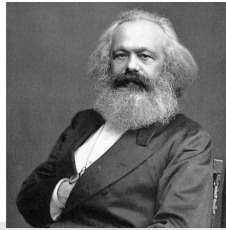


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## **Proposal for a Working People's Election Campaign**

This year in 9 House Districts in New York (mostly in Brooklyn and the Upper West Side) the Democrats won with over 70% of the vote, and Adriano Espaillat ran unopposed in District 13 (Harlem and Washington Heights). These are mostly in working class districts, mainly with an overwhelmingly Black and Latino population, as well as progressive liberal white petty-bourgeois districts, where Republicans either do not run or get an insignificant share of the vote. I am sure that there is a similar situation in other major cities in the country, including Chicago, Los Angeles, Oakland, etc. These are all districts in which there is no way that running a progressive independent candidate could give the vote to the Republicans, a fear that many who might vote for an independent candidate raise.

Note Lenin's view in "Left'-Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder" (Chapter IX on Britain), that "We would put up our candidates in a very few but absolutely safe constituencies, namely, constituencies where putting up our candidate would not give the seat to the Liberal [in our case a Republican] and lose it for the Labour [in our case a Democrat] candidate."

It would be relatively easy to run an independent, progressive united front campaign in one (or more) of these districts aimed at working people.

This campaign could focus on jobs, increase in food stamps, low-income housing, free universal medical care, for Employee Free Choice Act for union elections, a decent minimum wage, against wars of aggression, etc. It would be best to run for the House, since then one can raise national issues (which makes more sense than running in a State race, since the states as such do not spend money on wars). Also, the number of signatures needed for an independent candidate in the House is not that great (3,500 in New York, usually only 100 in New Jersey, only 40-60 in California – though there is a \$1,740 filing fee there – and small numbers in some other states).

In 2014, Daniel Vila ran for a House seat in Harlem, New York City against Democratic party candidate Charles Rangel (there was no Republican candidate that year). Vila won 12.5% of the vote with only a small number of volunteers and a minimal campaign fund. He was helped by a full-page ad in *El Diario*, the largest Spanish language paper in New York City, for him and Ramon Jimenez (the leader of the South Bronx Community Coalition), who was running for New York State Attorney General. Vila ran again in 2016, winning 3.5% of the vote against a Democrat and Republican candidate. Also, the Workers Party of Massachusetts received over 30,000 votes for various candidates in that state in this year's general election.

An independent, progressive campaign should particularly rely on progressive and advanced working people, but could also use the help of the left if it could get rid of its stupid sectarianism to join in the campaign.

Of course, the main point of such a campaign would not be to win a seat, but to put forward a progressive platform. And even if such an independent campaign would win (which is not impossible after several consistent campaigns in the same district), it could use the seat as a platform to denounce the policies of the two parties of the capitalist class, and propose a working people's policy. This is what the position of the Bolsheviks in the Tsarist Duma (see the book by the same name by Badayev), without putting forward any illusions that the way for workers to take power was through bourgeois elections.

## No to the Privatization of Medicare!

On television there are countless ads for so-called “Medicare Advantage” plans. These plans provide coverage for vision and dental care, often at no cost to the enrollee, and they also offer a rebate on all or part of the deduction from one’s social security check for payment for Medicare.

Clearly seniors, who frequently have more problems with their eyes and teeth than younger people, need vision and dental care. But these should be provided under “traditional” Medicare.

Most often, when demands are made to increase services to working people, the government’s response is: but how are we going to pay for these? But here, the government is paying **private** insurance companies, not only for the cost of these policies, but also for the **profits** that these insurance companies make. Thus we are paying for these profits through our taxes.

This shows once again the correctness of the famous statement by Marx and Engels in the *Communist Manifesto* that “The executive of the modern State is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie.”

Below is some additional information (unsourced) from a Google search:

“Why are Medicare Advantage plans being pushed so hard?

“Advantage plans are heavily advertised **because of how they are funded**. These plans' premiums are low or nonexistent because Medicare pays the carrier whenever someone enrolls. It benefits insurance companies to encourage enrollment in Advantage plans because of the money they receive from Medicare.Feb 24, 2021”

“Is Medicare Advantage hurting Medicare?

“Medicare Advantage's cost to taxpayers has soared in recent years, research finds. **Switching seniors to Medicare Advantage plans has cost taxpayers tens of billions of dollars more than keeping them in original Medicare**, a cost that has exploded since 2018 and is likely to rise even higher, new research has found.Nov 11, 2021”

Also see: <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payer/big-name-payers-earned-35-7-billion-2019-here-s-one-common-thread-their-reports>



Big-name health insurers raked in \$8.2 billion in profit for the fourth quarter of 2019 and \$35.7 billion over the course of the year. (Getty/FroYo\_92)

*Below is an important article (from an organization that we frequently disagree with) on the conditions of railroad workers in the United States. Despite the tentative agreement between the union leaderships and the bosses, workers in some of the largest unions have rejected the contract, leading to the possibility of a strike beginning December 5.*

From STRUGGLE \* LA LUCHA, Sept. 26, 2022

## Railroad workers have had enough

By Stephen Millies



PHOTO: JONAH FURMAN

President

Biden announced a tentative agreement on Sept. 15 between the railroad monopolies and unions representing 115,000 railroad workers. It still has to be voted upon by union members.

The terms may include a 24% increase in wages over four years and a retroactive pay package. Railroad bosses are notorious for agreeing to new contracts years after the old one expired.

A big issue is not being penalized for taking off work to see a doctor. None of these items have been officially disclosed. Everything had to be clawed out of the railroad outfits.

Railroad workers have been under attack for decades. While there were two million workers employed on U.S. railroads in 1920, their number is now less than 150,000.

The capitalist economy would still grind to a halt without their labor. Wheat, corn, lumber, steel, cars, chemicals and coal are shipped by rail. So are many other items.

The elimination of almost all passenger trains outside of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor may lessen the railroad industry's visibility. Deindustrialization, especially the closing of many steel mills, has cost thousands of railroad jobs.

Yet globalization depends on freight trains carrying double-stacked containers from sea-ports to their destination. The seven big U.S. and Canadian "class 1" railroads hauled in \$27 billion of net income last year.

That's more than twice as much as what these railroads paid in wages. Meanwhile, CSX CEO James Foote raked in \$20 million.

These vast profits don't prevent rail bosses from turning the screws even tighter on workers. Earlier this year BNSF arbitrarily imposed a new attendance policy without any consultation with unions.

Workers are being threatened with being fired for going to a doctor or even a hospital visit. Forget about taking your child to the clinic.

