# WELCOME







**League of Revolutionaries for a New America** 

## Welcome to the League of Revolutionaries for a New America!

These are revolutionary times. Our economy is undergoing radical change that is ripping apart our society. Millions of people face destruction and despair, as they are step-by-step excluded from the economy as it rapidly replaces human workers with robotic production and AI (artificial intelligence). The demands of a new impoverished class for food, housing, education, health care and an opportunity to contribute to society are summed up as the demand for a cooperative society. Such a society must be based on the public ownership of the socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product according to need. This new class must have political power to achieve these goals.

The government, federal state and local, is supposed to guarantee the interests of the people, yet at every level they further the interests of corporations over and above the basic needs of people. Our country is beginning to polarize —

morally, over right and wrong and, politically, over which direction to go. This moment is pregnant with both danger and opportunity.

We hold government accountable to guarantee the basic necessities of life for everyone.

#### What makes a revolutionary?

Revolutionary times demand and give birth to revolutionaries. Revolutionaries are people who cannot turn their back on a homeless lady asking for a dollar. They recoil at a government that puts children in cages. Revolutionaries understand that Global Warming and ecological catastrophe must be healed. They recognize that mass incarceration and police murder arise from a dying economic and social system. The system is the source of the daily attacks on the working class. A system that creates billionaires while impoverishing 99% of its people must be changed.

#### What do revolutionaries fight for?

Revolutionaries fight alongside others waging the battles of the day, on the premise that the needs of hungry children, homeless vets, and families without medical care stand above the profits of the corporations. As they engage in the battles of the day, they also prepare for the actual resolution of those battles — for the abolition of private corporate property – that is, abolition of the right of individuals and corporations to own the means to exploit and make profit, and abolition of the laws that protect and expand that property at the expense of the general welfare of society.

This abolition of private property has a meaning. The common public ownership of the means of production - the tools and technology of society – guarantees that everyone contributes to society what they can, and everyone receives from society what they need. Today, when computers and robots increasingly replace human labor in supplying goods and services, this step is the way to reorganize society to get food to the hungry, homes to the homeless, health care to the sick. It is

the way to save Mother Earth from the corporations and to unleash the full potential of humanity. This is what defines a cooperative society.

#### What does revolution mean?

Abolishing old property relations is not a new thing. Revolutions that abolish old and outmoded property relations have happened over and over in history. Revolution is not an idea to win people over to; revolutions happen when technology outgrows the existing social & property structure. It is what is happening today, and it is a very natural process. The revolution of digital technology compels revolution in the economy. The process goes through stages, but ultimately, it resolves the disruption of society. This has happened twice before in the United States.

The Revolution of 1776 abolished the private property of Kings. By 1860 private property in slaves controlled all three branches of government. The Civil War abolished the right to own human beings as property. Today corporate private property controls all three branches of government

and intends to control the wealth of society. As we see everyday, human society cannot continue on this basis. We have it in our power to begin the world anew!

But there is no guarantee about the direction today's revolutionary process will take; either the people *or* the corporate power could win. Just saying "revolution" doesn't prepare people to fight for their actual interests, and just fighting battles as they arise never challenges corporate power. Whether that resolution to the disruption of society is in the interests of the corporations or of humanity, is up to the revolutionaries; they do not create the revolution, but they help guarantee its outcome.

As revolutionaries, we are immersed in the groundwork of ideas and aspirations, despair and awakening. We push the ideas and awakenings forward, along the line that connects them to a consciousness of the resolution to the problems that are tearing apart people's lives and crushing their aspirations. We set our sights on the people winning this revolution.

#### Why LRNA, and what does LRNA do?

We all must learn to see beyond the horror and confusion of the escalating crises of humanity to understand how capitalism and private property can be fought and abolished. The Mission of the LRNA is to unite the revolutionaries of today into an organization that takes up strategic questions of the day in order to win people over to the cooperative resolution.

The League calls on the revolutionaries of today to weld our energies together into an organization of thinking, creative, committed people dedicated to hope, solutions, and strategy. We invite you to work with us, to join with us — so together we can all educate ourselves and strategize to keep the revolutionary movement going forward and on course.

Your League of Revolutionaries for a New America is very probably different from any organization you know of. The League is not a single-issue, massorganization. The new impoverished class is

objectively the revolutionary social force that can transform society. Revolutionaries today begin with this understanding.

As the movement of today builds itself, the League seeks to raise the consciousness of the movement's fighters so they can achieve their goals. Based on a revolutionary Vision of how a healthy society could be for every person and the planet, League revolutionaries address the final resolution within every battle.

The League is not an organization of leaders and followers. Building an organization to guarantee that the struggle will be in the interests of the common people is a huge and historic task. This historical task requires the leadership of every revolutionary. It can only be accomplished by an organization that guarantees political equality and unleashes everyone's creativity. Such an organization allows and demands that all of the members have a voice in determining what is to be done, and each has a specific responsibility in carrying that decision out.

The League is not a sect or cult that attempts to

impose its own ideas and program on the real world. It is a democratically based collective of revolutionaries. We have developed an understanding of the world that has been proven correct by actual events. We recognize that League political education is the guarantee that all members are politically equal.

