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COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION

DEFEAT THE 'LEFT' OPPORTUNIST, MENSHEVIK LINE OF PRRWO-RWL | PART II

Our ability as Marxist-leninists to understand what is propaganda and what is agitation and to correctly develop both in our practice are extremely important in this period. The very creation of our future party hinges upon this The formulation "propaganda is the chief form of activity in this period" is being used by many forces Among these forces are the right opportunists of OL and WVO and the "left" opportunists of PRRWO/RWL We uphold that this formulation is correct. The problem has been that the right opportunists as well as the "left" opportunists have in practice liquidated this position In addition, these groups don't even understand what is propaganda or agitation, nor do they understand what is the relation between the two, neither do they, in practice, make good propaganda or agitation

WHAT IS PROPAGANDA? WHAT IS AGITATION?

When all these groups speak of propaganda and agitation, they refer to Plekhanov's formulation which Lenin puts forth in WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Thus we see in all their publications the famous quote

"A propagandist presents many ideas to one or a few persons, an agitator presents only one or a few ideas, but he presents them to a mass of people"

What is to be done? Page 82 Foreign Languages Press

Without any concern for the type of ideas to which Plekhanov and Lenin are referring to, and without any preoccupation as to how the propagandist and agitator transmit these ideas, groups like PRRWO have reduced this question to a mere formulation spouted by their cadres at the May Day Coalition as "propaganda is many ideas to the few and agitation is few ideas to the many" and that's it If we see this from such a mechanical point of view, only the number of ideas involved would matter.

this point of view, it would be enough to include many topices in a newspaper article or in a leaflet to make it a propaganda piece Hence, The Call (OL's paper) would be "propaganda" because it deals with many topics e g strikes national liberation struggles, party building, social-imperialism, war, facism, etc., and Palante (PRRWO's paper) would be "agitation" because it deals only with purges But this is an incorrect way of looking at this question Lenin, as a matter of fact, explains clearly what is propaganda, what is agitation and the relation between both We are including this long, and hardly known, much less understood and applied, passage from The Tasks of the Russian Social Democrats:

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W.V.O.'s FORUM BACKFIRES

On Friday, June 11th, the Workers Viewpoint Organization sponsored a forum in Los Angeles, California. This was part of a series of forums which that organization sponsored throughout the country. The participants at this forum were. WVO and the Boston Chapter of The February First Movement (FFM) which, based on the line they defended left no doubts that that chapter is WVO's student appendage in that city.

The Boston Chapter of FFM made the first presentation which concentrated on the OL It specifically criticized OL's position on "bussing", the ERA, etc Later, the FFM spoke of the "two contending trends", war and revolution, which according to them (and WVO) characterizes the present world

not be used Of course we don't know But since it's a secret and we don't want to nor should make it public, then we can't justify our open errors with the clandestine successes

In our presentation, we raised three question to WVO and one to FFM Since he was unable to respond to any of the four, the WVO representative became histerical and resorted to calling us "agents of the bourgeoisie" We are putting them forth again through this medium so that our readers can learn from that experience with the opportunists of WVO

1) In their presentation, WVO pointed out that RWL had had a "right opportunist line for over two years"

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The socialist activities of Russian Social Democrats consist in spreading by propaganda the teachings of scientific socialism in spreading among the workers a proper understanding of the present social and economic system its basis and its development an understanding of the various classes in Russian society of their interrelations of the strutgle between these classes of the role of the working class in this struggle of its attitude towards the declining and the developing classes, towards the past and the future of capitalism an understanding of the historical task of international Social Democracy and of the Russian working class Inseparably connected with propaganda is agitation among the workers, which naturally comes to the forefront in the present political conditions of Russia and at the present level of development of the masses of workers Agitation among the workers means that the Social Democrats take part in all the spontaneous manifestations of the working class struggle, in all the conflicts between the workers and the capitalists over the working day wages working conditions, etc., etc. Our task is to merge our activities with the practical everyday questions of working-class life to help the workers understand these questions to draw the workers attention to the most important abuses to help them formulate their demands to the employers more precisely and practically, to develop among the workers consciousness of their solidarity, consciousness of the common interests and common cause of all the Russian workers as a united working class that is part of the international army of the proletariat. To organise study circles among workers, to establish proper and secret connections between them and the central group of Social-Democrats to publish and distribute working class literature, to organise the receipt of correspondence from all centies of the working class movement to publish agitational leaflets and manifestos and to distribute them and to train a body of experienced agitators—such in broa