BNSF is completely owned by the Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate, whose CEO Warren Buffett has a \$94.6 billion fortune.

Most transportation workers don't have Monday through Friday work weeks. Neither do millions of workers in hospitals, restaurants and other 24/7 workplaces.

Many freight engineers and conductors are on call with no set work schedule. They may be forced, along with other railroaders, to be away from their families for a week or more.

Yet their justified demand for more sick days, even if unpaid, was fought by railroad companies.

### **Railroad lobby lies**

The Association of American Railroads has for decades been spreading lies about railroad workers. The AAR called safety rules "featherbedding." Train crews were slashed.

Railroad companies want to operate lengthy freight trains with just one worker. Or none at all, with the trains operated by remote control.

The tragic result of these cutbacks was the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster in Quebec, where 47 people were killed in 2013. This runaway train had just a one-person crew.

Railroad capitalists aren't satisfied with getting rid of 1.3 million jobs over the last 75 years and tearing up 100,000 miles of track. They got rid of most passenger trains before dumping them on Amtrak.

These money bags have a new scheme misleadingly called "precision scheduled railroading." It destroyed 45,000 railroad jobs in the last six years, a 29% cut in employees.

Surface Transportation Board Chair Martin Oberman said that the class 1 outfits have "cut labor below the bone... In order to make up for the shortage of labor, they are over-working and abusing the workforces they have."

Trains have increased in length to as much as two miles or more. Railroad yards have been abandoned or downsized. Even the big capitalists who are railroad shippers are angry at the decline in service.

According to the Surface Transportation Board, the class 1 outfits paid out \$196 billion in dividends and stock buy-backs over the last 10 years. That's far more than the \$136 billion that railroads spent on new equipment and maintaining the right-of-way.

For almost two centuries the government has lavished subsidies upon the railroads. The latest example is the \$14 billion the feds spent on positive train control, a safety system that was decades overdue.

The most notorious of these handouts were the vast land grants stolen from Indigenous nations. Custer had it coming and he died for the Northern Pacific railroad, now part of BNSF.

Thousands of miles of track were laid by enslaved Africans, both before and after the Civil War. The "steel-driving man" John Henry was a prisoner who was worked to death building the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, now part of CSX.

Warren Buffett needs to pay reparations.

### **Shooting down workers**

Striking railroad workers were shot down in 1877 by troops sent by President Rutherford B. Hayes. He betrayed Black people by letting the Reconstruction governments be overthrown by the Ku Klux Klan.

Jay Gould broke the 1886 strike on the Missouri Pacific, now part of the Union Pacific. The rail tycoon declared he could hire one half of the working class to shoot the other half.

General Miles shot down railroad strikers in Chicago in 1894. This war criminal had Geronimo captured and later seized Puerto Rico as a U.S. colony in 1898.

The current negotiations happened a century after railroad workers employed in shops and round-houses revolted against a 12% wage cut. Nearly 400,000 workers walked off the job on July 1, 1922.

President Warren G. Harding and his thoroughly corrupt administration smashed the strike. At least 10 workers were killed by the National Guard and private detectives across the country.

In 1991, George H.W. Bush was woken in the White House to sign a bill ordering railroad employees back to work. The current negotiations were also met by threats of government intervention.

After years of the big business media claiming the workers and their unions don't matter, the White House had to get involved.

Joe Biden may be smiling, but he wouldn't have tolerated a strike, either. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi had legislation ready to crush it.

All workers have the right to strike. If union members vote to reject the proposed agreement and need to strike, every poor and working person should support it.

A coast-to-coast strike will inspire millions like the Black Lives Matter movement did.

*The writer is a retired Amtrak worker and a member of the American Train Dispatchers Association and Transportation Communications Union.*



## Is 5G Safe?

For years, 5G towers have been set up near highways and on top of buildings in New York and other cities. But now, new 5G towers that are being set up on the streets of New York (see article on November 5 in *amNY* with attached picture).

Of course, *amNY*, like most of the bourgeois mass media, did not even ask the question of whether 5G is safe. They were only concerned with the aesthetics of these towers. If one searches the internet for “is 5G safe” one will get all sorts of results that take the word of the government, corporations and scientists (many of them in their pay) who will explain why anyone who doesn’t trust them are believers in “conspiracy theories”.



Let me be clear: I myself do not know about the safety of 5G. However, when billions (or trillions?) of dollars are being made by the big telecommunications companies on 5G networks, one needs a good deal of skepticism on the claims of their safety. Below are some links that question this safety:

A statement from 2017 calling for a 5G moratorium by scientists all over the world:

<https://www.jrseco.com/wp-content/uploads/2017-09-13-Scientist-Appeal-5G-Moratorium.pdf>

Statements of various doctors and scientists in different countries on the danger of 5G:

<https://ehtrust.org/small-cells-mini-cell-towers-health-letters-scientists-health-risk-5g/>

Other related statements: <https://www.meer.com/en/67218-who-decides-whether-or-not-5g-is-safe-to-deploy>

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*The article below was circulated on the Facebook page of the Party of Labor of Iran – Toufan (<https://www.facebook.com/pli.toufan>)*

## **Workers' Communist Party of Denmark on Palestine**

There is again a violent escalation of the state of Israel's oppression of Palestinians. It is directed both at ordinary civilians in their homes and villages and at armed resistance fighters and groups. It is happening in the occupied areas of the West Bank, in Gaza, in Jerusalem and in Israel.

The recently concluded election, which has once again brought the reactionary Benjamin Netanyahu to power, this time in alliance with fundamentalist far-right Religious Zionism, will mean yet another escalation of the violent oppression of the Palestinians.



Among the many imprisoned and killed during the Israeli forces' night raids and arrest operations are many teenagers and children. Israeli forces use collective punishment measures of residential neighborhoods and refugee camps. Armed settlers terrorize Palestinian communities across the West Bank, often in the presence and protection of the Israeli military. Israeli fighter jets have bombed the Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza.

We condemn the apartheid regime and its brutal suppression and repression of the Palestinian people's protests and struggle for their rights and national liberation. It must be demanded that the Danish government stops its support and backing for Israel and condemns their actions.

The aggressive military campaign "Operation Dawn" has been met with widespread civil protests and civil disobedience campaigns and growing Palestinian resistance. The armed resistance is growing in response to the brutal violence against the Palestinians. There are reports of daily protests and confrontations with the Israeli military apparatus.

The brave Palestinian people have been fighting the Zionist aggression for more than 70 years. They continue their struggle for national independence, against the continued Zionist ethnic cleansing and colonization of the West Bank, despite facing a brutal occupation force armed to the teeth. A Zionist state held in power by US imperialism as its bridgehead in the Middle East. Which is supported by the imperialist EU and by Danish imperialism and its changing governments.