The League Program comes from the constant study of actual social and economic motion. It politically expresses the profound economic revolution that is reshaping the world and making world political revolution inevitable.

The League was formed by revolutionaries from across the country in 1994. We had a sense of politics and organization and a commitment to being scientific about the process of revolution. Revolutionaries need to continually broaden and deepen our own individual understanding to be ready for the fight at hand. We formed the League as a place for revolutionaries to learn and plan together how to carry out our responsibilities.

We are active revolutionaries — participating in

every battle at every step of the way. But we also need a space where we can discuss the long-term direction of the revolution and the actual resolution of these crucial problems. We formed the League as a place where we revolutionaries can plan how to educate and politicize the millions.

The League's starting point is the demands of the most destitute and defenseless sector of society. As we engage in battles on all fronts, our motto has been "this time it's all of us or none of us." Every public hospital that closes, every employer who robs people of their wages and benefits, every home foreclosure swells the ranks of the destitute and defenseless draws more people into battle.

#### How is the League organized locally?

History is made by those who understand the vital role of actively struggling for what they believe in. Unorganized individuals can do nothing. Meaningful activity can only be carried out through organizations, and organizations mean nothing without serious members who contribute intellectually, financially and physically to build,

strengthen and develop them.

Membership in LRNA is open to those who accept and carry out the Program of the organization. Members belong to a League collective, pay dues, raise funds and distribute the *Rally, Comrades!*, and presses of the movement.

Monthly dues for fully employed members is \$20 per month. The amount for part-time, contingent and unemployed members is determined by collective discussion in a League organization (collective). Members pay for an annual subscription to *Rally, Comrades!* 

A local LRNA Area is made up of all members in a city or metropolitan region or state. Committees are the basic organizational bodies of the League. The committee connects the LRNA to the daily movement by spreading ideas to influence the movements of today. Committees can be made up of League and non-League members. Areas can also form League collectives for other purposes.

This is your organization. All the correct lines and

organizational structures mean nothing without people. The success of the organization and we deeply believe, the future of this country depends on the role played by revolutionaries. The future is up to us. Let us collectively seize and secure that future.

Again, welcome to the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.

### **LRNA Program**

The United States of America — indeed the entire world — is in the throes of epochal economic revolution. Transformation from electro-mechanical industry requiring human labor to operate gigantic means of industrial production to digitally controlled production requiring little or no human labor is the determining content of our time.

The qualitatively more efficient means of electronic production greatly lowers the cost of production of the basic necessities of life. This makes possible a sustainable economic paradise of abundance for all. Under capitalism, however, it leads to the falling price of labor power and fastens the chain of poverty, exploitation, and stultifying toil ever more tightly upon the worker.

The steam engine created an industrial working class that replaced the existing manufacturing class. A new class of workers is being created by electronic production. This new class consists of employed and unemployed sectors. The part-time, contingent, minimum wage, below minimum wage workers within the employed sector are already over forty percent of the U.S. work force. This employed sector of the class is constantly drawn into the growing unemployed sector that ranges from the structurally unemployed to the absolutely destitute, homeless workers.

The new class cannot solve its economic problems without the public ownership of the socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product according to need. For the first time an objective communist economic class is forming to become the foundation for a communist political movement.

Globalization creates this new class everywhere. Global unity is the condition of its national emancipation. The League extends its hand of comradeship around the globe.

Wageless digital production is antagonistic to capitalism, which is based on the buying and selling of labor power. This antagonism is economically, socially

and politically polarizing society, making social and political revolution inevitable. A new fascist State form, the naked rule of corporate power, has arisen to oppose this motion. Society must take over these corporations or these corporations will continue to take over society.

Today, whether through words or deeds, vast numbers of socially conscious people declare themselves revolutionaries in opposition to the degenerating social and economic conditions. The League's mission is to unite the scattered revolutionaries on the basis of the demands of the new class, to educate and win them over to the cooperative, communist resolution of the problem. The demands of this new impoverished class for food, housing, education, health care and an opportunity to contribute to society are summed up as the demand for a cooperative society. Such a society must be based on the public ownership of the socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product according to need.

The new class must have political power to achieve these goals. In the effort to achieve this political power,

the League fights shoulder to shoulder with all political organizations and sections of society that fight against the growing poverty, social and ecological destruction, fascism and war.

In spite of worsening economic conditions, nothing can be accomplished until the American people hold a vision of where they want to go and what they want to be. Creating this vision with them is the overriding task of revolutionaries and the foundation of our organization.

Destruction of the environment, the growing threat of nuclear war and looming pandemics are calling the very existence of the human race into question. The battle is class struggle. The war is for the existence of humanity. We in the League face the future with confidence. We call upon all revolutionaries to abandon sectarian differences, to unite around the practical demands of the new class and to secure the imperiled future of humanity and the planet.

Printed Materials Available:

- LRNA Manual for Members
- Documents of LRNA 10th Convention 2019
- LRNA Organizer, the League's newsletter
- Rally, Comrades!, the political paper and voice of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.

Pamphlets:

- On the Edge of History
- Strategy, Mission and the Way Forward
- Entering an Epoch of Social Revolution

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