist state, they *have* to arrest disproportionate numbers of black/muslim men, since mass criminalisation serves to reinforce the racial narratives endlessly promoted by media and politicians. Criminal records are also used as 'proof' that *individuals* are at fault, and not the system.

Another important reason for the promotion of racism is as a justification for wars abroad. If the people under attack can be presented as incapable of managing their own affairs, and their leaders as inherently corrupt and dictatorial, the British ruling class can dress up its barbaric bombings as 'liberating' missions. Campaigns to demonise targeted peoples abroad are then used to renew racist vitriol against British workers with ethnic or religious ties to the countries under attack. It is no accident that Britain's wars in the middle east have been

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