And so we must qualify the many ideas in propaganda as "spreading the teachings of scientific socialism", of Marxism-leninism Mio Tse tung thought and qualifying agitation as 1) "taking part in the spontaneous struggles of the masses" and 2) helping the workers to understand the problems they face, giving them political direction in their struggle and promoting class consciousness and proletarian internationalism among them. By so doing, we'll have a clearer and more complete understanding of both concepts. And it is important that we emphasize Lenin's categorical statement that "agitation is inseparably linked to propaganda" Yes, INSEPARABLY. This is why we have consistently criticized the incorrect "ultra-leftist" postion of PRRWO that propaganda is not only the chief, but the only form of activity in this period.

Propaganda is understood by a numerically smaller sector of people than is agitation. In order to understand Marxism-leninism Mao Tse tung thought workers need a certain degree of ideological and political development that only through training can be achieved. We can't forget one of the basic teachings that "the socialist consciousness comes to the working class from outside." Thus, due to the complexity of the problems dealt with in propaganda, relations and suruggle between classes, the State, imperialism and social-imperialism, the need for the party, the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism, etc., only the most advanced workers are in a position to understand the larger part of that propaganda, the average workers a lesser part and he less advanced workers very little

Let it be clear that this is in terms of the contents of the propaganda. We have to make this point very clear because many commades believe that the complexity of propaganda is not only based on its contents but that we also have to add to its complexity by using "refined" language, lots of phrase mongering and twisted syntax. That, commades, has nothing to do with propaganda. That is pure petty bourgeois windbag attitude. The most revolutionary is not the one that best disguises the contents of his message and makes it more difficult to understand. But on the contrary, those who make the formulation in a clearer and simpler (not simplistic) way. On this question G. Dimitrov points out that

"Furthermore it most be borne in mind that the masses cannot assimilate our decisions unless we learn to speak a language which they understand. We do not always know now to speak simply, concretely, in images which are familiar and intelligible to the masses. We are still unable to refrain from abstract formulas which we have learnt by rote. As a matter of fact, if you look through our leaflets, newspapers, resolutions and theses, you will find that they are often written in a language and style so heavy that they are difficult for even our party functionaries to understand, let alone the rank-and-file workers."

In the same speech, he adds

"When writing or speaking, always have in mind the rank-and-file worker who must understand you, must believe in your appeal and be ready to follow you You must have in mind those for whom you write, to whom you speak "

Georgi Dimitrov Report to the 7th Congress of the Communist International

Hence we have to avoid confusing our inability to transmit an idea with the workers' capacity to understand and accept scientific socialism. Let's not blame the workers for our incapacity and the sectarian way in which we write many times. We have to end the "Doctoral thesis" style of writing that is so common in the communist movement in the United States.

Our propaganda in this period, the period of the building of the party, has to be mainly directed to tha advanced so that we can win and consolidate them to communism We want to emphasize that "ma nly" does not mean "equally" nor "exclusive-Thus, we have to combat the right deviation ly" in this question which belittles the role of the advanced and the role of propaganda in relation to the advanced (WVO - OL) and the "left" deviation which views propaganda as only aimed at vanced (PRRWO - RWL) The right deviat which is the main danger at this time, is subst.tuting agitation for propaganda and the liquidating the role of the advanced, limiting the work to our economist agitation among the masses. The "left" devation completely liquidates agitation and the work among the average and less advanced workers and in practice it also liquidates propaganda which Both deviacannot exist separated from agitation tions adversely affect the process of fusion between the communist movement and the working class movement

"The separation of the working class movement and socialism give rise to weakness and underdevelopment in each the theories of the socialists, unfused with the workers' struggle, remained nothing more than utopieas, good wishes and that had no effect on real life, the working class movement remained petty, fragmented, and did not acquire political significance, was not enlightened by the advanced science of its time."