Facing it is a people fighting for its existence and national rights together with the international solidarity of workers and the peoples of the world.

Long live solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people!  
November 6, 2022

## Letter from 45 Haitian Popular Organizations

We share this open letter addressed to the UN Secretary General on September 22, 2022 (dated September 22, 2022). It was disseminated by the organization "Alliance Ouvrière et Paysanne" (Worker and Peasant Alliance). Who could explain better than the Haitian people, victims of a corrupt power, NGOs and gangs instrumentalized by US imperialism, the true intentions behind the will of armed intervention of the so-called international community?



"The Haitian people in struggle were greatly surprised and stunned to learn that you broadcast, false information on channel France 24, regarding their just and legitimate current protest movement, which is likely to confuse, criminalize and discredit their struggle for a sovereign, just and livable Haiti.

Contrary to your assertions, these popular protests are part of a struggle for a Haiti free from suffocating foreign interference, gangsterization, this extreme manufactured misery and an anti-national, illegitimate, criminal political regime established by the Core Group<sup>1</sup>, of which the UN is a member.

This puppet political regime, operating under the dictate of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has just stabbed the people with the decision to increase the price of petroleum products by more than one hundred percent (128%). These have already suffered a huge increase in less than a year, which has led, in some cases, to the doubling and tripling of the prices of basic necessities and others. It should be noted that in July 2022, according to data from the Bank of the Republic of Haiti (BRH), the inflation rate had already reached 30.5%. It has already been announced that it will reach more than 50% in November if this increase in the prices of petroleum products is maintained. You will agree that accepting this new criminal increase in the prices of petroleum products will at the same time lead to the doubling

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<sup>1</sup> The Core Group is made up of the Ambassadors of Brazil, Canada, the European Union, Germany, Spain, France, the United States of America, the Special Representative of the Organization of American States and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

of prices, which have previously doubled or tripled, thus increasing the ordeal of the suffering Haitian people.

This new decision, taken to the detriment of the interests of the people, has aroused their anger and also intensified a protest movement that had already begun, whose objective is the recovery of our sovereignty, the recovery of Haiti's destiny by Haitians, the establishment by Haitians of a legitimate government, capable of defending the interests of the people and meeting the various challenges of the moment. This, among other things, is quickly motivating this general protest movement, which is igniting the whole country and putting crowds of citizens in revolt on the streets everywhere, indignant at the unacceptable actions of a corrupt criminal regime, supported by the imperialist powers, the Core Group and the UN in particular.

So, Mr. Secretary General, you have probably been misinformed. No doubt, this is why you declared very lightly on French channel France 24, that what is currently happening in Haiti is a matter of gangs that have invaded the whole country and that this gang movement is infiltrated by political sectors and business owners. You have thus totally distorted the reality on the ground and given an exactly opposite version of what is happening in reality. The truth is that the gangs in Haiti, which are the political appendages of the current de facto regime, of the Core Group – which operate quietly and under command – have tried to infiltrate the popular protest movement, under the orders of their bosses, to confuse it, discredit it and thus provide the international and you in particular in order to criminalize it.

Contrary to what you have alleged without any evidence, it is the gangs – whose unity has been presented to you by Ms. Lalime, your current special representative, as reducing the number of murders – who, on authorization and at a "special" request, have tried to infiltrate the popular mobilization in order to sow confusion and thus try to distort it. But fortunately, many informed observers have already understood the game and have invited the Haitian people to be cautious, to take all necessary precautions, in order to avoid this harmful infiltration and its perverse effects.

Mr. Secretary-General, your unfounded statement challenges us and leads us to ask a number of pertinent questions, namely: Has your Special Representative in Haiti, Ms. Helen M. Lalime, who is responsible for informing you, not insufficiently informed you or simply misinformed you about what is really happening in Haiti? In addition, do you have a clear awareness of the pernicious role that the UN has played and is still playing in the criminal process of gangsterization of Haiti, calling into question the respect for the fundamental rights of the Haitian people?

Moreover, a very serious fact that has already been highlighted by various Haitian organizations, the current representative of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (Binuh) is considered the instigator of the unity of armed gangs with terrorist practices throughout the country. To be convinced, it is enough to refer to its report dated September 25, 2020. Have you seen what the involvement of your special representative in the scandal of the unity of the gangs in order to feed and reinforce insecurity to the point of chaos, represents in terms of public morality? You also said that "a plan to strengthen the Haitian National Police (HNP) and send a robust military force to fight the gangs would be studied at the UN level". Mr. Secretary-General, the United Nations has been sending multiple missions in Haiti since 1993 (UNMIHA). Specifically, I should remind you of the undeniable failure of various UN missions in Haiti over the past eighteen years (2004-2022). Far from helping to improve the situation, they have all contributed to making it worse.

What we are calling for is not the dispatch of a military mission, but rather the establishment of an independent commission of inquiry, responsible for evaluating the concrete results of the various UN missions already sent to the field, and in particular the latest, the Binuh, led by your representative endowed with incomparable cynicism, Helen M. Lalime. Moreover, why consider sending a military force to thwart the criminal action of the gangs, when we know that the gangs are servants who operate on command, especially at the command of the powers that be, the Core Group and your special representative?



You also stressed, confining yourself to the infernal logic of the IMF and with the aim of supporting the criminal decision to increase the price of petroleum products once again, that "the Haitian State must not subsidize petroleum products, but preferably subsidize families". It is essential to remind you that it was always for the benefit of families that these products were subsidized and when the State, on the orders of the IMF, is forced not to subsidize them, it is unfortunately to the detriment of the interests of these same families. Following this irresponsible decision, these families, who have a fixed monthly income, will have to face a very complicated, precarious and worrying situation.

Under these conditions, how do you expect families to stand idly by in the face of this malicious and unwelcome decision by the illegitimate Prime Minister, which penalizes them so terribly? Do the families or the popular masses need in this case gangs, supported by the UN, who massacre them, kidnap them daily to follow them in the streets?

In conclusion, Mr. Secretary-General, we want to assure you that this time the people will leave the streets only with the establishment of a transitional government, chosen by Haitians with a path, a comprehensive program aimed at satisfying their legitimate demands. This necessarily involves the resignation of Ariel Henry, whom you and the other actors of the international anti-Haitian community intend at all costs to support for the criminal work of destabilization of our country that he is carrying out to your satisfaction. We, the signatory organizations, ask you to show respect for the struggle of the Haitian people and repair the enormous wrongs committed against them by your derogatory actions and words. We are also convinced, as we already pointed out in correspondence last July, that the time has come for relations between Haiti and the United Nations to be defined on a new basis, given the negative and disastrous record of the UN missions deployed in Haiti since the 1990s.

