

Australia today is facing a fair few problems, and they aren't going to get much better in the near future. Why is this, and what can be done about it? All the major ills facing the Australian people – parasitic property speculation, deindustrialisation, debt-slavery, the usurpation of civil liberties for 'national security' and the slow march towards world war – find their origin in the hold private financial cartels have over this nation.

This of course is because of Capitalism. We don't deny that Capitalism at one point created a lot of growth (with an immense cost in human lives), destroying the stagnancy of feudalism and paving the way for modernity. Capitalism however has a tendency towards self-destruction in the long run, and no amount of reform can delay this inevitably. As capitalism has evolved, it becomes less useful towards humanity and more orientated towards perpetuating its own existence, buying time by any means necessary.

Early industrial capitalism has evolved into imperialist finance capitalism, where the free market has given away to a pseudo-planned oligopoly and capital is centralised in the hands of a hegemonic empire. We know this empire as the United States of America. This system has become divorced from real needs, moving more and more towards a deranged financialisation of everything and the slow destruction of human existence.

Australia is a puppet of imperialist finance capital. Foreign corporations own our mines, our land, buy up housing and control our social lives via social media. If you hear about a big 'Australian' corporation (like some of the mining giants, look up its ownership – if it is publicly traded, nine times out of ten the biggest owners will be American investment firms like Blackrock or Vanguard. Our economic subservience occurs alongside political subjugation. The USA keeps Australia on a tight leash and repeatedly drags us towards fighting its wars for its own interests, making Australia complicit in the destruction of countless nations. Our government has no sovereignty, acting as mere administrators of a colonial province rather than an independent nation. This subjugation to Imperialism is just a continuation of colonialism, having its roots in the genocide of the original peoples of this continent. While more subtle nowadays, the predatory nature of this system remains.

As American imperialist capitalism continues to spiral downwards, the long-term outlook is horrific degradation of human dignity, all sorts of post-human technological horrors and ultimately war in a desperate attempt to preserve itself in the face of growing competition from China. Australia will be dragged into this, whether we want to or not. So, what is the alternative? What's the way to fight back? The answer is Marxism-Leninism: Communism.

Marxism-Leninism is the only political approach that has managed to stand up against global imperialism. The Soviet Union, after having a fifth of its population exterminated by Hitler in WW2, went on to compete with the USA on a near-peer footing and managed to achieve such feats as launching the first satellite into orbit only a decade after this genocide. That the Soviet Union ultimately fell does not discredit Communism in the same way that the defeat of Napoleon and the temporary restoration of the Bourbon monarchy, or the restoration of Charles II after the death of Oliver Cromwell does not discredit democracy – it simply provides an opportunity to see what went wrong and what can be done differently in the future.

Communism is smeared historically as being 'totalitarian' compared to the western 'democracies'. Anyone who thinks the USA was somehow less brutal than the USSR should remember what country used nuclear weapons against civilians, twice. Try and imagine what the Americans would have done to the Japanese if they suffered even a tenth as what the Soviets did from the Germans (or what the Chinese did under the Japanese).

Here are a few interesting facts that aren't talked about too much:

- After the fall of the Soviet Union, life expectancy in Russia fell by 16 years and Yeltsin was so unpopular the CIA had to rig the 1996 elections to stop the Communist Party from winning
- Under Mao, life expectancy in China doubled even when taking into account the famines; and excess mortality in 'democratic' India was consistently higher.
- Modern day China has less police brutality, less people in prison and the government is consistently more responsive to the concerns of its people than the 'democratic' USA.
- The Communist Party even had a senator in Queensland! Fred Patterson, who was so popular the state split his seat in two so he wouldn't win again.

We, the Eureka Initiative (who wrote this pamphlet), believe that the way towards revolution in Australia is to fight for Australian sovereignty. In the age of monopoly-imperialism, there isn't any 'independent' Australian capitalism so the struggle against capital in general is the struggle against imperialism in particular. As a result, we support the unity of all patriotic & progressive forces towards the cause of national liberation and the establishment of an Australian People's Republic. Anyone who shares this goal is a friend of ours. Get in touch with us using the details on the back cover.