Lenin A Retrograde Trend in Russian Social Democracy Page 264 Complete Works

FUSION, MAIN DANGER

There have been a lot of arguing back and forth, but very little analyses in relation to what is the level of fusion between the communist movement and the working class movement in the U.S. today WVO

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says that it's just beginning while PRRWO maintains that it's highly advanced However, neither organization puts forth the basis for their position OL, as always, is ready to build the party now. In our understanding, the absence of a communist party in the U S is an undeniable proof of the low level of fusion between both movements Within the working class movement the influence of the communist movement is virtually non-existent Even revisionists and right opportunists with all their tailing behind the masses have no real influence in the working class movement That is why within the working class reformism and not right opportunism or revisionism is the main danger In our work within the working class movement we must direct our main blow against the labor aristocracy Within this movement those that have real influence are Meany, Fitzsimmons, Gotbaum, Leon Davis, etc and not the OL and WVO, not to mention "ultraleftists" such as PRRWO and RWL, which really don't exist for the working class. This does not deny the fact that in some areas of the country or in a particular industrial sector or service area a revisionist or Menshevik organization may have some limited influence including being in the leadership of certain struggles In those particular cases, these organizations, together with the labor aristocracy are the target of our main blow

This is not to say that we do not recognize the work being done in the working class movement by Mar-xist-leninist organizations, Marxist-Leninist collectives and Marxist-leninist individuals, which is geared to fuse these two great movements. The first and the biggest step in this fusion is concretized with the building of the party. That is why we defend as correct the formulation that all our work must be seen in the context of party building. All our activities must be seen within the context of how they will aid in accelerating this process. Whoever deviates even a little, even for a moment is objectively affecting and sacrificing what is in the best interests of the working class. Lenin points out

Our principal and fundamental task is to facilitate the political development and the political organisation of the working class. Those who push this task into the background who refuse to subordinate to it all the special tasks and particular methods of struggle are following a false path and causing serious harm to the movement. And it is being pushed into the background, firstly by those who call upon revolutionaries to employ only the forces of isolated conspiratorial circles cut off from the working-class movement in the struggle against the government. It is being pushed into the background secondly by those who restrict the content and scope of political propaganda agitation and organisation who think it fit and proper to treat the workers to politics only at exceptional moments in their lives only on festive occasions, who too solicitously substitute demands for partial concessions from the autocracy for the political struggle against the autocracy and who do not go to sufficient lengths to ensure that these demands for partial concessions are raised to the status of a systematic implacable struggle of a revolutionary working class party against the autocracy

Lenin Collected Works Vol 4 Pg 369

It would do well to point out that while we hold that all our work must be seen in the context of our central task, which is party building, this quite different thing that to say "our principal and only task is to build the party (PRRWO) The first position recognizes that because our principal and fundamental task is to build the party, all our work must be seen as a function of and in the service of this task. The second position is purely "left infantilism, petty bourgeois idealism, which results in the liquidation of all the practical activities of communists."

The right opportunists make economist agitation, craw crawling behind the masses, their main task They see the party as an outgrowth of the mass movement This is why OL after 2 or 3 years of purely economist practice can say that "the objective and subjective conditions for the building of the party already exist. That is why WVO speaks of a mass party with a Leninist core". The center, we assume will be WVO which has proclaimed itself to be an "irreversible trend and the masses will be convinced by means of their "Coalitions against the Budget Cuts These right opportunists, in an attempt to limit the activity of the masses to mere economic struggles are in practice sacrificing the independence of the working class and converting it into a mere appendage of the labor aristocracy and liberal politicians, and consequently of the bourgeoisie. It is within this context that we must analyze the slogan "Unite to Expose of WVO and the "Fight Back Coalition" of the OL Lenin's teaching:

"It is the task of the Social-Democrats, by organizing the workers, by conducting propaganda and agitation among them, to turn

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their spontaneous struggle against their oppressors into the struggle of the whole class, into the struggle of a definite political party for definite political and socialist ideals. This is something that cannot be achieved by local activity alone."

Lenin Collected Works, Vol 4, Pg 216

is distorted by the OL and WVO in order to justify their purely economist agitation among the masses and their leaving "propaganda" for certain occassions and certain places

The "left" opportunists are not an alternative but a direct complement to the right opportunists. Under the pretext of winning the advanced which for them is a rare animal nowhere to be found, these opportunists do not carry any type of propaganda or agitation among the masses.

