

WE NEED AND WE DEMAND: A WHOLE NEW WAY TO LIVE, A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM

From the *Constitution for a New Socialist Republic in North America*

A Whole New Dimension of Freedom and Rights of the People

The role of government institutions established with this new socialist Constitution, including the police and military, will **no longer** be to contain, control, repress, brutalize, murder and slaughter people, here and all over the world. Instead, *these radically new institutions will safeguard the rights of the people and give backing to the masses of people in moving to abolish all forms of discrimination and inequality, all relations of oppression and exploitation. They will defend the new, emancipating society against attempts to sabotage, attack and destroy it, and will support people throughout the world fighting for the goal of emancipation.*

As set forth in this *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*, the people in this new society will not only be allowed but encouraged and enabled to fully speak their minds politically, to express themselves freely through artistic and other means, to dissent and protest with constitutional and institutionalized protection of their right to do so. They will be provided with the means for doing this, because this is an important part of creating an atmosphere where people can “breathe” and feel at ease, and where they will be inspired to join with others in grappling with what will, and what will not, contribute to the emancipating transformation of society and the world as a whole.

A Whole Different Economy—To Meet Fundamental Needs and Serve Highest Interests

With the new socialist economy, everyone will be guaranteed employment, and people will no longer be forced to labor, under conditions of life-stealing, soul-crushing exploitation, to create wealth for capitalist parasites. The technology and other means to create wealth will be converted into the common property of society and utilized by the government, in a planned way, to meet the needs of the people for a decent life, worthy of human beings, materially as well as intellectually and culturally, on a continually expanding basis, and to carry forward the revolutionary transformation

of the new society, and the whole world, with the ultimate goal of emancipating all of humanity. The new socialist economy will not function on the basis of global supply chains of exploitation and plundering the planet’s resources. There will be systematic and ongoing attention to developing the economy on an *environmentally sustainable basis*. The ideas and proposals of the masses of people will be drawn on as an important resource in the planning and development of the socialist economy. The creative potential of people—which is so often suffocated under this system of capitalism-imperialism—will be unleashed to contribute to the emancipating goals.

Eliminating Discrimination, Inequality, and Oppression in Every Form

In the new socialist society, eliminating all the oppressive divisions that characterized the old society—including oppression based on nationality and race, sex and gender—will be a fundamental goal and of the highest priority. Special attention and resources will be devoted to overcoming the terrible legacy of slavery and genocide, and the continual discrimination and brutal degradation, to which Black people, Native Americans, Latinos and other people of color have been subjected throughout the history of the USA. Immigrants, from all parts of the world, who have a sincere desire to contribute to goals of the new socialist republic will be welcome in this republic. The rights of LGBT people and of women, including the fundamental rights to abortion and birth control, are guaranteed in the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America* and will be protected and enforced by the government of that new socialist republic. As emphasized in this Constitution, the oppression of women arose together with, and for thousands of years has been woven together with, relations among human beings based on exploitation, and this is a defining feature of the capitalist-imperialist USA. Abolishing and uprooting all this will be one of the most important objectives of the new revolutionary society based on the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*.

Education to Actually Educate and Empower the Masses of People

The purpose of the educational system in this new socialist society will be to enable people to pursue the truth wherever it leads, with a spirit of critical thinking and scientific curiosity, and in this way to continually learn about the world and be better able to contribute to changing it in accordance with the fundamental interests of humanity.

Health Care to Serve the People

Health care will not be oriented (and distorted) to make profit for big medical and pharmaceutical corporations, with the result that great numbers of people cannot afford decent health care under the present system. Such corporations will no longer exist—they will be replaced by government-funded health care. The purpose of health care will be to serve the people and continually develop and apply the science of medicine to meet the medical and health needs of people in society as a whole, in a way that is affordable for the masses of people, with the goal of finally making free, high-quality health care available for all.

Abolishing Nuclear Weapons, Finally Abolishing War, and Systematically Addressing the Environmental Crisis

The new socialist government will not develop or use nuclear weapons and will take concrete steps and wage determined struggle to abolish nuclear weapons everywhere, with the ultimate goal of finally abolishing wars among human beings, with the abolition of the capitalist-imperialist system, and all systems and relations of exploitation and oppression, which are the basis for wars. This new socialist government will move, quickly, systematically and effectively, to address the already acute and fast accelerating environmental crisis, with the aim of bringing into being a world where humanity can truly be fit caretakers of the earth.

All this is not just a dream, or a wish—it is what is *possible* and *necessary* in the interests of the masses of people in this country and the great majority of humanity, and for the future of humanity as a whole.

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