(Signed by the 45 popular, political, social and popular organizations below)

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## **November 25: No more sexist violence**



Every year, worldwide, November 25 is commemorated as the day of non-violence against women. Thousands of collectives around the planet carry out actions that make visible the struggles of women and the resistance against male chauvinism, misogyny and sexist violence, to lead to changes in society.

Male-chauvinist violence claims victims on a daily basis. According to global statistics, one in three women suffers from some type of sexist violence, and every eleven minutes a woman or girl is killed by a relative. This is part of the structural violence that capitalism places on women, because, while awareness is being forged in the world about the need to stop sexist violence, anti-rights groups are growing that increase attacks against organizations defending women and girls.

In our country, the number of cases of violence against women are high, even higher than in previous years. In the first 10 months of 2022, more than 27,000 women have reported some type of violence (psychological, physical or sexual) to the Prosecutor's Office. In the same period, 217 were killed by sexist violence, 85 of them have been victims of femicide. Guayaquil, Pichincha, Manabí and El Oro are the provinces with the highest rates of attacks against women for various reasons. The figures could be higher, due to the refusal of women to denounce their attackers or the difficulties in accessing fair processes in which they are not revictimized, especially in cases of sexual violence.

Every year, the march on November 25 reminds the state of its debt to women and girls in terms of protecting their rights. So far, the government is not working on the approval of a budget that would allow financing and carrying out the Organic Law on Prevention and Eradication of Violence, in fact, only \$1.6 million US has been allocated from the General State Budget to help women in vulnerable situations. Sexist violence costs the country \$4,608 million US, of which the victims pay half of its value. In addition, the government does not care about guaranteeing education, health care and decent employment for women in the popular sectors, which would allow them to break the cycles of the violence they face.



We communists include the demands of women in our daily struggle, we create conditions so that the great popular sectors of women aspire to live in a society where sexist violence has been banished, where the causes of violence have been eliminated and a life without violence is possible. That is to say, that the struggle for their demands and rights are also the search for the building of a communist society.

Women for Change, an organization that is made up of leftist women, promotes a series of activities that highlight the violence of the State and the government, while proposing actions to empower their rights, fight against sexist violence and exploitation. This year, they will participate with a strengthened block in the national march for November 25, in which organizations and collectives will raise a joint struggle to demand from the State the fulfillment of the demands and needs of women, especially the right to a life free from violence.

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## NGOs: The Trojan Horse of Capitalism



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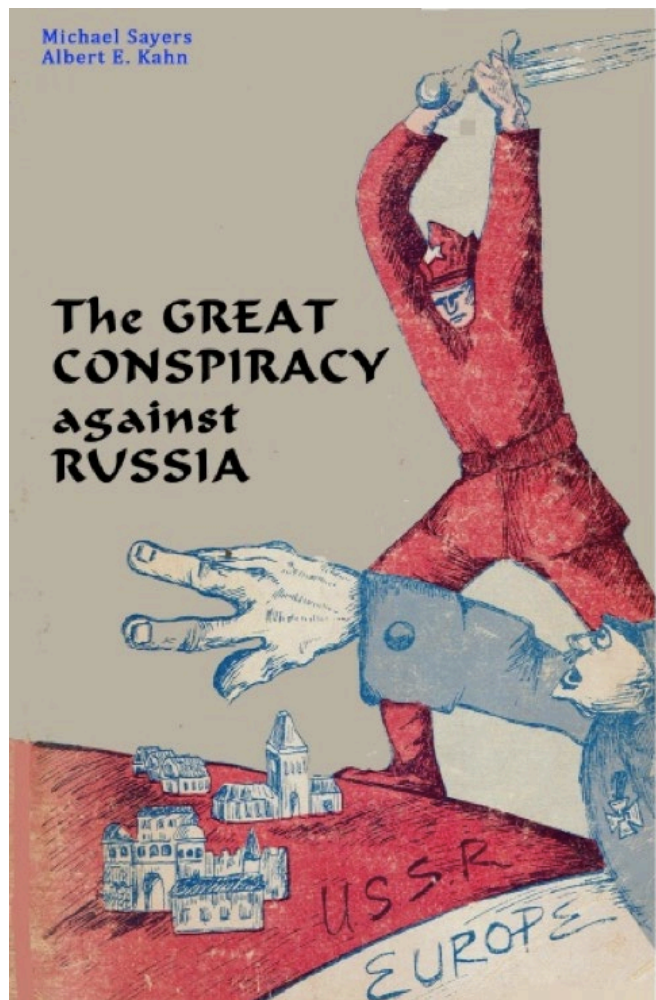
The Communist Workers and Students for Social Change have been denouncing the harmful effects of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or "non-profits", what we have called "NGOism" and how it has become the vehicle, or rather the "Trojan horse of international capitalism". With its progressive rhetoric it has served as a block and, in turn, behind it there is an anti-communist, reformist and

counterrevolutionary discourse ("[Non-governmental organizations, the Open Society and their reinforcement of the world capitalist status quo](#)"). ) (Presentation: "[NGOism in Puerto Rico](#)")... "The interest of these organizations is to democratize exploitation and avoid a social explosion" (Ibid.). We have shown how it is through the NGOs that intelligence agencies slip in their agents to begin counterinsurgency work from there. We saw it with the case of Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, a fellow of the Aspen Institute (directed at that time by Natalie Jaresko). She pretended to be Puerto Rican in order to insert herself as a "paid activist" into various struggles in Puerto Rico and the United States through NGOs such as the [Center For Popular Democracy](#) and the [María Fund](#), closely tied to the anti-communist billionaire George Soros. founder of the [Open Society Foundations](#). In fact, from the moment this matter was denounced, it seemed as if that person had been swallowed up by the earth.

