

Letter from a supporter

In July 2006 my attention was drawn to a website called www.permanent-revolution.org. After logging on to the site I read its entire contents over the next 3 days and couldn't think about anything else. At the end of the 3 days I felt utterly disgusted that the party I had supported for an entire decade would not engage in serious, desperately needed discussion with two comrades who were clearly not hostile to the movement but comrades who were perfectly sincere and honest in their critique. I rejoiced in their work and felt total relief that finally there were some comrades who were seriously willing to address and discuss openly concerns which are not confined to them!

During the course of my reading, reflection and discussion of the past 10 years, I now find myself, 18 months later, well and truly alienated from the very party that claims to be fighting to overcome alienation. I never believed that would have been possible but I underestimated the extent to which the party has degenerated and abandoned dialectical materialism along with the working class.

I always felt that the party had problems but never fully grasped their cause. I always felt that the zero discussion of what we are fighting for and what socialism would look like or could achieve was a big mistake. Any mention of a program is routinely greeted with "we don't have a blue-print for socialism". This has just left me frustrated for many years because it is just so ridiculous. We go to workers to try and win them over to the fight for socialism but never are we given permission inside this movement to discuss our ideals and what our world could look like. The blind leads the blind!!!!!! Hey worker, come and join our movement, we fight for socialism but are not allowed to discuss what it looks like so don't ask!!!!!!

If the movement truly believes that it is going to win enough support for a revolution, train cadre for the future which is capable of leading a revolution by continuing in the same way it has for the past 20 years then we have a disastrous situation. A situation so desperate and serious that there is every possibility that in time the IC will be remembered for betrayal and that is a scummy place to be in any hall of "fame". Please comrades, anyone that has doubts, I urge you speak out. This needs discussing.

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