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Vote for Scottish independence and socialism

The Scottish parliamentary elections that take place on Thursday the 3rd of May 2007 will be very important in the struggle for socialism. The Scottish Socialist Party (SSP) won six seats in the last elections to that parliament, in 2003. In the aftermath of the defamation trial that Tommy Sheridan won against the News of the World, two socialist parties (the SSP and Sheridan's new party Solidarity: Scotland's Socialist Movement) will participate in those elections, competing against each other in the regional lists (which augment the constituency votes to make the results roughly proportional). What is most important about the outcome of the elections is for the socialist parties to do well between them, and for the four pro-independence parties – the Scottish National Party (SNP), the SSP, Solidarity and the Scottish Green Party – to together get a majority in the Scottish Parliament.

SNP leader Alex Salmond is talking about delaying a referendum until 2010, even if they come to power in May. Maybe he is scared of the masses forcing new elections in an independent Scotland without waiting until 2011, the SNP splitting on class grounds and socialists coming to power in those elections. He is also damaging the cause of independence by saying that a capitalist independent Scotland would keep the pound until a referendum is held on joining the Euro. Either way, capitalists (whether in the Bank of England or in Europe as a whole) would control our interest rates. Salmond is clearly a unionist in disguise!

A capitalist independent Scotland has some advantages in its own right, such as enabling Scotland to become nuclear-free (perhaps fatally undermining New Labour's Trident plans and investing in tidal rather than nuclear power) and avoid sending troops to Iraq and Afghanistan (which could even trigger a complete withdrawal by the West).

However, the most important advantage of independence would be the considerably increased likelihood of a socialist transformation of society taking place. That is much more likely in Scotland than the UK as a whole due to the electoral system (the form of PR for the Scottish parliament is far from ideal but much better than the first-past-the-post system used for the UK parliament), Scottish people tending to be more left-wing and the socialist parties being much stronger and less divided in Scotland than in England or Wales.

Once a socialist revolution has taken place in a particular Western country, and Scotland is most likely to be first, it could quickly spread around the world.

Oppose a Marxist form of socialism

Marxists are in favour of the government being a hierarchy of committees based on workplaces, with the working class in control of society (and middle class people having no say or less say like the peasantry which numerically dominated Russia at the time of its revolution in October 1917).

It is easy for dodgy people (bureaucrats, potential ruthless dictators like Stalin or infiltrators on the side of big business) to rise up hierarchical structures and stay there when in power, since it is mainly people on the same committees who know who the dodgy people are and what they are up to.

Under capitalism, big business is in control with multinationals having more power than governments, and with capitalist parties (whether New Labour, the Tories or the Liberal Democrats) largely acting in the interest of big companies.

In contrast, the **Foundation for PR-based Socialism** says that everybody should be in control, irrespective of class, with the government elected by proportional representation (PR) by single transferable vote (STV). Under STV, you can specify preferences for your vote to be transferred to if your first choice fails to get elected or gets more than necessary, avoiding the need for tactical voting. STV is now being used in the Scottish local elections (also on the 3rd of May), but there should be many more than the 3 or 4 councillors per ward which massively favours the main parties and makes the results less proportional.

A Marxist form of socialism would probably lead to a dictatorship or a capitalist counter-revolution. We must defeat them as well as capitalists!

Our enemies infiltrate us, and we infiltrate too!

Conspiratorial organisations on the side of big business – such as MI5, the CIA, the Order of the Solar Temple (that was implicated in the assassination of Princess Diana as well as the British and French secret services) and the Skull & Bones Society (of which George W Bush is a member) – infiltrate left-wing organisations, not just to spy on us but to try to undermine us from within.

Socialists have long recognised this and set up conspiratorial organisations of our own to infiltrate right-wing organisations, as well as left-wing ones to defeat our enemies within. Capitalism has been going for such a long time that there is now a complex web of conspiratorial organisations infiltrating all significant organisations in society including the police force (with fascist infiltrators causing institutionalised racism), the NHS and campaigns as well as political parties.

The **Foundation for PR-based Socialism** is a new kind of conspiratorial infiltrating organisation, largely based on the internet with a public forum (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PRsocialism>), but which may have cells and branches in some areas – to promote our vision of a socialist world.

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