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Now, What is to be Done

Introduction

Looking at the world as it exists today leaves the average person with a sense of hopelessness, Joblessness is an issue. Outsourcing, climate change, housing and food insecurity have been issues not addressed by our leaders- not in any real tangible way. Polarization has given way to reactionaries who have found a way to seize the levers of power and destroy whatever protections workers have accumulated; and the left (which has no representation in the halls of power) has been silent in terms of how to approach this fight and, what must be done in order to protect not only workers, but the general citizenry from the corporate forces that prioritize profit over people, trapping workers in a cycle of exploitation. I've grown frustrated with unrealistic fantasies not grounded in real material conditions and the ineffectual strategies often offered by worker-centered programs. It is because of this that I have developed an idea by synthesizing some ideas from the forefathers of leftist thought: Marx, Lenin, and the lesser-known Daniel De Leon. In Marx I kept the critique and frameworks of dialectical and historical materialism alive, focusing on workplace democracy and class struggle. In Lenin the need for a guiding party that creates the legislative wins to empower the working class, as well as certain industries that are necessary for life being controlled by the state where appropriate, like healthcare or pharmaceutical development, or water. And lastly from De Leon the idea of worker unions taking control of their own economic future, working separately but hand in hand with a party to further their conjoined goals. In the following pages I will deliver a brief description of the issues facing workers, my ideas around municipality owned enterprises and how my ideas are different from their usual implementations, the role of worker unions, a political party, and finally my ideas of how to strategically implement these programs.

A Brief Description of Issues

The issues that face workers today are many. Low wages with job insecurity and outsourcing, dilapidated infrastructure, abandoned farms and mills leaving what could be productive land dormant, lack of local investment for funding, ownership of what industries there are not being local siphoning money out of local circulation, neither the workers or the public having a say in ecological damages caused by private enterprise, and having no say in the productive processes, wages or growth of industry.

Low wages, joblessness, and outsourcing create a race to the bottom. For example, if wages rise in one area, companies will simply move to different regions with weaker labor and environmental regulations, keeping wages low. Right now, 15% of workers in the USA are housing insecure according to 2023 census bureau data, and 40%-60% of homeless people are employed to some degree but the numbers of usich.gov. After all, the first law of business is to maximize profit, not to extend what you pay for in labor. When workers here in the USA say they won't take a pay-cut, they watch their jobs leave to foreign lands. Now instead of 'Made in America' the stickers say 'Assembled in America', and that is the crux of the issue. Our manufacturing, farms, and mills have been outsourced leaving our communities destitute and reliant on service work.

Those farms and mills are usually still there, in these communities that have been abandoned. Lying dormant waiting for an investor to revitalize these areas and put these people who need good jobs with living wages and benefits back to work in their respective communities, Historically all of these towns produced something: food, mills, timber, minerals, etc., or served as shipping centers for transport. Sadly new investment is almost never unionized, low paying, and lack solid benefits.

This productive land is dormant waiting on investors on the lookout for cheap land and labor. These old farms and mills are often sold at a cheaper rate, or

subsidized with the expectation that developers will rehabilitate the community. However, when investment does show up it is rarely a local, it's usually a foreign corporation which leaves money circulating out of the community into corporate coffers far away from the damages wrought by low wages, and environmental impact. Walmart as an example all throughout the 90s and early 2000s started popping up all over the place, forcing our local markets closed and shutting the doors of local businesses to make room for the corporate giant. We can all see now that this was disastrous for communities as we can see that wages are subsidized through the state in the form of welfare assistance. This is a self-serving cycle as the money for welfare is also likely spent at the same Walmart paying poverty wages for labor. Are we supposed to overlook that Walmart is the top retailer for snap beneficiaries accounting for more than 25% of all snap dollars (USDA)? No. We need to call this type of serfdom out for what it is.

Not only are workers and the general public not considered when it comes to the circulation of money, but also in terms of pollution. The privatization of Flint Michigan's water, led by Rick Snyder under an autocratically installed emergency board, changed water supply and poisoned an entire city of people. Women, children, the elderly, everyone was subjected to lead poisoning. To this day there has been no accountability, and the people in flint still suffer for it. democratic institutions could have saved tens to hundreds of thousands of people had they maintained accountability to the public.

