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**Unite Under Maoism,
Boycott the
2024 Elections!**



by the Editorial Board

The Worker calls on all class-conscious workers and proletarian revolutionaries to join in the campaign to boycott the 2024 elections!

1. Elections are Crucial to Imperialism

As the 2024 presidential elections approach, they promise to be the most farcical to date. Bourgeois democracy has its paint peeling away, revealing the rot below the surface. The bourgeois elections are not useful to the masses of people, but they are crucial to US imperialism because it wants to hide behind the veneer of a real democracy—something the propertied classes could never extend to the majority of oppressed and exploited people. US imperialism reinvigorates itself through the circus of elections, especially the presidential elections every four years.

The 2024 elections will take place amid the deepening economic crisis of imperialism, which has led to a political crisis of legitimacy. Illegitimate candidates attempt to legitimize themselves by pointing fingers at their opponents, each one accusing the other of criminality, threatening to charge or even arrest their political rivals if elected. Elections also play upon social crises in the US to drum up votes, wielding identity politics to divide the masses behind the two hostile parties of the ruling class, both of which serve the interests of the ruling class.

the name of new conditions—has played its role in the entire process of reactionization. Revisionism has done its part to usher in postmodernism in the 1970s and to collaborate with it today. It has done its part to water down socialism into a pathetic domesticated animal in the houses of the imperialists, and to settle for the process of reform and betrayal which placates the masses and drives them into electoral dead ends.

Revisionism is hopeless. The most “successful” revisionists can only openly trail behind the Democratic Party, and the least successful still put all their faith into the elections only to be revealed by the numbers as hopelessly insignificant. Revisionism exists to serve counter-revolution, even in conditions precluding revolutionary viability. Revisionism cannot imagine politics beyond bourgeois politics. They cannot imagine why anyone would abstain from, oppose, or boycott the elections. They cannot imagine maturity without senility.

The dispersal of forces, the disorganization and lack of cohesion as well as the attacks on revolutionary ideas from the revisionists, all of which amount to attacks on Maoism most evident in the liquidationists, brings the election boycott campaign of 2024 into the service of uniting under Maoism.

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dominated entirely by money. It is by this process that liberal-bourgeois democracy—the form of government preferred by the US ruling class—decomposes and becomes increasingly backward.

Since World War II, the second imperialist world war, the US has secured its role as the world's sole hegemonic imperialist superpower, and there has been no stability in the world and everything from government, to democratic rights, to culture and society have undergone decomposition. This is manifested in the governments as reactionization: power is concentrated around the executive branch and presidential absolutism increases. In society this process manifests as a return to the ideas of the dark ages, whether it comes in the form of the mega-church as the ideological factory among the masses drawn into jingoism and Trumpism, or with the postmodern ideas which dominate the universities, splitting apart all manner of struggles and promoting extreme individualism and an anti-scientific worldview bordering on the hysteric. The elections cannot but take place mired in these conditions, and thus every candidate is increasingly reactionary and increasingly desperate.

In this context of reactionization, the left suffers major dispersion. The ideological, political and organizational differences are severe. Revisionism—the eradication of Marxism's revolutionary content in

The exclusion of the masses from the election is the natural consequence of the bourgeois democratic state—a state ruled by the minority against the majority, in which the interests of the masses are ignored except when they can be used as a tool to win votes before being betrayed. However, while the masses are in essence excluded from the coming elections in that their options never serve their interests, reaction hopes for their formal participation so that the system which harms them can have consent to rule. Mass exclusion is not a question of being granted a vote, although there are those among the imperialist ruling class who do seek to bar large sections of the people from the voting process when it is in the interests of their clique.

The root causes of mass suffering and misery for working people cannot be addressed by the imperialist election due to the class character of the state. The elections serve only to add a superficial dressing of legitimacy, not even useful reforms. To address the real issues, the state as we know it would have to cease to exist—an event the elections exist to prevent.

The general crisis of imperialism has increased the collusion and contention of the ruling class within government, with collusion still being the main form by which the factions relate to one another. The appearance of contention, on the other hand, is used to pardon the betrayal of the masses as an act of necessary

cooperation between the ruling class parties. Examples of such collusion are abundant: decreased funding for the public schools where workers are forced to send their children, massive funding increases for so-called border security, billions of dollars to the genocidal and illegitimate occupation forces known as the state of Israel, tax money to the puppet-government of Ukraine shoring up the ability to control the country in the event that they can expel the Russian invader—the list goes on. And at every turn the ruling parties compromise to make things worse for the interests of the people.

The ruling class must sanctify their representatives of exploitation and oppression, and the masses are asked to make the endorsement. Every mass movement is hitched to the back of this lumbering state in the elections. When understood this way, elections can be seen as part of the low intensity warfare waged on the working class via the ruling-class dictatorship. There exists the militarized police, the largest prison system in the world—overcrowded with the poor—there exists the scab and the snitch, but none of these surpass the soft tactics of coercion and control implemented through the general elections. This social manipulation is absolutely critical to the ultra-minority holding dominance over the broad masses. The very few and very rich control everything, and tout our votes for which of their representatives are to abuse us for the next four years as consent for this

system of exploitation and oppression. However, the mask is slipping. We see the evidence as each election is increasingly theatrical, more bridled with individual gossip, scandal, and controversy, more foreboding, in an attempt to prevent the inevitable trend of non-voting from increasing. In short, the elections are a counter-revolutionary apparatus of the dictatorship of the imperialist ruling class.

Bourgeois democracy began as something else. When the democratic ideas of the bourgeois were still revolutionary, these ideas were in the process of replacing the old feudal idea that the king ruled by mandate of God. The old feudal order could not stand and would be replaced by capitalism. Like in other revolutions before it, the minority—the bourgeoisie, in this case—was able to mobilize the majority—the peasants and the workers—to overthrow the feudal order, and its democracy pledged to serve everyone. But in that very moment when the capitalist became triumphant over the old kings, the contradictions among their left and right came to the fore. In order for capitalism to succeed, it had to improve upon the old order's oppression of the world, making it more vile and vicious. The new order rode to power on the backs of the colonies and the workers who fought in its service, and so it was born drenched in blood and oozing filth from every pore. It would develop from free competition among the propertied classes into monopoly capitalism, and from there to imperialism,