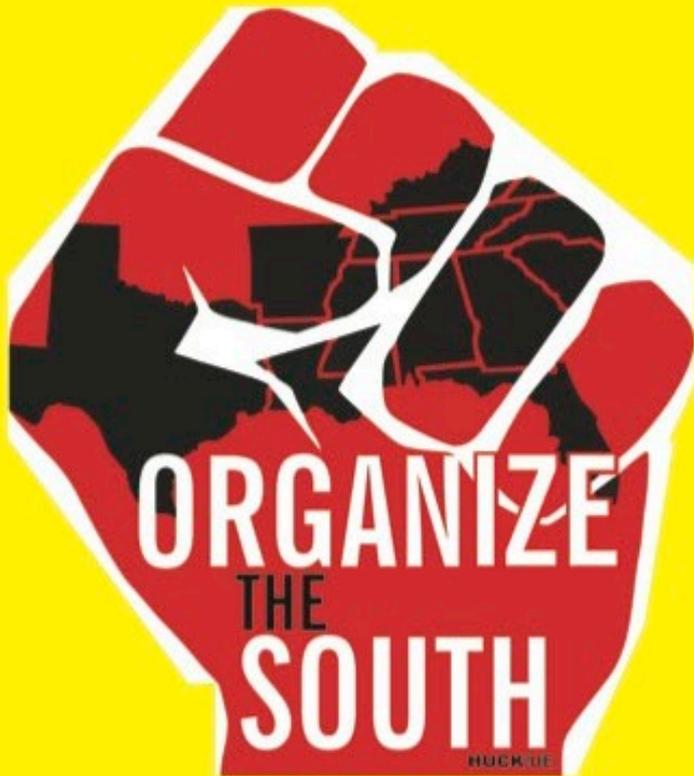


# **Strategy and Tactics for the Anti-Capitalist Struggle**

**Southern Workers Assembly School**

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# What does it mean to be anti-capitalist?

**First:** Know what capitalism is

**Second:** Unite the working class

**Third:** Have a class analysis of state power

**Fourth:** Have a plan to implement struggle



# Review of Session #1

## What is capitalism and how do you know that

### Private property:

The capitalist class owns the means of production, tools/technology and natural resources

### Labor:

The masses of people are forced to sell their labor power in order to earn money to live

