

No Vote for the Capitalist Democratic Party!

**For a Workers Party
that Fights for Workers Rule!**

The Democrats' anti-Trump "resistance" has been working overtime for four years to win back U.S. imperialism's chief executive office. The Democrats paint this election as a "historic turning point." In reality, it is a repeat of the seemingly endless cycle in American politics, switching from one capitalist administration to another and back again while the exploitation and oppression of the working masses stand unchallenged and unchanged. The Marxist Spartacist League/U.S. opposes on principle any support to or vote for any bourgeois party: Democrat, Republican or Green. What is necessary is to build a multiracial revolutionary workers party, independent of and opposed to the capitalist parties, to lead the exploited and oppressed in the struggle for a workers government.

Many workers and youth have little enthusiasm for Biden but are being roped into supporting the Democrats with the line that you have to hold your nose and vote them in to stop Trump. It's a lie that putting a Democrat in office will improve the conditions of workers, minorities and women. Spreading lesser-evil illusions in the Democrats, the pro-capitalist labor bureaucracy and fake socialists chain the workers to their class enemy. Like the Republicans, the Democratic Party represents the interests of the American capitalist ruling class, i.e., the owners of the means of production and the banks. Bolshevik leader V.I. Lenin succinctly described bourgeois elections as a chance for voters to "decide once every few years which member of

the ruling class is to repress and crush the people." The working class has no interest in which representative of the capitalist class is president.

The main mechanism by which the American bourgeoisie politically subordinates workers and the oppressed is the capitalist two-party system. This depends in large measure on the big lie that there are major and decisive differences between the Democrats and Republicans. It is an illusion entertained by many workers and fostered by the reformists that the Republicans are more "reactionary" and the Democrats are more "progressive." Both parties are equally reactionary in their fundamental positions and policies, which are determined by the needs of U.S. imperialism and its program of world domination. This is the ironclad framework within which both parties must move and maneuver.

The differences that exist between the Democrats and Republicans are secondary and reflect tactical differences and conflicting interests among different sections of the ruling class. Each party has political machines to promote its own special interests and use different techniques and methods of demagogy to hold various layers of the population under their control. As American Trotskyist leader James P. Cannon remarked in 1944 about the U.S. capitalists: "What is their fundamental method? It is the *two-party system*. Which party do they support? They support *both*. And what is even more important, both parties support them in all *fundamental* questions."

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