Trump Tax Plan: For the Rich, On The Worker

By: L. ZORFASS
December 21, 2017

Before becoming President of the United States, Donald Trump made his name as a ruthless capitalist with an inflated ego and brutal business practices. Throughout Trump’s time as a capitalist exploiter, his actions towards the working class included massive suppression of organizing workers, kicking working families from their homes for profitable development deals, wage theft, and the breaking of labor laws. Given Trump’s grooming as a capitalist in ruling class society, it should be no surprise that as President he continues to brutalize working families for profit. While Trump has already reversed labor laws, the proposed “Trump tax plan” which was promised to be a break for the worker and their families, is instead preying on them.

On November 29, 2017, Trump made his way to the state of Missouri to promote his tax plan which was passed by the Senate nearly a week later. The first claim Trump made in his speech was that this tax plan was in favor of the working people of America, that it would mean tax cuts for workers and be “hard” on rich people, such as Trump himself. This is absolutely false. The lowest tax bracket, $0-19,050 will see a direct 2% increase in their taxes every year. Those in the next tax bracket see a moderate cut of 3%. This minor tax cut will be removed by 2023 when it will be replaced by a tax raise on those making over $40,000 a year and an increase on all tax brackets in 2025. What the average American working family will see between 2018-2023 if the tax plan is passed, is a slight reduction in Federal Taxes given they file their taxes with the Standard Deduction as opposed to the Itemized Deduction. In fact, the proposed tax plan does away with Itemized Deductions. This means that the majority of the tax cuts for workers will be nullified.

The new tax bill is expected to drain money from large high-tax cities, change is expected to come from the Federal Deficit by $1.45 trillion. This will give the incentive to cut spending to lower the deficit and, as always, Medicaid and Medicare are first on the chopping block. These tax cuts for the rich are made up for by the loss of deductions a working family will see between 2018-2023 if the tax plan is passed.

But where does this leave the rich? After all, Trump claimed many times this tax plan would be hard on rich people like him. Trump even says that he has many rich friends who are angry at him for the bill. This is absolute nonsense. Trump believes the working person to be stupid and easily fooled. Most wealthy, under the proposed tax plan, would see their taxes lowered from 35% to 21% just by 2019. This is the largest tax break in history, and it is not for the masses of working people, but for the already grossly wealthy. These tax cuts for the rich are made up for by the loss of deductions a working person can claim on their taxes. Just by slashing the deduction for State and Local taxes, this change is expected to drain money from large high-tax cities, lowering property values, giving less money to the public fund for the city to provide public works, such as roads and schools. Working people who have a mortgage at less than $750,000 will no longer be able to claim a deduction for that mortgage.

If trillions of dollars from the worker, the loss of deductions, and an impending tax height wasn’t enough, buckle in. The new tax bill is even going after the American worker’s healthcare. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that upwards of 13 million people could lose their healthcare as a result of the tax bill. This is in addition to the 23 million people who lost their healthcare due to the Trump Administrations health cuts earlier in 2017. The tax bill will dispose of the individual mandate penalties put into place by the Affordable Care Act. Some people will drop their insurance now that there is no penalty for not having health insurance. This will cause a rise in premiums, which in some states could mean an increase of between $1,500-1,700. While the wealthy can shop around for insurance, the poor, the working class, and especially seniors will be hit hard by these premium increases.

While the wealthiest American families will see between 2018-2023 if the tax plan is passed, is a slight reduction in Federal Taxes given they file their taxes with the Standard Deduction as opposed to the Itemized Deduction. In fact, the proposed tax plan does away with Itemized Deductions. This means that the majority of the tax cuts for workers will be nullified.

The new tax bill is expected to drain money from large high-tax cities, change is expected to come from the Federal Deficit by $1.45 trillion. This will give the incentive to cut spending to lower the deficit and, as always, Medicaid and Medicare are first on the chopping block. These tax cuts for the rich are made up for by the loss of deductions a working family will see between 2018-2023 if the tax plan is passed.

But where does this leave the rich? After all, Trump claimed many times this tax plan would be hard on rich people like him. Trump even says that he has many rich friends who are angry at him for the bill. This is absolute nonsense. Trump believes the working person to be stupid and easily fooled. Most wealthy, under the proposed tax plan, would see their taxes lowered from 35% to 21% just by 2019. This is the largest tax break in history, and it is not for the masses of working people, but for the already grossly wealthy. These tax cuts for the rich are made up for by the loss of deductions a working person can claim on their taxes. Just by slashing the deduction for State and Local taxes, this change is expected to drain money from large high-tax cities, lowering property values, giving less money to the public fund for the city to provide public works, such as roads and schools. Working people who have a mortgage at less than $750,000 will no longer be able to claim a deduction for that mortgage.