Sticking purely to the letter of Marxism-leninism without taking into account the conditions under which one or another postion was put forward and without bothering about Stalin's teachings to do 'concrete analysis of concrete conditions", "Everything depends on on place, time and conditions", PRRWO-RWL allege that in this period no agitation can be directed at the masses nore is there any need for "organic contact" between the communist movement and the working class movement. For them propaganda is to be aimed only at the advanced, no work need be done with the intermediate of the less advanced until after the party is formed. They base their position in that Stalin says that in the first period

the period of the formation of the vanguard (i e the party) of the proletariat, the period of mustering the Party's cadres In this period the Party was weak it had a programme and general principles of tactics, but as a party of mass action it was weak He adds "The principal task of communism in Russia in that period was to recruit into the Party the best elements of the working class, those who were most active and most devoted to the cause of the proletariat to form the ranks of the proletarian party and to put it firmly on its feet " Lenin adds "to win the vanguard of the proletariat" 'propaganda is the chief form of activity in this period" Stalin, "The Party Before and After the Taking of Power", Collected Works, Vol 5

So based on what are the principal aspects of the first perios - concentrate on ourselves, win the advanced, propaganda the chief form of activity, PRRWO-RWL liquidate the other aspects - pay attention to the masses, influence and upgrade the intermediate and less advanced and carry out agitation The way in which these left" opportunists see the whole process is mechanical and one-sided They don t see stages dialectically, in the process of development, but as static and lifeless 'first this, and when we re finished, then the other" is their logic They hold that there can be no agitation at all until there is a party, that no organic contact with the masses can be had until the second period, that the advanced are won exclusively through propaganda, etc Let s see what Marxism-Leninism says about this

IT'S FALSE THAT AGITATION MUST WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE PARTY IS BUILT

Stalin points out in the History of CPSU(B) that

'Lenin put before the League of Struggle the task of forming closer connections with the mass working-class movement and of giving it political leadership. Lenin proposed to pass from the propaganda of Marxism among the few politically advanced workers who gathered in the propaganda circles to political agitation among the broad masses of the working class on issues of the day. This turn towards mass agitation was of profound importance for the subsequent development of the working-class movement in Russia. History of the CPSU(B), Pages 16-17

That was in 1895, well before the Party was built. So although the chief form of activity was propaganda, the Russian Marxists also consistently carried out agitation. Further, referring to the need for communist participation in the spontaneous mass struggles, that they give direction and communist leadership Lenin points out

'Calls for action, not in the general, but in the concrete sense of the term can be made only at the place of action only those who themselves go into action, and do so immediately can sound such calls " Lenin What is to be done? Page 88, Foreign Languages Press (Peking). Despite this, PRRWO calls any participation in the spontaneous mass struggle "economism" and bowing to spontaneity' and claims that there is no need for organic contact between the communist movement and the working class movement at this time Discussing the roleof a communist newspaper, Lenin points out

"The average worker will not understand some of the articles in a newspaper that aims to be the organ of the Party, he will not be able to get a full grasp of an intricate theoretical or practical problem. This does not at all mean that the newspaper must lower itself to the level of the mass of its readers The newspaper, on the contrary, must raise their level and help promote advanced workers from the middle stratum of workers Such workers, absorbed by local practical work and interested mainly in the events of the working-class movement and the immediate problems of agitation, should connect their very act with thoughts of the entire Russian working-class movement, its historical task, and the ultimate goal of socialism, so that the newspaper, the mass of whose readers are average workers, must connect socialism and the political struggle with every local an and narrow question " Lenin Retrograde Trend in Russian Social-Democracy Vol 4 LCW

Clearly seeing that a newspaper directed only at the advanced would leave the lower strata devoid of propaganda and agitation, Lenin adds

Lastly, behind the stratum of average workers comes the mass that constitutes the lower strata of the proletariat It is quite possible that a socialist newspaper will be completely or well-nigh incomprehensible to them (even in Western Europe the number of Social-Democratic voters is much larger than the number of readers of Social Democratic newspapers) but it would be absurd to conclude from this that the nowspaper of the Social-Democrats should adapt itself to the lowest possible level of the workers. The only thing that follows from this is that different forms of agitation and propaganda must be brought to bear on these strata—pamphlets written in more popular language, oral agitation, and chiefly—leaflets on local events. The Social Democrats should not confine themselves even to this, it is quite possible that the first steps towards arousing the consciousness of the lower strata of the workers will have to take the form of legal educational activities.

