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## It's Time to Fight Their Whole System!

### We Should Expect the Worst

A Trump Presidency is upon us. And we should expect nothing less than the worst from this administration. Trump ran a campaign of open racism and nationalism and sexism, promising attacks on immigrants, Muslims, women, gays and anyone else who stands up to him.

With his cabinet selections we see the sort of policies that will be prioritized. He has selected open racists and white supremacists for his administration. He has selected billionaire heads of corporations for his cabinet, even nominating people who want to dismantle the very department they have been selected to direct. Trump's cabinet selections bring in Wall Street billionaires who openly stand against the rights of workers, women, immigrants, and public education, Medicare, Social Security, environmental preservation and more.

### A New President – But the Same System

Trump's presidency certainly seems like a break with the recent past in terms of its openly racist and hate-filled tone and rhetoric. But in no way is it a break from the system that it serves.

Under the Obama administration and the Democratic Party, the past eight years have been a series of attacks on working people, on immigrants, on the environment, and on innocent people all over the world. The Obama administration didn't flinch as it defended the interests of Wall Street banks and corporations over the millions who lost their homes. It represented corporations as they made record profits on the backs of workers. It represented the richest one percent of the population amidst record inequality. It stood by energy companies as they profited from ravaging the planet. It funded the militarization of the police during ongoing violence against Black men and women across the country. It has carried out a continuous brutal assault on millions of people all over the Middle East and many parts of the globe. And a Trump administration will not only continue these attacks – but promises to intensify them.

The reality is that both major political parties, the Democrats and the Republicans, have much more in common despite any differences they claim to have. They share the goal of defending this system of capitalism, of serving the interests of the world's largest banks and corporations. The Obama administration tried to present a more acceptable version of this system, concealing its defense of the one percent. Trump represents the same interests but with the mask ripped off, revealing a more naked and brutal functioning of the same system.

### It's Time to Gather Our Forces!

As president, Trump will attempt to further divide the population, to pit us against each other in order to weaken our forces. This must be fought against wherever it occurs. Only through uniting our forces can we stand up to any further attacks.

The Democratic Party will try to direct any outrage against this system into preparation for the next election. But we should not accept the rule of the one percent, no matter which party is in power. They have made it absolutely clear what their system represents: racism, sexism, violence, exploitation, war, environmental destruction – only the worst of what humanity has to offer.

We know what to expect from their system. We know the forces arrayed against us. It is time for us to start gathering our own forces in order to defend our interests. We are the vast majority of humanity, and it is our labor that makes their whole system run. When we are organized together, we have the power to resist further attacks, in whatever form they may occur. We have the forces to grind their system to a halt, and the strength to organize society to finally represent the interests of all of humanity.

Now is the time we can begin to gather our own forces and start to organize a fight against their whole rotten system.

## **We Can't Allow Ourselves To Be Divided**

*"Divide and Conquer"* that's what Trump's game has been from day one. Blame Mexicans, call them criminals. Attack people who believe in Islam, say they are the threat. Encourage racism, blaming the failure of the system on everyone but those responsible. Attack women who know they are not ready to take responsibility for a child. Open the door to further attacks on gay and trans people. Trump's message is making open racists, sexists, people with anti-gay attitudes feel they have an opening to carry out their vicious assaults.

We cannot tolerate this. We can and must stand up to whatever forms of hatred we see. At work, in our schools and neighborhoods - we can make it known that these kinds of attitudes and actions will not be tolerated.

We can isolate those who have been poisoned by these sick ideas. We can encourage others to stand with us and break through the fear that silences so many. These can be the first steps to realizing the possibilities we have when we stand together.

### **Trump Was Elected – Now What!**

Trump was elected by a minority of a minority. First, only a minority of those eligible to vote – voted and out of that vote, Trump didn't win a majority of the vote. That certainly doesn't mean that we should long for Clinton. All she promised was a poor imitation of what Obama delivered.

An election held by the 1%, which puts their candidates up for us to vote, doesn't mean we have to accept what comes down for the next four years. Our power lies elsewhere – in our numbers, in the workplaces and when we mobilize our forces in the streets.

## **It's Our Time!**

The election of this arrogant, bottom-feeder, Trump, has exposed this system for what it really is. It's time that we do more than resist and hope those who hold power will listen to us.

We need to recognize the power that the millions of us have who do the real work of this society. The 1% may take us for granted. But without us nothing happens. We are the ones who produce all the goods and services of society. We keep the lights on, the trains and buses operating, the ships crossing the seas, the hospitals and schools open and more. That means we have the power to bring this entire society to a stop. But beyond that, we have the power to take control of the work we do and use it for the benefit of the majority of society.

This system's constant drive for profit is ruining our lives. Tens of millions in this country live in poverty, more millions are imprisoned, and countless children go to sleep hungry every night. And that is in the richest country in the world!

The wars waged by the 1% to control the resources of the world have created a living nightmare for billions of people around the world.

It's time for us to look past the society we live in today. It's time to think about opening the gates to our future – a future shaped by us, not the interests of the 1%. We can live in a world where all are respected, where the earth is not under assault by profit-driven corporations, where life is cherished, and where the potentials of all are developed.

Impossible? That's what Trump and the 1% want us to believe. But we can face reality and realize if there is going to be a future for humanity, it isn't going to happen within their system of capitalism.