Students will not only be taking on debt from student loans but expected to pay taxes on them as if loans, scholarships, and grants were income. Already, the wealthy on average pay only 15% in taxes because they afford elite tax lawyers. Not to mention the trillions the rich hide away in offshore accounts. Even the estate tax has been lowered so that heirs to property, money, assets/securities won’t have to pay a cent unless the value of those assets exceeds $22,000,000, and then the rate is on a sliding scale. To increase direct profits for the rich, the American working class as a whole will be charged for the difference. While the workers see minor cuts that will be replaced by an increase in just a few years, the richest will be making trillions more in profit.
The Red Phoenix

Page 2  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

Editorial

Words and more words... by some people...

It's a sunny day and the sun is shining, so we'll reflect on the beauty of the world. I mean, we all have our moments of pure joy and happiness. Right? Right?

Page 3  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

The Red Phoenix

Why Marxism Leninism in the 21st Century United States?

Joseph Stalin’s Foundations of Leninism effectively implements a working definition of what Marxism Leninism is, and would be. It is useful specifically for Americans living in the United States. Leninism grew in and conquered the world, is more than a dependent relationship with imperialists. Service, not opportunism. Leninism is a party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.” A party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.”

Download

Read

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

Page 1  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

Editorial

Words and more words... by some people...

It's a sunny day and the sun is shining, so we'll reflect on the beauty of the world. I mean, we all have our moments of pure joy and happiness. Right? Right?

Page 3  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

The Red Phoenix

Why Marxism Leninism in the 21st Century United States?

Joseph Stalin’s Foundations of Leninism effectively implements a working definition of what Marxism Leninism is, and would be. It is useful specifically for Americans living in the United States. Leninism grew in and conquered the world, is more than a dependent relationship with imperialists. Service, not opportunism. Leninism is a party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.” A party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.”

Download

Read

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

Page 1  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

Editorial

Words and more words... by some people...

It's a sunny day and the sun is shining, so we'll reflect on the beauty of the world. I mean, we all have our moments of pure joy and happiness. Right? Right?

Page 3  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

The Red Phoenix

Why Marxism Leninism in the 21st Century United States?

Joseph Stalin’s Foundations of Leninism effectively implements a working definition of what Marxism Leninism is, and would be. It is useful specifically for Americans living in the United States. Leninism grew in and conquered the world, is more than a dependent relationship with imperialists. Service, not opportunism. Leninism is a party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.” A party of working class people that “will be able rapidly to take power and to implement a revolutionary government.”

Download

Read

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

The Red Phoenix

Page 1  
2018-2019 - Issue #2

Editorial

Words and more words... by some people...

It's a sunny day and the sun is shining, so we'll reflect on the beauty of the world. I mean, we all have our moments of pure joy and happiness. Right? Right?
defended leftists deprived of anything not acceptable to the bourgeoisie. Meanwhile, Furr’s research attempts to refute researches of Robert Conquest and Richard Pipes are upheld, pro-communist scholarly work is adopted as the default correct position. It follows that it is up to our supporters to be considered valid. The answer is simply: because they can’t refute anything he says.

If Furr’s work is dismissed as “absurd,” “insane,” or Furr himself labeled as a “crackpot” or “Stalinist.” There is almost always a hostile or skeptical critic in order to be considered valid. The infantile pseudo-left responds to science – the evidence presented, what it shows, and whether it’s true or not. The infantile pseudo-left responds to science – the evidence presented, what it shows, and whether it’s true or not. The infantile pseudo-left responds to science – the evidence presented, what it shows, and whether it’s true or not. The infantile pseudo-left responds to science – the evidence presented, what it shows, and whether it’s true or not.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege. The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege. The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.

The pseudo-left’s endless venom towards Furr’s work is entirely (no, not partially, or even mostly, but from what I have seen, entirely) devoid of counter-criticism, counter-evidence, contrasting research or engagement in any way. Shape or form with Furr’s work at the present time, there are no scholarly rebuttals of Grover Furr’s work. Hostile review, on the other hand, are plentiful. Nor is there any lack of critics who must “give up more evidence,” demanding a larger amount of evidence to their satisfaction – which of course, is their privilege.
The Red Phoenix

December 4, 2017

Main thingy about the article.....