Now, what are Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)? In 1945, the United Nations (UN) was founded. With this, certain internationally specialized non-state agencies were allowed observer status at UN meetings. Then the acronym NGO appeared for the first time to refer in abbreviated form to Non-Governmental Organizations. It was the end of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War. The world was divided into two major camps: the capitalist camp with the United States at the head and the communist with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) as representative of the desire for liberation of the international working class and oppressed peoples. It is in this context that the Cultural Cold War took place and NGOs took on an important role in this intelligence operation. This consisted of propaganda campaigns undertaken mainly by the United States during the Cold War, in which the values of capitalist culture were promoted (art, literature, music) and, less openly, their political and ideological options (this will be expanded in a future article). But NGOs have been around for a long time. Since the mid-19th century the International Red Cross has been providing "humanitarian aid". Such aid does not tackle the main problem, which is the inequality caused by the capitalist system and the effect of predatory wars. On the contrary, its characteristic "neutrality" is an endorsement of imperialism. Michael Sayers and Albert E. Khan in *The Great Conspiracy Against Russia* (1946) state that:

*"In the midsummer of the fateful year of 1917, as the Russian revolutionary volcano seethed and rumbled, an American named Major Raymond Robins arrived in Petrograd on a secret mission of the utmost importance. Officially, he traveled as Assistant-Chief of the American Red Cross Division. Unofficially, he was in the service of the Intelligence Division of the United States Army. His secret mission was to help keep Russia in the war against Germany."* (Sayers and Khan, 1946: Book One. Chapter 1.)

Robins fulfilled his Red Cross duties to bring food to famine-stricken cities. At the same time he sent secret cables informing of the weakness of Kerensky's provisional government and proposing to the U.S. government the recognition of the Soviets and in turn the launching of a gigantic propaganda campaign aimed at convincing the Russian people that Germany constituted the real threat to the



revolution. The morning after the Soviet Government was formed, he wasted no time and went to Smolny to request a meeting with Vladimir Lenin and to inquire whether the Red Cross could continue to serve the Russian people despite being against the political program of the Bolsheviks. As you can see, philanthropy was a smokescreen to hide his true intentions.

The organizations are divided into different sectors: the first sector of organizations is the government and the second is the business sector. According to the wealthy, the third organizational sector is the NGOs, which have the purpose of impacting politics and public opinion. From the dominant discourse, the NGOs are described as voluntary organizations, private non-profit organizations focused on activities aimed at changing, supporting or promoting different social issues. This definition is contradictory since several of the NGO's projects are funded by the government, so that they are not as independent of the government as their "non-governmental" term makes it seem. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which is a front of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), also defines NGOs as private voluntary organizations, which is difficult because since they are funded by corporations (in addition to governments).



At the same time it is difficult to call volunteers a structure with professionals, managers and workers, all paid.

There are different types of NGOs. Operational ones are those that try to achieve short-term goals through various small projects, which spend a lot of energy in finding grants, donations and other sources to finance each upcoming project; their activities focus on making a project for some monetary benefit, and not the other way around.

The other type, campaign NGOs, usually arise around a particular cause for which they organize various public events and demonstrations. This type of organization arises when

there is some discontent with a specific situation and tries to redirect anger towards institutional activities, while establishing itself as a mediator between the government and the popular demands, replacing the revolutionary organization of the working class. No one can win using institutional mechanisms, except the government (ruling class), which is exactly the role of these NGOs: to calm the masses by taking up their cause and making every manifestation of discontent harmless and without any possibility of change.

The question of who funds the NGOs is very important, because it also leads us to the answers to other questions, such as: what interests do they serve, what are their real objectives and what is their role in society? The question of NGO funding also undermines the general view of the independence and non-governmental nature of the NGO sector.

The two main financial backers of the global NGO sector are corporations and governments. A smaller amount of funds also comes from religious organizations, mainly Christian, Muslim and Jewish, which, like the state and capitalists, also do so in order to strengthen their domination (in another article we will elaborate on the religious organizations).

Almost every corporation has its own foundation to finance the non-governmental sector. In other cases, it is the billionaires in their individual character who do this, as is the case of Bill Gates, George Soros, the Rockefellers, even the Queen of England. Being a "philanthropist" has become part of the image of every ultra-wealthy capitalist, who we assume probably expects that the exploited workers around the world would feel sorry about hanging him if they knew he threw a few dollars for the poor in Africa or the needy in New Orleans after Katrina. What people also don't seem to understand is that with this short-term aid, corporations only maintain the status quo in impacted regions, making them dependent



on the "aid" provided (which may or may not arrive this year, and certainly will not reach everyone in need), while imperialist forces continue to exploit and steal their resources, leaving them incapable of any kind of development. In the Puerto Rican context, this means the maintenance of colonial-capitalism.



But why do capitalists finance the non-governmental sector? What is the advantage to them? A large amount of global cash flow passes through the channels of the NGO sector, through various foundations that provide grants, charity programs and corporate money for donations. The propaganda would say that they are philanthropists and care about the community. The answer is that funding the NGO sector has nothing to do with donations or philanthropy, but is simply a way to strengthen the position of the business sector and help it make more future profits. In other words, financing the NGOs is an investment, and all financiers expect income from their investments. That income does not return to the capitalists directly as profits, but in the long run, it generates greater and more secure profits for the big capitalists, which is how the NGO sector (which promotes the "values" of today's society) helps keep capitalism alive.

And why does the state finance the non-governmental sector? In addition to the corporations, a lot of money used by NGOs comes from government funds (that is, from our taxes). Governments, which represent the interests of the (capitalist) ruling class, like corporations, expect the same thing in return: a stronger position for capitalism and the bourgeoisie.

In order to remain strong and dominant so that it can adequately serve the bourgeoisie, the state must continually find new ways to impose its will and justify its existence. With all this "citizen participation" in the NGO sector (completely harmless to the government, of course), the state is given the opportunity to put on a soothing show for the working people, in which "citizens" can exercise their rights, participate in policy-making, socialize, and identify as free individuals. The NGOs play a counterinsurgency role.

The methods of struggle promoted by NGOs are those that are within the institutional framework. These are those set by the state in accordance with the official laws that make sure that all political demands pass through state institutions in a bureaucratized and firmly specified manner so that they reach the "authorities," who will then decide whether they are going to do anything about them.

The struggle of the NGOs is never in the streets, it is never violent and never targets the core problems of society. And even if it was created with those intentions, they will never be radical; They are simply too busy filling out financial reports to their sponsor and finding new funding for next year's projects. The means becomes the end. This is how each NGO is being conditioned to have its work supported only if it does not exceed legal frameworks, so its field of struggle is very limited. The field of struggle allowed is one that cannot lead to any victory, since it is not a real struggle, but about dialogue, collaboration and compromise with the authorities. It is important to note that as communists NON-COLLABORATION is a matter of principle. It is the lives of the working class that are at stake.