Lenin Ibid

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MEDIUM WHAT IS THE EDITORIAL POLICY

OF OUR POLITICAL PAPER, RESISTENCIA,

IN REGARDS TO COMRADES AND FRIENDS

WHO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

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- 2) WE PUBLISH ARTICLES WE DO NOT

 AGREE WITH, BUT WHICH CONTAIN

 FORMULATIONS OR CRITICISMS IN

 A SERIOUS MANNER, WHICH WE FEEL

 IMPORTANT TO HOLD POLEMICS

 WITH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE

 WHOLE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT
- 3) WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EDIT,
 SHORTEN OR ADD TO ARTICLES
 SUBMITTED
- 4) WE DO NOT REVEAL THE CONTRIBUT ORS' NAME

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PROPAGANDA IS THE CHIEF FORM OF ACTIVITY

We reaffirm the correctness of the formulation that propaganda is the chief form of activity in this period It is through propaganda that we can advance the process of uniting Marxist-Leninists (which is primary) and win and consolidate the advanced to communism (the secondary task in relation to the first, but which is carried out simultaneously with it) This is so as long as we combine our propaganda with agitation, as long as we don't limit all propaganda only to the advanced and participate actively, providing direction and communist leadership in the spontaneous mass struggles We concentrate on the advanced workers, not because we have disdain or underrate the less advanced, but because we know that only by winning the leaders of the class to our side, those who in every instance determine the character of the working class movement, can we eventually unite the class and lead in an organized manner to the seizure of power, the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the construction of socialism. The teachings of Lenin are essential in this respect in order to better understand - Why the Advanced? and Why propaganda?

Hence, those who accuse the Russian Social Democrats of being narrow minded, of trying to ignore the mass of the labouring population for the sake of the factory workers, are profoundly mistaken. On the contrary, agitation among the advanced sections of the proletariat is the surest and the only way to rouse (as the movement expands) the entire Russian proletariat. The dissemination of socialism and of the idea of the class struggle among the urban workers will inevitably cause these ideas to flow in the smaller and more scattered channels. This requires that these ideas take deeper root among the better prepared elements and spread throughout the vanguard of the Russian working-class movement and of the Russian revolution.

Lenin Collected Works, Vol. 2, Pg 331

Propaganda, like agitation, takes many different forms. The newspaper, leaflets, forums, conferences, study circles (chief form used to consolidate advanced elements), discussion of its paper, etc are the forms we use most. We also consider important the propaganda value of conversations with advanced workers, contacts, neighbors, etc. Finally, so far as propaganda is concerned, we want to point out the publication and distribution of Marxist-Leninist works.

In regards to publications we have provided communists and advanced workers in the US with Marxism and the National Question by Joseph Stalin (not published in Spanish since 1939) in English A Retrograde Trend in Russian Social-Democracy by Lenin and articles on Strategy and Tactics by Joseph Stalin. We have also reproduced a series of articles from Peking Review and Albania Today Our organization has consistently distributed these published works as well as our own propaganda, magazines from China and Albania and classics of Marxism-Leninism in factories, schoools and working class communities. This is an important and integral part of our propaganda work

In finishing this first article on agitation and propaganda, we see the need to further study and deepen our understanding of this question, and thus improve our agitation and propaganda in practice Lastly, we should point out another incorrect tendency that exists within the communist movement regarding the relationship between propaganda and agitation That is the tendency to see agitation and propaganda in two stages first agitation and then propaganda agitation in order to prepare the workers to understand propaganda. This is an incorrect right which as a matter of fact was promoted by the economists which Lenin majestically combatted in What is to be done? The use of propaganda or agitation, or both simutaneously, or the use of one first and then the other next or whatever order they are used in a particular place, is determined by concrete conditions of the place, the specific activity, etc , and not by a mechanical formula

Comrades The party has to be built in fierce battle against all types of opportunism. On the question of agitation and propaganda OL and WVO have a right opportunist line while RWL and PRRWO have a "left" opportunist line. Both lines complement and nourish each other. We must defeat both!

