

THROUGH CLASS UNITY AND RESISTANCE Freedom

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**Freedom without Socialism is Privilege, Injustice
Socialism without Freedom is Slavery, Brutality - BAKUNIN**

POLITICAL ORGANISATION

1. Treats people like children, incapable of organising or governing themselves without masters

2. All power is held by the state: in the economy, in education, in the courts, in the creation of wealth and in the organisation of everything.

3. The state rules, all force (army, police, courts, jails) is held in its grasp. The people are undefended, unarmed – which does not stop it being called “government by the people” in the democracies.

4. People are kept divided into groups according to their “race”, politics, religion or social beliefs, so that they fight amongst themselves and do not work together.

5. The state, which is a tiny minority, claims to have a greater intelligence, ability and wisdom than the various social groupings. “One head knows better than all the rest put together.”

6. In laying down a constitution and laws, the state deforms the future and restricts life, which is many-sided and constantly changing.

7. The state makes all decisions. The people have nothing to do, except to pay up, be obedient, produce and bow to the supreme will of the person in control. The state says: “Give me power and I will make you happy.”

8. Society is divided into two conflicting classes: those who give orders, and those who have to obey.

ANARCHIST ORGANISATION

1. Each group is seen as fit to organise its own affairs. Bosses and the State therefore become unnecessary

2. Power is held by the people. Education is controlled by the teachers and students. Health services are controlled by the health workers. Communications controlled by the technicians. Everything decided by workers meeting together in assembly, while control of production belongs to the Federation of Unions.

3. Power returns to where it came in that each group will give it to its members. None will have more power than another, everybody will have an equal share and the assembly will have whatever everyone grants it.

4. People are brought together by common occupation and by common needs in the union, and, so far as the free city commune is concerned, by locality and shared interests. This way, what we have in common unites us.

5. Within each workplace, the assembly has the most knowledge, ability and wisdom. Everyone together knows better than a single person, however intelligent.

6. Under free organisation, the guidelines to be followed can be changed immediately if found to be necessary.

7. Without masters, each individual has to see to their own affairs and get used to managing without authority, thereby ridding themselves of a habit acquired through years and years of political (mis)education.

8. Every person refuses to be just a producer and nothing more. Administrative posts become temporary, while still contributing to production. Such posts will be constantly dependent upon the decisions reached by the assemblies.



9. The rights granted to people are illusions. Freedom, Equality and Justice exist only on paper.

9. The basic freedom, which is economic freedom, is put into practice. Democracy, that is, government of the people by the people, will be a reality. Federalism will be real, with full rights to autonomy and independence held by each community and every workplace.

10. The progress and evolution of society leads the state through dictatorship and violence towards its collapse and then turns to Fascism or State Socialism. The state hides its privileges only to end up losing them little by little as individual and class-consciousness develops.

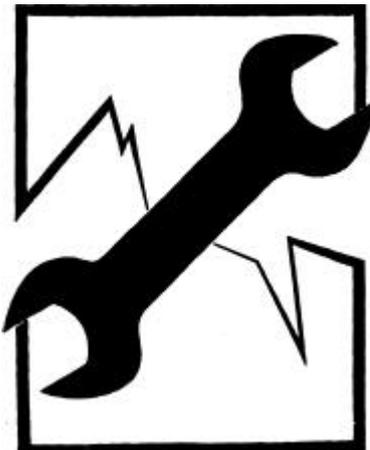
10. The growth of class unity and solidarity leads to ever greater perfection and growth. We will have moved on from defending the selfish economic interests of the individual to training that will equip us to accept responsibility for our role in society.

11. Where organisation is politically based, control comes from the top down. Above the people is the local council: above that, the metro council: higher still, the provincial government and even further up, the national government.

11. Where organisation has a social base, control works from the bottom upwards. The decisions of a committee may be over-ruled by an assembly and the assembly's decisions may be over-ruled by the people.

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