Ciatum eos dolest et entemporrum ium rerunti ... omnihil mint 
resedis ad quatemporum litibusciam ut ex et velit quatem. 
STUFF AND SOMETHING AND 
OTHER GOOD STUFF...

By J.J. JAMESON

December 4, 2017

Main thingy about the article.....

Ciatum eos dolest et entemporrum ium rerunti ... omnihil mint 
resedis ad quatemporum litibusciam ut ex et velit quatem. 
STUFF AND SOMETHING AND 
OTHER GOOD STUFF...

L. Zorfass: Could you tell me about your living conditions?

Antonio: My family is five. We pay 950 dollars a month for a room and kitchen. A lot of noise on our streets.

L. Zorfass: What about medical care?

Antonio: There is a clinic. We do pay quite an emergency. The round-up (ICE) can go there.

STUFF AND SOMETHING AND OTHER GOOD STUFF...

L. Zorfass: You know from your experiences that undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: This is called surplus-value and it's where the boss' profit comes from. The average amount of that, undocumented workers from Mexico have to risk everything, in

STUFF AND SOMETHING AND OTHER GOOD STUFF...

Antonio: Our towns on our country. You have all of our stuff. The drug gangs that ruled at them. Did they send their dogs here.

It's not hard to understand that someone would want to come to the country that 

STUFF AND SOMETHING AND OTHER GOOD STUFF...

We often hear from right-wing commentators that immigrants are "stealing jobs" from Americans. This is not the case. The average minimum wage for a documented worker working an eight-hour day in the United States is $7.25 an hour. The average minimum wage for undocumented workers working 10 hours a day, for $5 a day, is $2 an hour. That is a surplus-value of 145%.

STUFF AND SOMETHING AND OTHER GOOD STUFF...

Workers of the all world must unite. It is only the way to stop this tyranny over the laborers of the world. American workers find themselves exploited and in poverty, and then find themselves on the streets so that the bosses can hire undocumented workers to exploit even more. Undocumented workers come to the United States to look for work and are willing to work for less than the bosses. They are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000. Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.

L. Zorfass: Undocumented workers are not stealing jobs from anyone; they are being given undocumented workers, for a two week period, where the cost of the job is $13,000.
Our General Line.

1. The American Party of Labor comes from and represents the American working class. From time to time and place to place there may be individuals who are admitted to the Party who do not have a working class background, or who are not considered to be working class by MarxistLeninist ideology and principles. Such individuals are exceptions to the general rule, as they have in effect transcended their class through conscious application of Marxist-Leninist ideology.

2. The American Party of Labor maintains that value in society is produced by human action within the material world. That is to say, value is created by the consumption of labor power. The working classes, which have only their labor power to sell for their daily sustenance, therefore make production possible. We call for the reorganization of society to provide the means of production to the working class to be administered either under an elected or selected management or collectively through a council system.

3. The American Party of Labor demands the abolition of private property and that all means of production be in the hands of the working class. Profit under capitalism is extracted surplus value from the consumption of labor power and constitutes a theft from the working class by the capitalist ruling class. Under our system, the working class will be paid the full value of their production less the necessary deductions to support the state and its various cultural, economic and social support projects.

4. The American Party of Labor demands that all oppressed nations within the context of the American Empire, including, but by no means limited to, Indigenous peoples, Native Hawaiians, Guamanians and Puerto Ricans (within the context of Puerto Rico), be given the right to temporary gains for the workers.

5. The American Party of Labor demands the cancellation of all current debt held by developing countries to the U.S. These loans were not made with the intention of helping the people of these countries, but rather to enslave those countries with debt.

6. The American Party of Labor is a party against all imperialism. We are opposed to all wars of aggression on the world stage and all other threats of war and military intervention. We call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from abroad. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with all occupied peoples and with all nations living under imperialist domination.

7. The American Party of Labor stands fully against the militarization of social, political, and economic life. We are opposed to all wars of aggression on the world stage and all other threats of war and military intervention. We call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from abroad. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with all occupied peoples and with all nations living under imperialist domination.

