

# League of Revolutionaries for a New America

## Basic Education for New Members

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The system of private property is completely antagonistic to the existence of a new objective communist class; therefore, the ruling class is pursuing a new objective fascism.

Accelerated advancements in electronic technology will continue to permanently replace workers by the millions. This cannot be reversed by the rulers, even if they wanted to. All they can do tactically is try to deal with the resulting consequences of this increasing economic, social, and political polarization.

While wealth and poverty may be one expression of polarization, the polarization that has earth-shaking implications is the polarization of opposing classes. One class, the ruling class, is interested in only one thing – how to preserve private property in a new world in which the capitalist form of property is being discarded.

The State is an instrument of force in the hands of the ruling class. Its basic purpose is to protect and further the political and economic interests of the ruling class. This includes doing whatever is necessary to clear the way for the economy to develop along the lines necessary for the ruling class. Fascism is the merger of the State and the corporations. Today the State is changing its form to protect private property, under conditions of the destruction of the current economic foundation of private property.

In the U.S., 21st century fascism is objectively in place. The corporations are fully merged with the State apparatus. This modern-day fascism has been developed in stages to prevent the collapse of the capitalist economy. It has evolved to manage and control the complexities of a globally integrated and fragile U.S. economy. It is a form of rule that provides protection for capitalist private property, and later the development of the subjective side of fascism. Global tensions are rising, increasing the threat of world war. And the global economy teeters on the brink of another downturn. If such a crisis should occur, it could advance a coalescing of government, military and openly fascist forces to go on a full-blown fascist offensive.

The objective foundations of fascism are already in place. The corporations have completely merged with the government and are directing the economy in their own interest. This is graphically demonstrated by the passing of the 2018 Tax Cut and Reform Act, as well as in the 2019 budget. These measures reflect a corporate ruling class on the attack, directly assaulting the new class economically by cutting public resources that provide for the needs vital to life. They also indicate that the ruling class is prepared to use direct force to block, control, and defeat the new class that is rising to fight for its own class interests.

In the industrial era fascism was defined as the dictatorship of a section of the bourgeoisie. Today the entire bourgeoisie is moving to embrace fascism. Today, there are no fundamentally contradictory interests within the capitalist class, regardless of political

differences. There are no principal differences between the various parts of the political apparatus of the ruling class.

Let's examine the question, is the practical movement in the United States for the reform of capitalism, or is it moving in the direction of its destruction?

The demands of the spontaneous movement are objective: housing, food, health care and other basic necessities of life. This movement is coming into conflict with the State, which is standing in the way of securing these basic necessities. This movement is in fact, if not in understanding, struggling to transfer capitalist property into public property, in order to feed, clothe, house and care for itself.

Today, the defeat of fascism means the victory of the revolution. The old society is being destroyed by objective forces, and the only way to have democracy, and access to the necessities of life, is to fight forward into a cooperative society.

All the current statistics show that the American people are getting poorer and poorer. The struggle they face is for the distribution of the wherewithal of life on a different principle than on how much money you have. For the first time in history we have a practical, an objective communist movement upon which to build a subjective, political communist movement. The unity of these two things makes our victory absolutely inevitable.

As League members and American revolutionaries, we have a special role. We have to develop consciousness, so the American working class fights its own ruling class for education, health care, food, and housing, and against war. In these battles for the necessities of life, we bring to the fore our real class interests. We bring forward a vision of a peaceful, cooperative communist society as the practical solution to the problems of our class.

The fascists are not simply the racist gangs. The real threat is the ruling class. It cannot bring back jobs or prosperity, with an increasingly laborless economy that is irrevocably broken. The ruling class understands that in order to control a working class in rebellion against its conditions they must transform the State into a direct, brutal dictatorship, a militarized police state. With his election Trump plays his role by clearing the way for a section of the American people to accept fascist solutions.

This fascist offensive is an attack on the lives of the workers. Millions of working people of all nationalities and colors are seeing their jobs eliminated, or reduced to contingent low-wage labor, leading to families being thrown out onto the streets. The response of the ruling class to the growing hunger is to cut food stamps. Millions more are being denied access to health care. For many more an education is becoming unattainable. The demand for a decent life is at the heart of the outrage around the country and the world, and this is the essence of the fight against fascism today.

The impulses toward unity and the deep morality of our class must be infused with the knowledge that the world they are already fighting for is possible today. They must come

to see that achieving this vision will require them to transform society in their own interest, and that class unity is the condition for their being able to move toward that end.

Today, new conditions are being developing that set the stage for how we go forward. The Civil War and Reconstruction marked a turning point in the battle for democracy. What followed was a regime that, in the heart of America, could only be described as fascist — a brutal regime of terror that replaced any semblance of democracy.

More than a century later, we are once again at a point of crisis. This time, as millions are on the rise in response to an assault not only on their rights, but on their very access to the means of life, the ruling class, drawing upon the darkest moments of American history, is fighting to continue as a ruling class, and to preserve its treasure and private property at all costs.

In this current context, we see how the whole array of voter suppression measures being used are part of the process of the ruling class's replacement of democracy by legal means, and of their institution of a fascist State. Of course, we have to fight all of these measures in all of their forms. But we also understand that we are a part of the rising tide of the revolutionary river that has coursed through American history from its beginning.

You cannot stop a river. You can attempt to divert it, even to dam it up, but it will in the end achieve its destination. For us, that destination is a new world in which every human being is valued, in which everyone can contribute to their fullest, and in which the treasure of society is distributed to all in need. That is the true meaning of democracy, and that is our destiny.

## **Discussion**

1. Examine/discuss: How is the ruling class using the mass base for fascism through both the Democratic and Republican parties?
2. How does this show the way that fascism is developing today?
3. What are some of the contradictions that are faced by the ruling and how are they attempting to deal with those contradictions (economy, coronavirus)?
4. What is their weakness, and what is our strength?