And so, to work comrades! Let us not lose precious time! Russian Social-Democrats have much to do to meet the requirements of the awakening proletariat, to organise the working class movement to strengthen the revolutionary groups and their mutual ties to supply the workers with propaganda and agitational literature, and to unite the workers circles and Social Democratic groups scattered all over Russia into a single Social Democratic Labour Party!

Lenin, Collected Works, Vol 2

study guide for



Party Building

We have received many requests from our comrades asking what readings they should make in order to get a better grasp on the question of party building. The following list is being used in our study circles. More readings are in the process of being incorporated as we realize that this one is far from complete. We welcome criticisms of the list and also suggestions of other readings that should be added.

In case that it be impossible for comrades to get a hold of any of these readings, please get in contact with us so that we can make them accessible to you. Please be as self-reliant as possible Reproducing materials, mailing, etc. cost a lot!

- 1 History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevick) emphasis on chapters 1 to 4 and conclusion
- 2 History of the Party of Labor of Albania emphasis on chapter 1
- 3 Lenin What is to be Done?
 emphasis on Chapter 3 section c and chapter 4 section c
- 4 Lenin One Step Forward, Two Steps Back
- 5 Stalin Foundations of Leninism emphasis on chapter VIII The Party
- 6 Stalin Proletarian Class, Proletarian Party see Stalin Collected Works (SCW) Vol 2
- 7 Mao Rectify the Party Style of Work
- 8 Mao . Reform Our Study
- 9 Stalin: The Party Crisis and Our Task see SCW Vol 2
- 10 Lenin A Draft Program of Our Party see Lenin Collected Works (LCW) Vol 4
- ll Lenin · The Urgent Tasks of Our Movement see L C W Vol 4
- 12 Mao Oppose Stereotyped Party Writing
- 13 Stalin The Party Before and After Taking Power see S C W Vol 5
- 14 Lenin A Retrograde Trend in Russian Social-Democracy see L C W Vol 4
- 15 Lenin Declaration of the Editorial Board of Iskra see L C W Vol 4
- 16 Lenin The Tasks of the Russian Social-Democrats see L C W Vol 2
- 17 Dimitrov The Fascist Offensive and the Tasks of the Communist International in the Struggle of the Working Class against Fascism see Dimitrov On United Front
- 18 Foto Cami The Objective and Subjective Factors in the Revolution see Albania Today #8, 1973
- 19 On Party Organization our reprint from the Australian Communist No 52 (june 1972)
- 20 Some Views of the Communist International on Party Building our reprint of some materials of the Communist International

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gramme. On the other band if the polemic is not to be fruitless if it is not to degenerate into personal rivalry, if it is not to lead to a confusion of views to a confounding of enemies and friends it is absolutely esential that the question of the programme be introduced into the polemic. The polemic will be of benefit only if it makes clear in what the difference actually consist how profound they are whether they are differences of substance or differences on partial questions whether or not these differences interfere with common work in the ranks of one and the same party. Only the introduction of the programme question into the polemic only a definite statement by the two polemising parties on their programmatic views can provide an answer to dl these questions questions that insistently demand an answer. The elaboration of a common programme for the 17-cy should not of course put an end to all polemics it will firmly establish those basic views on the character the aims and the task of our movement which must serve a the banner of a fighting party a party that remains consolidated and united despite partial differences of opinion among its members on partial question.

Lenin, A Draft Programme of Our Party, Collected Works, Volume 2 It is the task of Social Democracy to develop the political consciousness of the masses and not to drag along at the tail end of the masses that have no political rights, secondly, and this is most important it is untrue that the masses will not understand the idea of political struggle. Even the most backward worker will understand the idea provided of course the agitator or propagandist is able to approach him in such a way as to communicate the idea to him to explain it in understandable language on the basis of facts the worker knows from everyday experience. But this condition is just as indispensable for clarifying the economic struggle in this field too the backward worker from the lower or middle strata of the masses will not be able to assimilate the general idea of economic struggle it is an idea that can be absorbed by a few educated workers whom the masses will follow guided by their instincts and their direct, immediate interests

Lenin, <u>Apropos of the Profession de Foi</u>, Collected Works, Vol 4, Page 291

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