We have observed that the NGO itself in Puerto Rico, after their role has been pointed out, has changed its rhetoric, pretending that the issue is, not just that they finance you, but that they control you. In other words, there are progressive NGOs and reactionary NGOs. In turn, they have resorted to a series of tricks to justify their status as "paid activists" and their reformist positions, particularly their participation in the bourgeois parliamentary electoral process. To combat this narrative, it is necessary to raise criticism and turn to the ideological field. Based on historical and dialectical materialism, we will show how liberalism is reflected in NGOism and how it has historically moved in an anti-communist sense and even paved the way for fascism. Let us go back to the origins of NGOism: What is the context in which this strategy emerged? Who were its promoters? Why the interest of such organizations in academia and the arts? What relationship have they historically had with intelligence agencies? What is the non-profit industrial complex? What is the relationship between NGOism and Trotskyism? What is post-modernism and identity politics? These are some of the topics we will be discussing in order to dismantle its discourse and demonstrate its anti-communist essence. These and other questions we will answer in this investigation called **The NGOs, the CIA and their hidden agenda**, which will be divided into a series of articles. To begin in this first chapter we will talk about the **Mellon Foundation**, an organization whose central axis of work is the academy and the arts.

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## **25 de noviembre: No más violencia de género**



Cada año, a nivel mundial, se conmemora el 25 de noviembre como el día de la no violencia en contra de las mujeres. Miles de colectivos alrededor del planeta, realizan acciones que visibilizan las luchas de las mujeres y la resistencia en contra del machismo, la misoginia y la violencia de género, para provocar cambios en la sociedad.

La violencia machista se cobra víctimas a diario. De acuerdo con las estadísticas mundiales, una de cada tres mujeres sufre por algún tipo de violencia de género, y cada once minutos una mujer o niña muere asesinada por algún familiar. Esto es parte de la violencia estructural que el capitalismo ejerce sobre las mujeres, pues, mientras se forja conciencia en el mundo acerca de la necesidad de parar la violencia de género, crecen grupos antiderechos que incrementan los ataques en contra de las organizaciones defensoras de las mujeres y las niñas.

En nuestro país, las cifras de violencia en contra de las mujeres son altas, superiores incluso a las de años anteriores. En los primeros 10 meses de 2022, más de 27.000 mujeres han denunciado ante la Fiscalía algún tipo de violencia (psicológica, física o sexual). En el mismo periodo, 217 fueron asesinadas por violencia de género, 85 de ellas habría sido víctima de femicidio. Guayaquil, Pichincha, Manabí y El Oro son las provincias con mayores índices de agresiones a mujeres por diversos motivos. Las cifras podrían ser superiores, por la negativa de las mujeres a denunciar a sus agresores o por las dificultades a acceder a procesos justos en los que no sean revictimizadas, en especial en casos de violencia sexual.

Cada año, la marcha del 25 de noviembre le recuerda al Estado la deuda que mantiene con las mujeres y niñas en materia de protección de derechos. Hasta el momento, el gobierno no trabaja en la aprobación de un presupuesto que permita financiar y ejecutar la Ley Orgánica de Prevención y Erradicación de las Violencias, de hecho, apenas se destinan USD 1,6 millones del Presupuesto General del Estado para atender a las mujeres en situación de vulnerabilidad. La violencia de género cuesta al país USD 4.608 millones, de los cuales las víctimas asumen la mitad de su valor. Además de ello, el gobierno no se preocupa por garantizar educación, salud y empleo digno para las mujeres de los sectores populares, que les permitirán romper los ciclos de violencia que afrontan.



Los y las comunistas incorporamos las reivindicaciones de las mujeres en nuestra lucha cotidiana, generamos condiciones para que los grandes sectores populares de mujeres aspiren vivir en una sociedad en donde la violencia de género haya sido desterrada, donde las causas de la violencia hayan sido abatidas y sea posible una vida sin violencia. Es decir, que la lucha por sus reivindicaciones y derechos sean también la búsqueda por la construcción de una sociedad comunista.

Mujeres por el Cambio, organización que está conformada por mujeres de izquierda, impulsa una serie de actividades que ponen en evidencia la violencia del Estado y el gobierno, al mismo tiempo que proponen acciones de empoderamiento de derechos, de lucha contra la violencia de género y contra la explotación. Este año, participarán con un bloque fortalecido en la marcha nacional por el 25 de noviembre, en el que las organizaciones y colectivos levantarán una lucha conjunta para exigir al Estado el cumplimiento de las reivindicaciones y necesidades de las mujeres, especialmente el derecho a una vida libre de violencias.

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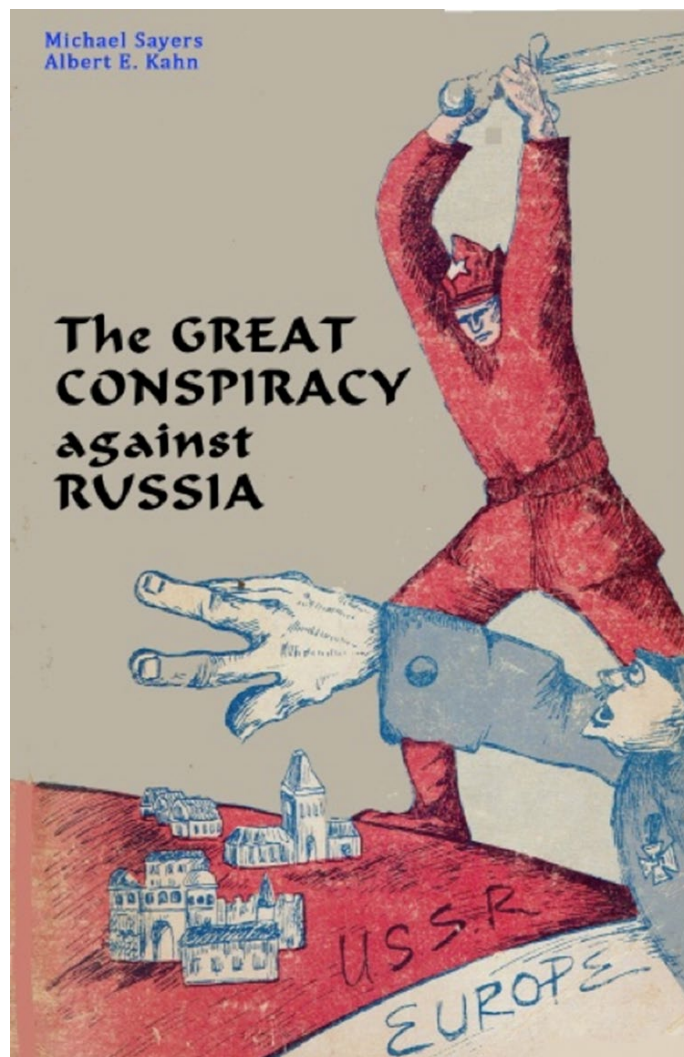
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Desde Trabajadores y Estudiantes Comunistas por el Cambio Social hemos venido denunciando los efectos nefastos de las organizaciones no gubernamentales (ONG) o «sin fines de lucro», a lo que hemos llamado el «oenegismo» y cómo éste se ha convertido en el vehículo, o mejor dicho en el “caballo de