### Government:

Capitalists control the government and make rules that serve themselves



### Profit:

Wealth is accumulated based on exploiting labor backed up by government laws

### Classes:

Wealth polarizes, rich and poor, with a middle class in between

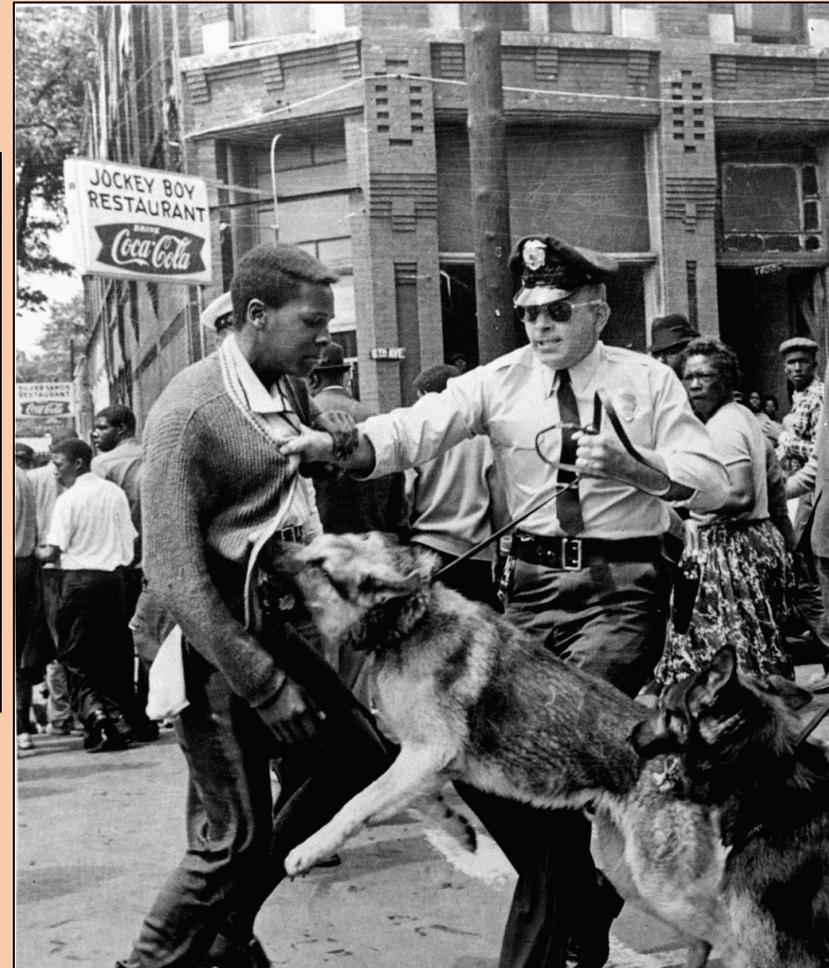
# Review of session #2

## What is the working class and how to unite it



# Review of session #3

## What is the class nature of the state and how to fight it



# What is a strategy?

**A plan of action or policy  
designed to achieve a major or overall aim**



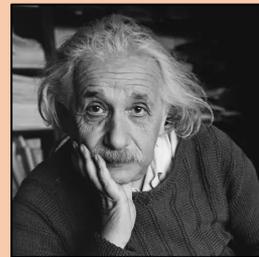
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to end poverty  
once and for all**

**How?**

**We need a strategy  
to end capitalism  
once and for all**

# The fundamental dialectic: Reform vs. Revolution



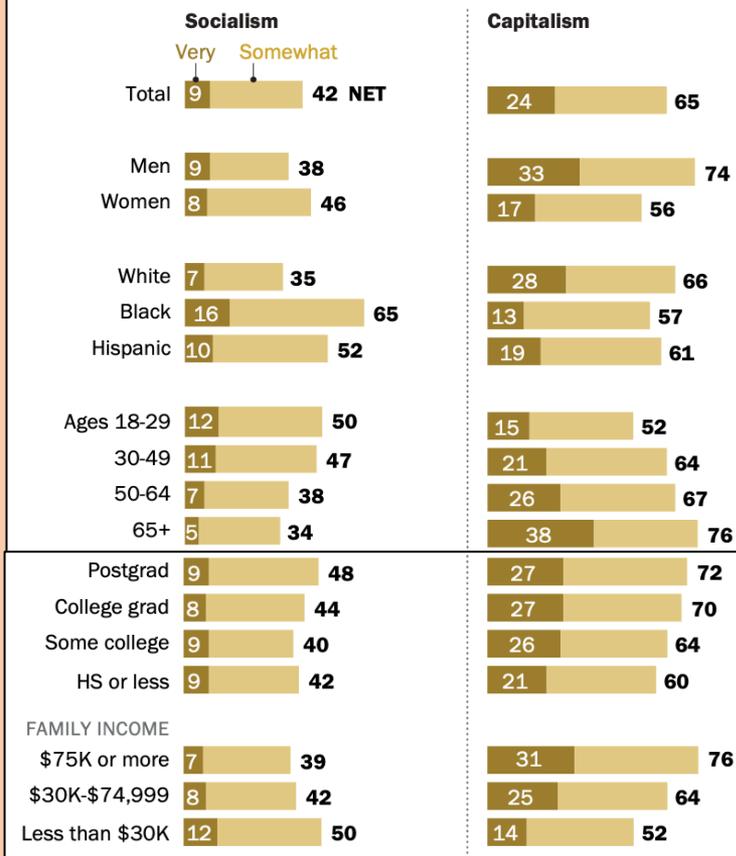


# Why socialism?

I am convinced there is only *one* way to eliminate these grave evils, namely through the establishment of a socialist economy, accompanied by an educational system which would be oriented toward social goals. In such an economy, the means of production are owned by society itself and are utilized in a planned fashion. A planned economy, which adjusts production to the needs of the community, would distribute the work to be done among all those able to work and would guarantee a livelihood to every man, woman, and child. The education of the individual, in addition to promoting his own innate abilities, would attempt to develop in him a sense of responsibility for his fellow men in place of the glorification of power and success in our present society.—**Albert Einstein**

## Sizable racial and ethnic, age, gender and income differences in views of 'socialism' and 'capitalism'

% who say they have a very or somewhat positive impression of ...

