

## US presidential election between pest and cholera

The surprising victory of Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton in the election of the new US president causes worldwide sensations and intensifies the international societal polarization. Immediately after the announcement of the election the USA was overrun with militant mass demonstrations. After an exceptional media campaign for months in the end there was only the choice between pest and cholera left for the masses. In view of that the largest group, that of the non-voters, stayed away from this sham election. Thus with 58.1% voter participation Trump was elected with only 25% of the electoral votes as the 45th US president. He was elected by 18% of the total US population and just under 26% of the eligible voters. With unbridled demagoguery, a flood of lies, a crude, open racist smear campaign and vile manipulation Trump presented himself as alleged advocate of the unemployed and impoverished workers and middle strata as well as opponent of the corrupt Wall Street managers, the representatives of the international monopoly and financial capital. In spite of his well-known open racist, chauvinist and anti-women positions he won as the supposedly lesser evil over the desired candidate of the Wall Street and the political establishment. After the failure of US imperialism in Iraq and Afghanistan and the relapse in the international competition after the world economic and financial crisis the most reactionary representatives of the US-American finance capital are trying to lead US imperialism back to old strength with Donald Trump.

Donald Trump taking office marks a general tendency towards open reaction and has geopolitical consequences. The termination of the Global Climate Agreement is part of a rollback concerning environmental policy. As to economy Trump stands for an intensified protectionism and as to politics for a reactionary migrant policy, open anti-communism and an aggressive foreign policy. Many immigrant are anxious about their safety and their status in the USA. This is going to aggravate contradictions and provoke struggles on a worldwide scale.

The shift to the right of the new US government is a result of the masses seeking an alternative to the existing dispensation. In the election campaign this was revealed in a close neck-and-neck race between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders who found recognition among many people with the demonstrative positioning as advocate of socialism. There was no real alternative in the presidential election.

All this shows the farce of the bourgeois democracy and that bourgeois parliamentarism loses its effect to the same extend as progressive societal potential consolidates in the left trend and uses the democratic rights in elections for a proletarian profile. The crisis of bourgeois parliamentarism has become a general phenomenon. All over the world the masses are searching for a societal alternative to the imperialist crisis system. The conclusion can only consist in strengthening real alternatives all over the world. That means: priority to the construction of strong Marxist-Leninist parties in all countries of the world, union of the revolutionary forces in coordination and cooperation in the ICOR, the union of the revolutionaries of the world.

**For peace, freedom and democracy – for socialism!**

**Strengthen the ICOR!**

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1. RCP Revolutionary Communist Party of Egypt
2. ORC Organisation Révolutionnaire du Congo (Revolutionary Organization of Congo), Democratic Republic of the Congo
3. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
4. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia
5. MLOA Marxist-Leninist Organization of Afghanistan
6. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
7. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
8. Ranjbaran Hezb-e Ranjbaran-e Iran (Proletarian Party of Iran)
9. NCP (Mashal) Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)
10. APTUF All Pakistan Trade Union Federation
11. NDMLP New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party, Sri Lanka
12. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
13. KSC-CSSP Komunistická Strana Československa – Československa Strana Prace (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Czechoslovakian Workers Party), Czech Republic
14. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
15. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
16. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
17. MLP Marksistsko-Leninskaja Platforma (Marxist-Leninist Platform), Russia
18. MLGS Marxistisch-Leninistische Gruppe Schweiz (Marxist-Leninist Group of Switzerland)
19. TIKB Türkiye İhtilalci Komünistler Birliği (Union of Revolutionary Communists of Turkey)
20. KSRD Koordinazionnyj Sowjet Rabotschewo Dvizhenija (Coordination Council of the Workers Class Movement), Ukraine
21. PR Partija Rada (Party of Labor), Yugoslavia (ex)
22. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
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29. NPCH (ML) Nouveau Parti Communiste Haïtien (Marxiste-Léniniste) (New Communist Party of Haiti (Marxist-Leninist))
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