troya del capitalismo internacional” , que con una retórica progresista ha servido como un muro de contención y, a su vez, detrás de éstas lo que viene es un discurso anticomunista, reformista y contrarrevolucionario ([«Las Organizaciones no gubernamentales, la Open Society y su refuerzo al status quo capitalista mundial».](#)) (Ponencia: [«El ONGeísmo en Puerto Rico»](#)).. “El interés de estas organizaciones es el de democratizar la explotación y evitar un estallido social” (Ibid). Hemos demostrado cómo es que a través de las ONG es que las agencias de inteligencia cuelan a sus agentes para desde ahí comenzar un trabajo contrainsurgente. Lo vimos con el caso de Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, becada del Aspen Institute (dirigido en aquel momento por Natalie Jaresko), quien fingió ser boricua para insertarse como “activista asalariada” en diversas luchas en Puerto Rico y EEUU a través de ONG como el [Center For Popular Democracy](#) y el [María Fund](#), estrechamente atadas al multimillonario anticomunista George Soros, fundador de [Open Society Foundations](#). De hecho, desde el momento en que se denunció este asunto pareciera como si a esa persona se la hubiese tragado la tierra.

Ahora bien, ¿qué son las Organizaciones No Gubernamentales (ONGs)? En 1945, se fundó la Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU). Con ello, se le permitió estatus de observadores a ciertas agencias no-estatales internacionalmente especializadas en las reuniones de la ONU. Entonces aparecen por primera vez las siglas ONG para referirse de forma abreviada a las Organizaciones No Gubernamentales. Era el fin de la II Guerra Mundial y el comienzo de la Guerra Fría. El mundo estaba dividido en dos grandes campos: el capitalista con Estados Unidos a la cabeza y el comunista con la Unión de Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas (URSS) como representante de las ansias de liberación de la clase trabajadora internacional y los pueblos oprimidos. Es en ese contexto en el que se desarrolla la Guerra Fría Cultural (Cultural Cold War) y las ONGs tomarán un rol importante en este operativo de inteligencia que consistía en campañas de propaganda emprendidas principalmente por los Estados Unidos durante la Guerra Fría, en las que se promovía los valores de la cultura capitalista (arte, literatura, música) y, de manera menos abierta, sus opciones políticas e ideológicas (Se abundará en un próximo artículo). Pero las ONG existen hace mucho. Desde mediados del siglo XIX la Cruz Roja Internacional lleva dando “ayuda humanitaria”. Dicha ayuda no ataja el problema principal, que es la desigualdad provocada por el sistema capitalista y el efecto de las guerras de rapiña. Al contrario, su característica “neutralidad” es un espaldarazo al imperialismo. Michael Sayers y Albert E. Khan en *La Gran Conspiración contra Rusia* (1946) exponen que:

*“a mediados del verano de aquel año tan señalado por el destino que fue 1917, cuando hervía y rugía el volcán de la revolución rusa, un americano llamado el comandante Raymond Robins llegó a Petrogrado en misión secreta de la mayor importancia. Oficialmente viajaba como Segundo Jefe de la División Americana de la Cruz Roja. Extraoficialmente, se hallaba al servicio de la División de Inteligencia del Ejército de los*





*Estados Unidos. Su misión secreta consistía en procurar mantener a Rusia en guerra contra Alemania.”(Sayers y Khan, 1946: 1)*

Robins cumplía con sus deberes de la Cruz Roja de llevar alimentos a las ciudades atenaceadas por el hambre. Al mismo tiempo enviaba cables secretos informando la debilidad del gobierno provisional de Kerensky y en donde proponía al gobierno norteamericano el reconocimiento de los Soviets y a su vez el lanzamiento de una gigantesca campaña de propaganda destinada a convencer al pueblo ruso de que Alemania constituía la verdadera amenaza para la revolución. A la mañana siguiente de formarse el Gobierno Soviético, este no perdió el tiempo y salió para el Smolny a solicitar una reunión con Vladimir Lenin e indagar si la Cruz Roja podía seguir sirviendo al pueblo ruso a pesar de este estar en contra del programa político de los Bolcheviques. Como se puede ver, la filantropía era una cortina de humo para esconder sus verdaderas intenciones.

Las organizaciones se dividen en distintos sectores: el primer sector de organizaciones es el gobierno y el segundo es el sector de los negocios (business). Según los ricos, el tercer sector organizativo son las ONG, que tienen el propósito de impactar la política y la opinión pública. Desde el discurso dominante, las ONG son descritas como organizaciones voluntarias, organizaciones privadas sin fines de lucro enfocadas en actividades dirigidas al cambio, apoyo o promoción de diferentes problemas sociales (social issues). Esta definición resulta contradictoria ya que varios de los proyectos de las ONGs son financiadas por el gobierno, por lo que no son tan independientes del gobierno como ostenta la denominación de “no-gubernamental”. La Agencia de EE.UU. para el Desarrollo Internacional (USAID en inglés), que es un frente de la Agencia Central de Inteligencia (CIA), también define las ONG como organizaciones voluntarias privadas, difícil porque tras que son financiadas por corporaciones (además de gobiernos), al mismo tiempo es difícil llamar voluntarios a una estructura con profesionales, gerentes y trabajadores, todos pagos.



Existen distintos tipos de ONGs. Las operacionales son aquellas que tienden a alcanzar objetivos a corto plazo mediante varios proyectos pequeños, gastan gran cantidad de energía en la búsqueda de subvenciones, donaciones y otras fuentes para financiar cada proyecto próximo, y sus actividades se centran en hacer un proyecto para obtener algún beneficio monetario, y no al revés.

El otro tipo, las ONG de campaña, suelen surgir en torno a una determinada causa para cuya promoción organizan diversos actos y manifestaciones públicas. Este tipo de organización surge en el momento en que existe algún descontento con alguna situación específica y trata de redirigir el enfado hacia las actividades institucionales, al tiempo que se erige como mediador entre el gobierno y las demandas populares, en reemplazo de la organización revolucionaria de la clase trabajadora. Nadie puede ganar utilizando los mecanismos institucionales, excepto el gobierno (clase dominante), que es exactamente el papel de estas ONG: calmar a las masas asumiendo la causa y hacer que cada manifestación de descontento sea inofensiva y sin posibilidad de cambio alguno.