Workers nor the general public have any say in the productive processes. Not in ecological harm, what is produced, how it's produced or why it's produced. The people have become disconnected from the productive processes and have not been given a clear pathway forward to a life of dignity or respect. It is because of this that I propose municipality owned enterprises that allow the workers a 60% board share in its management the other 40% held by the municipality, this way we can balance both the needs of the workers and the needs of the greater public without being beholden to bottom line thinking, larger state malfeasance, or fiduciary responsibility to shareholders.

Municipality Owned Enterprises (M.O.E.S.)

M.O.E.S. are municipality owned enterprises, which are nothing new. Many cities and towns across the USA have some measure of community owned resources, Conway, Arkansas, as an example, has Conway Corp. a municipality owned enterprise that controls gas, electric, water, sewage, and broadband. This corporation in particular does a very good job at serving the needs of their respective municipality and does so at a lower cost to the public than private enterprises.

Most cities in fact start with town or municipality owned enterprises as the investment risk is usually too high for private capital. What makes my M.O.E.S idea stand out is the board split between those in the community working the job, and the general public's needs or wants. We have seen examples of state malfeasance like in Flint, Michigan, and the abuses of private capital in terms of companies like Amazon or Walmart. This collaborative effort removes the bottom line thinking and lack of responsibility to the general public. If municipalities can run their own utilities, there is no reason to assume that they couldn't run a farm or a mill just as they have in the past. The only difference is the responsibility of the industry to the workers and general public under my model.

Ideally the boards would have recallable representation in order to maintain workplace representation. They will have a board that is made of 60% workers and 40% municipality elected leaders. This ensures that the workers will have a direct say in management while balancing the broader needs of the community. There are already examples of profitable worker co-ops, such as the Mondragon corporation out of Spain, These are still private firms; and where my M.O.E.S. differentiate themselves. A 40% stake of a board held by municipality elected representatives to see that the needs of the public are being met, would put the emphasis of production not into profit making, but utility of the citizenry. These farms and mills could be purchased through CDBG grants, eminent domain, community land grabs or even through regular business loans through local credit unions. There are many ways for a municipality to acquire funding that

are out of reach for worker co-ops or even private firms, this makes it a natural fit for workers to gain a foothold in their own economic sphere where the legal frameworks already exist for their implementation.

Of course, capital will fight back, and most likely will try anything from flight to sabotage to make sure that privatization remains the status quo. It is for this reason the municipality needs to develop a war chest for when capital decides it will put its weight on the scales. For every 10 acres of farmland 2 are put away as a collective slush fund to not only protect workers but possibly expand or even chain supply lines together with other mills farms or fabrication plants. These M.O.E.S. could be used to produce housing materials for those who suffer housing insecurity or even food security programs where 1 in 6 households with children face food insecurity, directly improving our communities and improving our way of life. Chaining supply lines like this makes it harder for capital to target communities that are tied together for improvement in these revitalization efforts.

A revitalization effort with an accompanying jobs program that allows workers the dignity of autonomy, while being beholden to the general welfare of the citizenry means that each community can implement these kinds of enterprises based on their own historical development, as well as their specific material conditions. The time has come to take back our communities by implementing M.O.E.S and we can start putting food on the table, and roofs over our heads without waiting for private investors, the power can be taken and put back into our rightful hands.

Unions

Worker unions are in bad shape in the USA, despite the growing momentum and support for worker unions on the ground, density in the country remains under

10% according to Reuters.com. Public sector unions make up 32% of all union membership with private enterprises just 5.9% (Reuters). Unions are important, and not just to public sector workers, but everyone. Unions are a tool for workers everywhere and there is no labor that does not deserve collective representation.

Unions even with a 60% ownership board play a vital role in the world of political power as well as against the fight against corporatism. Unions can stage strikes, are an organizational tool that is not limited to shop location, Union solidarity and coalitions are necessary when conditions for organizing are in such awful shape. Having the ability to get more workers collective representation will open the door for more unionization in more sectors as people see the successes and benefits that come from being in a worker union.