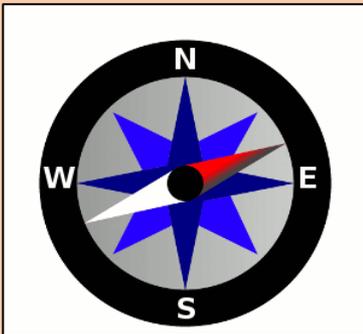
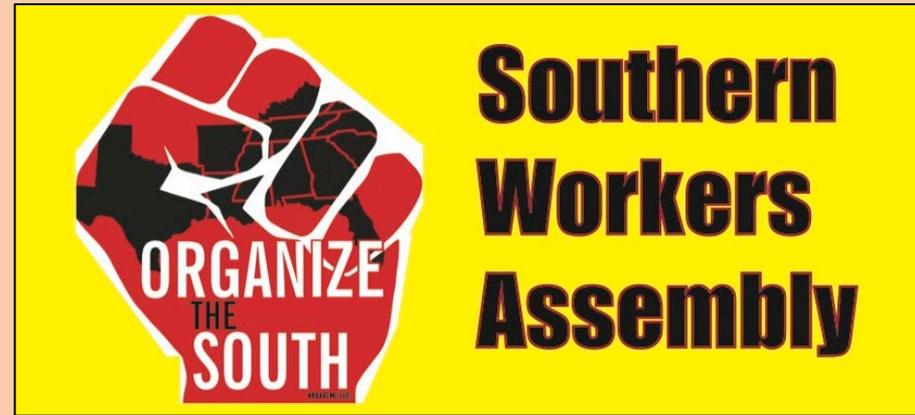


Notes: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 29-May 13, 2019.

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# Strategic tools

1. A vision
2. Organization
3. Leadership
4. A plan



# Toward a Strategic Vision



If you can  
imagine your  
future, you are  
a visionary.  
Visualize a  
future that  
excites and  
inspires you.

**Property:**

from capitalist to worker controlled

**Labor:**

from unorganized to fully unionized

**Government:**

from plutocracy to dual power

**Profit:**

surplus value used for the public good

**Classes:**

from exploitation to cooperation

**Our vision, in our words, for our future**

# We build Workers Assemblies for workers power



**The foundation of our movement is workplace organizations. We link together such organizations in one city, then build unity with the social movements, especially the liberation movements of Blacks, Latinx, and Women.**

# **Workers Unity = Workers Power**



To me, a leader is a visionary that energizes others. This definition of leadership has two key dimensions: a) creating the vision of the future, and b) inspiring others to make the vision a reality.

**A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.—Lao Tzu**

# **A strategic plan is composed of tactics**

**Where are we going? How are we going to get there?**

## **Form a committed core**

**Key contacts in multiple workplaces**

**Organize discussions, identify issues**

**Organize recruitment to expand the groups**

**Study the issues and prepare to attack**

## **Recruit a militant minority**

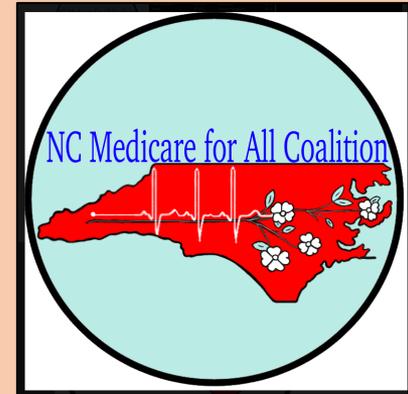
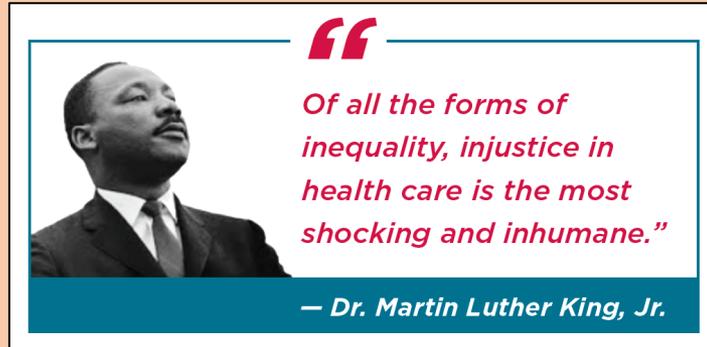
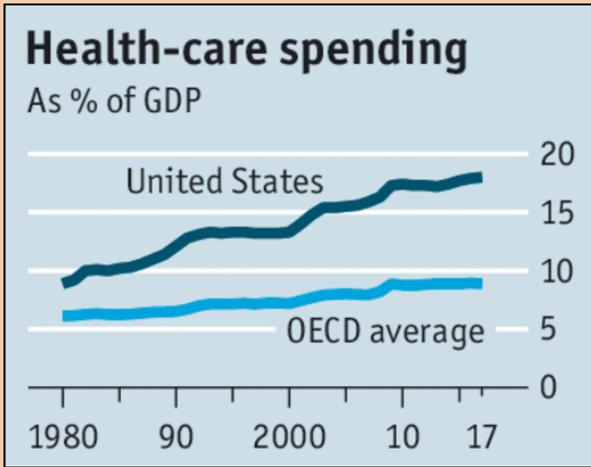
**Set up local process for communication**

