

THROUGH CLASS UNITY AND RESISTANCE Freedom

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

Capitalism is Slavery

“Capitalism is the greatest crime of all... it devours more lives in a single day than all the murderers put together.” – *Alexander Berkman*

“Let us look at capitalism, that almighty economic saviour. Saviour of whom? Of the puppet master, that’s who. You see, the doctrines of capitalism very blatantly call for the poor to exist. Simply put, for the system in which we live to function, there must be a lower class. There must be a winner and a loser. The deteriorating middle class only cushions the effects of this grotesque competition...”

This is not to imply by any mean proportion that I am in favour of communism. We watch that fail more and more everyday in the countries in which it already reigns. No, no... all communism is, is capitalism controlled by the State. This makes it worse yet.” – *Michael Tomorrow*

“Poverty will always exist! Yes, so long as property does.” – *Proudhon*

“And when you saw a poor man dragged off to prison, they told you that he was bad because he had stolen something, and that it was a great crime.

But neither at home, nor in school, nor anywhere else were you ever told that it is a crime for the rich man to steal the product of the workers labour, or that the capitalists are rich because they have possessed themselves of the wealth which labour created.” – *Alexander Berkman*

“There is only one law for the poor... Obey the rich” – *Albert Parsons*

“Every State is a tyranny, be it the tyranny of a single man, or a group. The State has always one purpose: to limit,

control, subordinate the individual and subject them to the general purpose... Through its censorship, its supervision, and its police, the State tries to obstruct all free activity and sees this repression as its duty, because the instinct of self-preservation demands it. The State does not permit me to use my thoughts to their full value and communicate them with other people... unless they are its own... otherwise it shuts me up.” – *Anarchism, From Theory to Practice*

“Anarchism does not mean bloodshed; it does not mean robbery, arson, etc. These monstrosities are the characteristic features of capitalism. Anarchism means peace and tranquility to all” – *August Spies*

With each new day, the State places more and more restrictions upon us; depriving us of our freedom that was never it’s to take away. The State’s laws chain down our bodies, but knowledge frees our minds.

***Knowledge is the Key
to be Free!***



Salute Your Boss

What is Anarcho-Syndicalism?

Anarchism: Meaning *against the authority (power) of one person or group of people over another*. Replacing authority with *equality, solidarity and co-operation* between people.

Syndicalism: The building of workplace-based *Revolutionary Unions* with the goal of *seizing the means of production and distribution* and putting them under *direct workers control*.

Here are some basic demands of Anarcho-Syndicalism:

- ★ International workers solidarity and struggle against the Capitalist Class regardless of borders and other barriers.
- ★ The building of free workers unions based in the workplace and under the direct control of the workers themselves
- ★ An end to government control or influence over the unions.
- ★ For the right to strike, including wildcat-strikes, with or without union sanction.
- ★ For full rights for Women and immigrant workers. End racial and social discrimination.
- ★ Organise the unorganised.
- ★ An end to Unions working with the Bosses, and the adoption by the labour movement of class-struggle unionism.
- ★ As well as forming alternative free unions, workers must build militant rank-and-file groups in all the existing unions in order to move them in a syndicalist class-struggle direction.



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- ★ For full rank-and-file democratic control of the unions, including the right to immediately recall union officers and delegates, and vote to agree with or reject contracts.
- ★ For direct action struggles against the bosses (e.g. go-slows, sit-in's etc.), including the Social Revolutionary General Strike to overturn Capitalism.
- ★ For the creation of Community Unions, Workers assemblies, workplace committee's, and other workplace organisations (e.g. environmental, health/safety committee's), to create dual-power in industry, to educate and organise the workers to run the industries themselves and to serve as vehicles for their self-liberation.
- ★ For an end to the wage-system and Capitalism; workers self-management of society and the economy.
- ★ For freedom of all political class-war prisoners, and the right of prisoners to form labour unions and engage in collective bargaining with their captors over the conditions of their confinement.
- ★ A call for a minimum wage that increases equally to inflation.
- ★ A call for an end to scab labour and demand for better laws to protect the rights of striking workers.



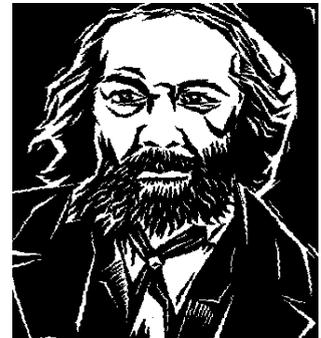
“We have always lived in slums and holes in the wall. We will know how to accommodate ourselves for a time. For you must not forget, we can also build. It is we who built those palaces and cities here in Spain and America and everywhere. We, the workers, can build others to take their place. And better ones. We are not in the least afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth. There is not the slightest doubt of that. The bourgeoisie might blast and ruin its own world before it leaves the stage of history. We carry a new world here in our hearts. That world is growing this minute.”

**Buenaventura Durruti Metal Worker CNT/FAI activist
Spain, 1936**

“Slavery may change its form or its name - its essence remains the same.

Its essence may be expressed in these words: to be a slave is to be forced to work for someone else, just as to be a master is to live on someone else's work. In ancient times... slaves were, in all honesty, called slaves. In the Middle Ages, they took the name of serfs; nowadays, they are called wage earners.”

Mikhail Bakunin



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