The good news is with M.O.E.S. the framework for unionization is already there, and the ability for unions to use these M.O.E.S. as a proof of concept for worker self-management should be enough for all labor unions to heavily consider the future of unions and how to start really picking up density again; municipality by municipality. We once had great labor Unions in the USA, and I for one am ready to see their resurgence.

This will require cross-union solidarity; One M.O.E. may only have a farm, but that farm can produce the material for textiles in a mill across state, or in a sister union internationally. The union's job is to organize. Having union backed supply chains that are linked to other unions is a good way to defend ourselves from capital flight. These coalitions can also offer workshops and cross training to other union members. It is because capital is global that this must also be a global movement, unions should dedicate time and some portion of a solidarity fund to other unions in the global south to create these coalitions, and maintain their solvency in the fight against capital.

Workers also need recallable representation, when the representatives no longer hold the good faith of their union they need to be replaced by a rank-and-file vote. When capital hits back (and it will) a coalition of worker unions that are linked in supply chains is harder to starve out as the tools and resources are available to institute a shadow economy if necessary, and it just might be.

However, unions cannot fight this battle alone. The economic realm in which they operate is not sufficient and any wins are temporary and will be set back without legislative defense and prosecution. It is for this reason that I suggest the union works as a segregated political party to avoid the past pitfalls of syndicalism by not having enough structure. At the same time unions must maintain their independence, militancy, and worker led foundations. This model avoids top-down bureaucratic control, while still working hand in hand with parties, avoiding the inefficiency of many modern business unions, like negotiating contracts that prioritize stability and employer friendly compromises over militant worker power. The party or parties that adapt Municipality owned enterprises as an economic platform should also have regular meetings with liaisons from all groups, this ensures accountability and goals are both being set in the same direction from both parties and unions. A union without the larger direction of a political party will always be short sighted and short lived, a party will give unification and direction that lays the frameworks for worker management.

Parties

The role of political parties is to transform the economic landscape by empowering workers through legislative action and strategic partnerships with unions. Legal barriers the party must fight to further unionization like: Taft-Hartley, right to work laws, or other hindrances to funding or expanding unions or municipality owned enterprises need to be defeated. The party should be also making a legislative fight for the expansion of municipality owned enterprises as well as making unionization easier for all workers, and creating a pathway toward worker managed and municipality owned enterprises.

The party should be holding workshops and meetings to explain their revolutionary standpoint to workers, for all workers. This is an international

movement, and understanding the plight of other workers sets a precedent for how and what we must do, to not only maintain our own independence and revolutionary standpoint, but to extend that outreach to other workers where we can.

The party should be free from financial entanglement with unions and instead be joined together in common economic issues. To avoid the top-down kind of bureaucracies we've seen form in the past, as well as to avoid entrenchment from unions themselves having a degree of separation, with liaisons who meet regularly with unions (once a month) to maintain a cohesive coherent strategy that apply to their specific material conditions. This arrangement preserves union militancy and worker led decision making. The party should focus on expansion and municipality entanglement, supply chain linkage, local economic development, and address environmental concerns to alleviate the worsening conditions of the larger workforce. Securing land for housing, farms, and mills where they are materially applicable and can be managed by the same 60/40 unionized worker managed boards, will bring more unionization and real material gains for the general public and labor in general. The party should be working toward securing community development block grants (CDBG grants) these grants are available but take time to acquire and some legal justifications for revitalization; as well as Working through the processes of eminent domain, and securing land and loans for refurbishment of M.O.E.S., housing, and jobs, and environmental protections.

The party must also be the outreach, not everyone has a union yet, but everyone should. Despite being separate entities, the party needs to be seen with labor and labor with the party to form a unified vision of worker managed and community backed enterprises. Both parties and unions need to be made aware of what their specific roles are, the party to guide legislative wins for ALL workers, to support municipality owned enterprises, and work to changing the function of the state in a way that benefits workers and the environment instead of the owner class and shareholders.

