

THE GLOBALIZATION OF NEOCOLONIALISM AND THE FUTURE OF PROTEST AND REVOLUTION

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SUMMARY

1. All the twentieth century's revolutions were reactions to the advance of the global neocolonial order. The coupling of these nations into the neocolonial order condemned them as underdeveloped regions providers of raw materials and cheap labour.
2. Resistance to neocolonialism was a combined reaction of nationalism and Marxism. Marxism failed as an alternative course to modernity and as a counter-hegemony against neocolonialism. The end of colonialism was a prerequisite for neocolonialism and the Western rule of law. The fall of socialism and the peak of oil provided the backdrop to the full circle of neoliberal globalization and war for the control of oil sources. Revolutions in the Arab countries carried the germ of the globalizing neocolonial subversion.
3. As neoliberal globalization has imposed a global financial, economic, political and military order, any attempt to resist seems futile and ill-fated. The WTO, the G7 and the imperial armies of the U.S. and NATO are a de facto global government that secures the full circle of the globalized neoliberal order. Humanity has been left to the neoliberal globalized order's own devices, and to be "globalized" has become a synonym for "assimilated." Within assimilation, the political Left has ceased to exist or pushed into irrelevance. A weakened social democracy entrenched in the U.N.'s Millennium Goals is countered by the pervading global neoliberal order. The irrelevance of protest and the assimilation of the Black cause were demonstrated by the Rodney King Riots and the Occupy Movement. Talk of revolution –including Marxism, anarchism and nationalism- has become an irrelevant enterprise as well as belief and science. The neoliberal globalizing order's consumer brainwashing machine, its rights system, its individualist philosophy, its commodified modernity, and its neon lights have become the powerful superstructural meat grinder that fuses all religions, all racialized peoples, all ideologies, and all genders. Migration towards the cities and the globalized industrial societies provides the escape valve to social pressure stemming from population growth and underdevelopment in time when climate change pushes people from the South. Under assimilation, there is no challenge to the system, and spontaneous and headless flare ups, no matter how violent, are redundant. With a powerful oil establishment and a globalized neoliberal order as our government, we are all –Mothership Earth included- in the lemmings' march. An alternative to this state of affairs is the organization of non-doctrinaire anti-neoliberal socialist parties.