8. The American Party of Labor demands from the U.S. withdrawal from NATO and other imperialist alliances.

9. The American Party of Labor stands fully against the militarization of social, political, and economic life. We are opposed to all wars of aggression on the world stage and all other threats of war and military intervention. We call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from abroad. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with all occupied peoples and with all nations living under imperialist domination.

10. The American Party of Labor has a more generalized list of our demands and positions in a separate document called the Party Platform.

Legalize Workers, No to Raids & Deportations! Jobs & Income Now! Increase Access To Education & Services! Nationalized Healthcare! End All Current Illegal Wars Of Aggression! Equal Rights, Pay & Housing For All Regardless of Race, Religion or Sexual Orientation! Abolish Profit Made By The Exploitation Of Labor!

The Red Phoenix is published bi-monthly by The American Party of Labor.

American Party of Labor
P.O. Box 30232
Chicago, IL 60630-0232
http://AmericanPartyofLabor.org/

Editorial Board: Victor Vaughn, Mike Bessler, Alfonso Casal, Mike DeRutier, Sebastian Lemba, Leonard Zorfas.

Managing Editor: Leonard Zorfas.

Staff: Polina Brik, Garit Boschka, Kevin Connolly, John Palameda

Labor donated.

Why is Marxism-Leninism the Best Answer? Can’t We Regulate Capitalism or try to Create Some Kind of Third System That Isn’t Fully Communist or Capitalist?

One must understand there is an important fundamental difference between Marxism and other so-called anti-capitalist or “third way” theories. Marx, unlike many thinkers of his day, did not just see a problem with capitalism and start proposing an alternative system. Instead, he and his contemporaries analyzed capitalism itself to understand how the system worked. Marx’s ideas for revolution are based off of that analysis, not ideas he dreamt up on his own. Solutions to the problems of capitalism can only be reached by understanding and observing the system itself, not by dreaming up some wonderful utopian alternative. As for regulating or restraining capitalism, this has been done many times before.

Oftentimes the governments of capitalist states must restrict the private sector for various reasons. The problem is that political power is still stacked in favor of the ruling class, and if you slap regulations on big business, they have every avenue and all the resources necessary to see those regulations overturned in the long run. What truly led to the collapse of the old socialist bloc was not that these countries followed Marxism-Leninism, which was ultimately too radical, but rather quite the opposite—that these nations all came under the impression that they needed more and more market style reforms, until they had more or less become capitalist countries.

Nowadays, ideas such as “21st century socialism” would have us do basically the same thing, if not less—regulate capitalism, nationalize some industry, and try to maintain a welfare state—without expropriating the ruling class, without giving the nation a clear direction for the future, and worst of all, without putting the working class in power. This kind of idea can only lead to temporary gains for the workers.

Let the “socialist” snivellers croak, let the bourgeoisie rage and fume, but only people who shut their eyes so as not to see, and stuff their ears so as not to hear, can fail to notice that all over the world the birth pangs of the old capitalist society, which is pregnant with socialism, have begun.

Lenin, Prophetic Words (1918)

How is the American Party of Labor Different than Other Socialist, Communist, or Left-Wing Parties or Organizations?

First of all, the main difference is that we see the solution to the problems of the working class in revolution and the seizure of state power by the working class and its political organizations. The methodology by which we strive for revolution is Marxism-Leninism—that is, the scientific methodology of social/economic revolution first devised by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, and contributed to by figures such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin and the late Albanian leader Enver Hoxha. This does not mean, however, that we look at these figures the way religions look at their own prophets, nor do we see their every written word as some kind of Holy Scripture or their every action as blameless and divine.

That being said, we critique their actions from the Marxist methodology of historical dialectical materialism, analyzing actions and events in their historical context, taking into account the benefit of hindsight and trying to avoid idle speculation about what could have been if certain events had or hadn’t happened, etc. Because we uphold the general line of these figures, from Karl Marx to Enver Hoxha, we consider ourselves “anti-revisionist,” and it is in this way that we differ from most communist parties or organizations in the United States.

Who Can Join? How Do I Get Involved?

Every working person who is sick of being abused by capitalism, is open to our plan for change, agrees with our Program and Platform, who lives in the United States and is over the age of 18 is welcome to join.

We recommend that you check out our publications page to get a more in-depth look at the Party. Another good place to look is our online library. The cornerstones of our Party are the works of Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Enver Hoxha.

You can find everything that you should know about us here, and you can join online or contact us and connect to members in your area.

If we don’t have a presence in your city, we’ll get to know you and help you establish one.