The party needs to be responsible for revolutionary pedagogy, teaching workers how they are exploited and the tools and analytical frameworks necessary to recognize class divisive rhetoric. It is a paramount objective to maintain that a

threat to any group of workers, black, brown, Muslim, Jew, Gay, Trans, etc., is a threat to the freedom of workers everywhere. If we are to allow nationalists and fascists to hijack our brothers and sisters by dividing them up, then we can make no mistake that this process will be replicated. There is no room for bigotry or prejudiced against a global threat, and since capital is global so then must be our own movement.

Because these are local decentralized enterprises, you only need local wins to make this a viable option in the electoral realm Jackson, Mississippi as an example, took their water back into the hands of the state with local activism. That means it's not out of the realm of possibility to have these kinds of representatives elected, if the political will is there and the people could use a revitalization effort with a conjoined jobs program that benefits their local communities. These can be pushed as keeping wealth circulating in the community instead of to foreign capital or disassociated corporations. Local elections are how we start, and with a proof of concept, and working toward real improvement of material conditions, there's no reason M.O.E.S. cannot be successful in almost any municipality.

Militancy

Militancy will be a key in challenging corporatism and capital flight. Contrary to popular belief, militancy isn't all Molotov cocktails and smashing windows, it's the slow and strategic hand that makes sure that movements don't die or starve out. It's the mutual aid funds that help striking workers, it's the coordinated strikes by sister unions against parent companies and all their subsidiaries. Militancy in this context is about strategically taking power back and putting it into the hands of the people and make no mistake about it, capital will fight back, this is class warfare.

Capital flight is one of the most well-known and visible attacks on municipalities that corporatism loves to use, and since there is no short supply of labor cattle in the global south, they will abandon areas if there is a threat to their domination, starving out a town by abandoning all main corporate chains. Its for this reason that these kind of union coalitions are necessary and why the concept of having a war chest is important, its not just a slush fund, it's a treasury for defense, mutual aid, and keeping workers fed when they need to strike.

Militancy can also look like free meals programs, much like the black panthers did in the united states, workshops and tutelage of revolutionary theory. Making sure the workers and their children have not only food, but medical care if it can be offered and the ability is there. Militancy is outreach and making sure that our cause is the cause of the working people, as well as the destitute. Ride sharing and making sure that our mission is evident by our actions will make agitating propaganda against the movement harder to stick. Workers will recognize who feeds them and who cares for them when their owners abandon them.

Sometimes militancy does involve those Molotov cocktails though, the only reason we are even paid in currency or have an 8-hour workday is because of the striking miners who had it out with the national guard in the battle of Blair Mountain. Every concession made to the workers by the owner class has been made when the workers have them on the way to the gallows. I do hope that it does not come to these things, but I am clear eyed about the historical precedent of capital defending itself, and what industrialists have done to those who demand equal pay, let alone cut them out of ownership, this is, class warfare after all.

Class warfare

‘The first thing every revolutionary must come to terms with is that they are a doomed man’ -Huey Newton

Huey Newton was right of course, and to play off this quote a little bit I will say that the first thing someone needs to recognize when facing their oppressors is that the rules of engagement are selectively enforced to the benefit of the dominant class. We can see this many times in history, the move bombing in Philadelphia 1985, the Occupy movement in 2011, the 15 year Cointelpro program (1956-1971) which minimally contributed to assassinated leaders like the aforementioned Huey Newton.

It is because there are no set rules of engagement and the enforcement of such rules will always be selectively enforced to the benefit of the ruling class that we must think outside the paradigms of what’s acceptable to collective owner class, and re-frame the boundaries of acceptance. The USA for instance has 20% of the world’s prison population despite only being 4.2% of the world population. These prisons are for profit and make slave labor from inmates.

We should not accept that 190k people die due to a lack of healthcare every year and pretend that this is not social murder for profit. We must make sure that the death of one CEO is up against the deaths of hundreds of thousands. If the optics benefit the owner class, we must do all that is possible to dehumanize these architects of social murder, and wrest from them the state and local function that has served them as an overseers whip to the working class and poor.