**Create a network of multiple workplaces and locations**

**Create slogans to concentrate political line, educate, agitate, and mobilize**

**Plan campaigns of collective action that unite workers & community activists**

# Slogans: What are they? How to use them?



## MEDICARE FOR ALL

Same slogan used 3 ways

### Educational

Set a curriculum for study

### Agitational

Organize a consensus

### Action

Focus mass action



# Mass Action is how we exercise the power of the working class



# Anti-Capitalism Struggle

Unite with the Black Liberation Movement

**LIVE ONLINE EVENT**  
**BLACK LIVES MATTER!**  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 6PM

**Workers Uniting unite**

**USW**

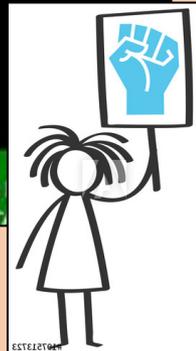
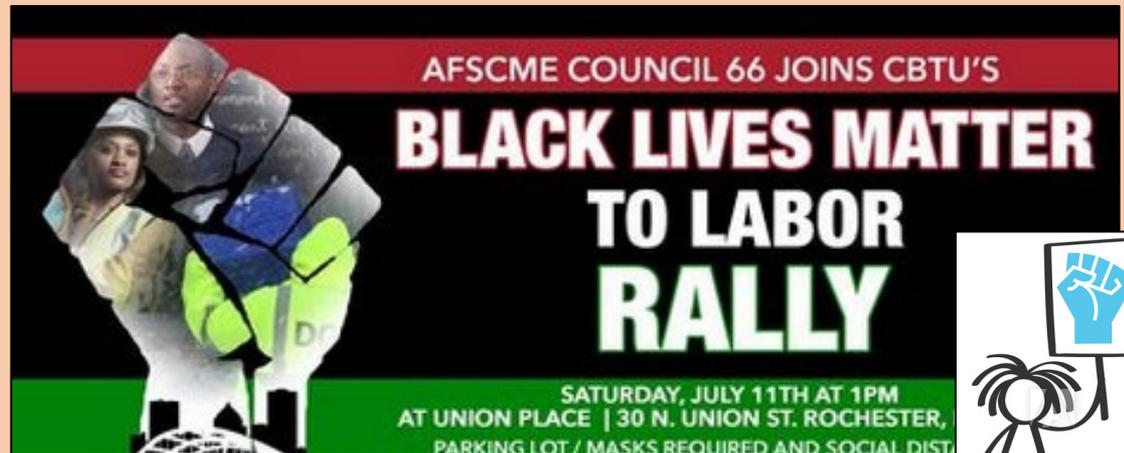
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Susan Matthews  
UNITE National BLM Committee  
Fred Richmond  
USW International Vice President  
Theresa Powell  
Business Union  
USW International Vice President  
of Large Retail  
USW Canada, Equality rights  
representative  
Harish Patel  
UNITE National Office for Equities  
Business Chairperson former head  
of UK civil rights organisation Liberty



AFSCME COUNCIL 66 JOINS CBTU'S

**BLACK LIVES MATTER  
TO LABOR  
RALLY**

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH AT 1PM  
AT UNION PLACE | 30 N. UNION ST. ROCHESTER,  
PARKING LOT / MASKS REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DIST.



ESTABLISHED

# Anti-Capitalism Struggle

Unite with the Latinx Liberation Movement



# Anti-Capitalism Struggle

## Unite with the Women's Liberation Movement



A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN HER UNION:  
HOW THE PRO ACT WILL HELP WOMEN WORKERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH | 7 P.M. ET



**BUILD BACK  
BETTER WITH  
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# We fight everyday for reforms as part of the strategic fight for social transformation



# Join us!

# **The future is possible**

## **El futuro es posible**

**Questions? Comments?**