La pregunta sobre quién financia a las ONG es muy importante, porque también nos lleva a las respuestas a otras preguntas, tales como: ¿a qué intereses sirven, cuáles son sus objetivos reales y cuál es su papel en la sociedad? La pregunta sobre la financiación de las ONG también socava la opinión general sobre la independencia y el carácter no gubernamental del sector de las ONG.

Los dos principales patrocinadores financieros del sector de las ONG a escala mundial son las corporaciones y los gobiernos. Una cantidad menor de los fondos también proviene de organizaciones

religiosas, principalmente cristianas, musulmanas y judías, que, al igual que el estado y los capitalistas, también lo hacen para fortalecer su dominación (en otro artículo se abundará sobre las organizaciones religiosas).

Casi todas las corporaciones tienen su propia fundación para financiar el sector no gubernamental. En otros casos, son los multimillonarios en su carácter individual que la tienen como es el caso de Bill Gates, George Soros, los Rockefeller, hasta la reina de Inglaterra. Ser un “filántropo” se ha convertido en parte de la imagen de todo capitalista ultra rico, quien asumimos probablemente espera que los trabajadores explotados de todo el mundo se compadezcan de colgarlo si supieran que tiró unos cuantos dólares para los pobres en África o los necesitados en Nueva Orleans después de Katrina. Lo que la gente tampoco parece entender es que con esta ayuda a corto plazo, las corporaciones solo mantienen el status quo en las regiones impactadas, haciéndolas dependientes de la “ayuda” brindada (que podría o no llegar este año, y ciertamente no llegará a todos los necesitados), mientras que las fuerzas imperialistas continúan explotando y robando sus recursos, dejándolos incapaces de cualquier tipo de desarrollo. En el contexto puertorriqueño, esto significa el mantenimiento del capitalismo-colonial.



Pero ¿por qué los capitalistas financian el sector no gubernamental? ¿Cuál es la ganancia? Una gran cantidad del flujo de efectivo a nivel global pasa a través de los canales del sector de las ONG, a través de varias fundaciones que otorgan subvenciones, programas de caridad y dinero corporativo para donaciones. La propaganda diría que es que son filántropos y se preocupan por la comunidad. La respuesta es que el financiamiento del sector de las ONG no tiene nada que ver con donaciones o filantropía, sino que es simplemente una forma de fortalecer la posición del sector empresarial y ayudarlo a obtener más ganancias futuras. En otras palabras, financiar a las ONG es una inversión, y todos los financistas esperan ingresos de sus inversiones. Ese ingreso no vuelve a los capitalistas directamente como ganancias, pero a largo plazo, genera ganancias mayores y más seguras para los grandes capitalistas, que es como el sector de las ONG (que promueven los «valores» de la sociedad actual) ayuda a mantener vivo el capitalismo.

¿Y por qué el Estado financia el sector no gubernamental? Además de las corporaciones, una gran cantidad de dinero utilizado por las ONG proviene de fondos gubernamentales (es decir, de nuestros impuestos). Los gobiernos, que representan los intereses de la clase dominante (capitalista), al igual que las corporaciones, esperan lo mismo a cambio: una posición más fuerte para el capitalismo y la burguesía.

Para mantenerse fuerte y dominante de modo que pueda servir adecuadamente a la burguesía, el Estado debe encontrar continuamente nuevas formas de imponer su voluntad y justificar su existencia. Con toda esa “participación ciudadana” en el sector de las ONG (completamente inofensiva para el gobierno, por supuesto), se le da al Estado la oportunidad de montar un espectáculo tranquilizador para el pueblo

trabajador, en el que los “ciudadanos” pueden ejercer sus derechos, participar en la elaboración de políticas, socializar e identificarse como individuos libres. Las ONG cumplen la función contrainsurgente.

Los métodos de lucha fomentados por las ONG son aquellos que están dentro del marco institucional. Estos son aquellos fijados por el Estado de acuerdo con las leyes oficiales que imponen la necesidad de que toda demanda política pase por las instituciones del Estado de manera burocratizada y firmemente especificada para que llegue a las “autoridades”, quienes luego decidirán si van a hacer algo al respecto.

La lucha de las ONG nunca está en las calles, nunca es violenta y nunca apunta a los problemas centrales de la sociedad. Y aunque haya sido creada con esas intenciones, nunca serán radicales; sencillamente están tan ocupadas llenando los reportes financieros a su patrocinador y la búsqueda de nuevos fondos para los proyectos del próximo año. El medio termina convirtiéndose en el fin. Es así como cada ONG está siendo condicionada a que su trabajo sea apoyado sólo si no excede los marcos legales, por lo que su campo de lucha queda muy limitado. Ese campo de lucha permitido es aquel que no puede conducir a ninguna victoria, ya que no se trata de una lucha real, sino de diálogo, colaboración y compromiso con las autoridades. Es importante destacar que como comunistas la NO COLABORACIÓN es un asunto de principios. Son las vidas de la clase trabajadora las que están en juego.

Hemos observado que el propio oenegeísmo en Puerto Rico, tras los señalamientos, ha reformado su discurso pretendiendo que el asunto es, no que te financien, sino quien te financia. En otras palabras, que existen unas ONG progresistas y otras reaccionarias. A su vez, han recurrido a una serie de artimañas para así justificar su condición de “activistas asalariados” y sus posiciones reformistas, particularmente su participación en el proceso electoral parlamentario burgués. Para combatir esta narrativa, es necesario elevar la crítica y dirigirnos al campo ideológico. Apoyados del materialismo histórico y dialéctico, le demostraremos cómo el liberalismo se ve reflejado en el oenegeísmo y cómo éstas históricamente se han movido por un sentido anticomunista y hasta le allanan el camino al fascismo. Nos remontaremos a los orígenes del oenegeísmo: ¿Cuál es el contexto en el que surge esta estrategia? ¿Quiénes fueron sus promotores? ¿A qué se debe el interés de dichas organizaciones en la academia y las artes? ¿Qué relación han tenido históricamente con las agencias de inteligencia? ¿Qué es el complejo industrial de sin fines de lucro? ¿Cuál es la relación que existe entre el oenegeísmo y el trotskismo? ¿Qué es el posmodernismo y las políticas de identidad? Estos serán algunos de los temas que estaremos discutiendo para desmontar el discurso y demostrar su esencia anticomunista. Estas y otras preguntas estaremos contestando en esta investigación denominada **Las ONG, la CIA y su agenda oculta**, la cual se dividirá en una serie de artículos. Para comenzar en este primer capítulo hablaremos sobre la **Mellon Foundation**, organización cuyo eje central de trabajo es la academia y las artes.

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