My Proposed Strategy of Implementation

First and foremost, introduce the municipality owned enterprises as a concept and blueprint to parties and unions. This puts the idea of worker management and public ownership back on the forefront as an economic model that fits the greater values of the party’s and unions platforms. Once aligned the first steps

will be to scout for potential municipalities that can work as a few pilot cases, these areas need to stick to their historical development (that means if a municipality has been growing cotton for a century or so, we aren't going to have them growing pineapples.) This allows workers in their respective homes to potentially pick up the jobs they've once had that have been outsourced.

Once a potential pilot area has been agreed upon the union and the party will present the strategy to candidates to run local elections, and pitch this revitalization effort with conjoined jobs program. The ultimate goal is to have as many local representatives as possible as it will make securing funding and overall buy in to the project much easier.

Once elected, push for community development block grants, eminent domain, loans to the municipality for revitalization, credit unions, or even crowd sourcing. The funding mechanisms are crucial to getting these enterprises up and running, especially in the early stages of development.

Once a municipality owned enterprise has been implemented the union should start a war chest. This war chest could possibly function as a dues system or not. Unions will have to work with the party to see what creative ways we can keep this slush fund while remaining in the lines of legality.

Start the push for M.O.E.S. in more municipalities, and work toward creating municipality owned banks, like North Dakota.

Use worker unions to cross train municipalities, and the party to provide revolutionary education to all workers, and union members. Unions and the party should start coordinating for attacks from capital, flight or sabotage. In order to minimize these risks, secure farms and mills with cameras, and start the necessary process of food networks from M.O.E.S. farms and mills, or the organizational structures for what could become a shadow economy if appropriate.

Once farms have been acquired (enough that the workers will not have to be necessarily reliant on corporate farms for food) begin phase 2 of the M.O.E.S processes, the implementation of worker managed and community owned service and hospitality. Select location for pilot restaurant program, preferably a

drive through with a lobby, this allows not only farm to table local fare but also a place for like-minded workers to eat and support other unions and municipal projects, as well as serve as a message to capital, that the end is coming. Fast food is the backbone of the service industry, we break the back of the corporate stranglehold on service and we have a scale-able challenge to entrenched capital.

These proofs of capacity, management, and profitability will serve as the foundations for the next labor movement, worker management, and community responsibility. These food services and other hospitality jobs that can be created should be made in the disaffected communities sympathetic to labor for the best chances of success. This shows those communities tangible results they can see and serves the wider purpose of spreading unionization to service.

Conclusion

My synthesis of these ideas is unique, the best features of Lenin in a revolutionary vanguard in a party to maintain cohesion and be able to adapt quickly, with decentralized worker unions to maintain worker autonomy and militancy. These ideas complement each other more than they conflict, and for that reason I see this as a natural evolution of leftist thought. These enterprises are a necessary step toward worker emancipation and the end of the owner vs. servant paradigm that embodies productive processes and has for the last almost 200 years. Where most revolutionary strategy and mine differ is that these strategies rely on crises to be implemented, my plan and strategy can be implemented without a crisis. This is a proactive approach to the emancipation of labor. Further, much of leftist discourse revolves around the romanticization of revolution. My model requires no blood (not that I don't think capital will try but, it's not a requirement) this is an electoral path forward toward economic and ecological sustainability. The truth is this is as pragmatic as you can get. Small actionable steps that we can collectively take against capital to better improve

our material conditions, our environment, and workers across the world. I envision this as the beginning steps of retaliation in a class war that labor and the left have been losing horribly for the last half century. These are clear actionable steps that will lead the workers to self-management, better wages and benefits. The strategic use of a party and union having distinct but separate roles allows flexibility in its implementation, and the ability to slowly change the function of the state from serving an opulent minority to the actual needs of the citizenry and working class as a whole. We asked for better conditions and we were laughed at by our current robber barons. They've decided to try and shape a future where you can be discarded as soon as you're not profitable. Bloomberg told us we will no longer own land but instead be a nation of renters; My friends, if you don't own the land, you own nothing. We saw what happened to the Palestinians who were said to have no land, and we could very well be next for our corporate overlords unless we seize this and every other opportunity to take back our dignity. The world does not care if the material conditions are ripe for revolutionary thought or action, we must create those conditions necessary to remove the shackles of our bondage and seize the tools that have kept us enslaved. We are taking control of our world again, there is a plan. The road back from serfdom starts now.

