

May Day 2012:

Working Class Unity is Possible!

This May Day finds the world's working class under attack. We are besieged by unemployment and poverty, austerity programs, the rise of fascism and the threat of world war. Across the earth the workers are struggling to find the way forward. There are dangers, but also opportunities. *Today it is finally possible for the workers to unite.*

Globalization has knocked down the barriers between countries. At the same time, labor-replacing technology (computers and robots) is permanently eliminating jobs, creating a whole new section of workers who have no place in capitalist society. They are forced to fight for a new society.

This fight for a new world has many faces – the migrants who are forced to cross borders in search of work, those fighting to live on public aid or low-wage jobs, the homeless, the unemployed, and those who are losing their homes to foreclosure, to name a few.

Their demand is that the basic necessities of life, which can now be produced in abundance, be distributed to all according to need, regardless of ability to pay. Their fight is for a new society, where the people own the technology of production and use it to cooperatively produce what we need.

The key to moving forward is working class unity around the demands of the impoverished for food, housing, health care and a civilized life. Humanity's immediate demand is that resources be diverted from war-making and be used to meet human needs.

The new technology gives humanity the opportunity, at last, to unite and create a bright future. But we have to fight for it.

Let's talk.

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