

Russia or the US – Which is the Real Dictatorship

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Trick question – they both are. In the US there is one party pretending to be two. There is unanimity on all major issues the only differences at times is the ranking in importance and the allocation of funds. Russia actually has real opposition parties though they have little chance of assuming power as things now stand. But having organized parties present can lead to major political changes in a crisis situation.

The American parties are the Republicrats and the Demicans. Russia has United Russia – Putin's party, and dominant. The second strongest party, and the official opposition, is the Communist Party of the Russian Federation which has 57 seats in the Duma from 20% of the total. A Just Russia, Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and New People are smaller parties.

Gennady Zyuganov is 'leader-for-life' of the CP. He probably won the 1996 election when the majority of voters realized they were being drawn and quartered by western 'democracies.' Z opted to bow out rather than risk civil war. He is about as close to communism as the British Labor Party is to Socialism. But even serving under the name of the party would put him in danger in this country. Russia has an active non-communist opposition – Delyagin in parliament and Glazyiev in government. Both oppose Putin's neo-liberal capitalism featuring oligarchs dominating various branches of the economy – like we have Musk, Soros, Koch, Buffet, etc.

The old Russian CP has split to form something like a genuine communist party. The Russian Communist Workers Party. It's analysis clearly has the flavor of real Marxism: *The peculiarity of Russian capitalism is that the capital was formed by the method of forced plundering, through the so-called privatization of the unified national economic complex which had been created by the long-term labour of the entire Soviet people. Russian capitalism does not have centuries of formation and development of operational rules behind it, like their Western counterparts and rivals. **The Russians have a period still to go for further accumulation of capital and its redistribution, when proximity to power and personal closeness to top officials (previously to Yeltsin, today to Putin) is of great importance. There are no clean and honest people here and there cannot be, but persons with criminal experience and gangland past are disproportionately represented. This constant squabbling of capital, as well as the orientation, starting since the time of the Gaidar-Chubais privatization, towards ties with western capital, creates not only weakness of governance, but also potential dangers of internal conflicts and***

splits. These increase the vulnerability of the state to the subversive activities of imperialist competitors led by the United States.

On Prigozhin: At the same time, none of the officials in their speeches and appeals mentions that the very existence of a private mercenary army in the country is prohibited by the current law. And, consequently, its illegal functioning was allowed, encouraged and supported at the highest level of government. Wagner units and formations received modern heavy weapons from the state—artillery, tanks, other armoured vehicles, helicopters. According to the President, the annual financing of the PMCs amounted to 86 billion rubles. On what basis? The question is rhetorical. For as long as the authorities needed it, everything was in accordance with the law, and now the law has turned into a legal cudgel.

The main conclusions from the analysis above are as follows:

- *the top-level showdowns and even the power elements of the confrontation have once again revealed the ulcers and rottenness of Russian capitalism, which carries a potential danger to the integrity of the country and the sovereignty of the state;*
- *with each and every negative development of events on the fronts of Ukraine and in the world, if these events do not acquire a tendency for revolutionary movement towards socialism, which is not yet there, in Russia we should expect an intensification of reaction, continuing decommunization, the tightening of the screws in relation to the workers' movement, democratic rights and freedoms, and further castration of elective democracy;*
- *thus, using the example of Prigozhin and the Wagner march on Moscow, one could once again be convinced that not even the best organized, armed demonstrations of people hardened in battles with the Nazis against the injustice generated by the very existence of the bourgeoisie, can achieve social justice if they are conducted under the flag and command of the bourgeoisie itself... It is necessary and possible to put an end to wars and fascism only by uniting in the movement towards socialism under the red banners. This is our landmark, our goal, our future. For the sake of this future, today it is necessary to prevent the victory of the imperialist bloc of the USA and NATO by the hands of Ukrainian Nazism over Russia, Ukraine and their peoples. Fascism does not and should not have sovereignty.*

The peoples of the world have no choice but to continue and strengthen the fight against the main source of fascism today—the imperialist bloc of the United States and NATO, while simultaneously launching the fight against capitalism in every country and all together.

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So say the the concerned common folk that publishes the New York Times. Deficits are growing by leaps and bounds. The national debt will soon be 115% of GDP. So how about raising taxes and fees on the parasitic ruling class? Or cutting the billions spent on the military which does nothing but makes life miserable if not impossible for the peoples on our planet. According to Larry Summers our economy is suffering from secular stagnation because a huge amount of income goes to the wealthy, who invest much of it to get richer. Certainly the Times would support shifting excess wealth from the parasitic class to workers who will certainly spend it on their basic needs. How about a financial transaction tax like a sales tax we all have to pay when we purchase goods? And getting rid of the gift to Big Pharma by granting them a monopoly drugs largely developed in government labs. Instead the Times singles out Social Security and Medicare. The two main services for the elderly after they have completed their wage services for humanity.

Nothing more clearly demonstrates the main differences between Republicans Democrats – there are none – it's just a degree of rottenness between the two, and they both stink.

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