The Economic Case for Municipal Socialism

In the state of late stage capitalism in which we live there are many economic thinkers and contributing voices that are equally brilliant, Sraffa who showed that marginal utility can't answer for where value is created or distributed. Piketty showed us that the wealth concentrates to fewer hands in any private market, as well as inadvertently proving the rate of profit to fall. Phillips and Rozworski showed us how algorithms are used not only for command economies

of scale like Walmart or Amazon but that these algorithms are being used to fleece consumers and workers with rent increases, 'dynamic pricing', and false scarcity. Varofaukis rightly points out that this has created a type of techno feudalism, where labor is still the driving force of productive value but the gains are all privatized to owners of industry. It is because all of these thinkers come to the same conclusion - the ownership model is the root of the issue- I aim to synthesize their thought and work into what can only be the next logical step in socialist productive development, worker managed municipality owned enterprises. This answers the warning by other economists, while pushing further than they do in their solutions, which are more tweaks around the fringes of capital than a structural changes to the exploitative nature of the system of private ownership.

Sraffa was a brilliant economist who showed us that pricing is something that's factored before the commodity is made, because the cost of materials and other sub commodities that make up the manufacture are the denominator of price. That the actual costs of goods and services are in fact other goods and services. the real cost of production. Sraffa gave us the ability to understand where value comes from, I am taking it a step further and showing how labor can set the prices themselves.

Pikitty is another brilliant economist, perhaps most famous for his $R > G$ theory. His prescriptions which include wealth taxation does not resolve the underlying root of $R > G$, ownership of production. If we hold Sraffa to be correct, and also Pikitty to be correct then we can only assume these kinds of taxation aren't corrective, but rather a slow walk to oligarchy or a neo feudal structure as the math done in painstaking detail by Pikitty, proves this. That is why my model is the next evolutionary step, if we assume Pikitty is correct and that wealth will always accumulate faster into private hands even under public private partnerships, then the conclusion is to use the same methods as capital for risk aversion. socialize the investment, allow worker management with the backing of a municipality. this allows capital to not only be reinvested locally, but removes $R > G$ to RMOES (our worker managed municipality owned enterprises with 60/40 worker

municipality board splits) > G. If we are to assume that markets do not change their functions, then MOES (municipality owned enterprises) will consistently outperform in terms of cost, service, and consumer satisfaction. This is not just a case for worker democracy, This is a mathematically solvent pricing model that will yield better results for a lower cost, without exploitation.

Phillips and Rozworski in their work 'The Peoples Republic of Walmart' show us how amazon and Walmart are economies of scale using central planning already with algorithms and using artificial intelligence for rent control as well as for price gouging framed as 'Dynamic pricing'. My model just uses these tools for the sake of workers and the poor instead of a bunch of oligarchic tyrants on a mountain of gold, by seizing AI servers for the public good, making them utilities that serve the public instead of our owners. using AI to link supply chains for housing food and water and education is not something we should allow only into profit seeking hands, Piketty as we just went over, proves this; thus, making MOES the most logical step to public accommodation in the digital frontier.

Varofaukis rightfully names this techno feudalism in 'The Global Minotaur', his description of these powers like google and meta as the new feudal lords is correct. What he fails to see, however, is an off ramp from this owner servant paradigm. if the public owns the servers and the means of production via municipality owned enterprises, then this may be the only chance at organizing something that has the capability to stand to that kind of global feudal power, decentralized federated municipality owned enterprises; and here's how we do it:

My **full framework**, combining **P, R, and C** to quantify **survival burdens, constant capital, and productive output**.

1. Survival Burden Formula

$$R = (H + E_1 + E_2 + I + T + A) / B$$

Where:

- H = Heating costs
- E_1 = Electricity costs related to heating
- E_2 = Electricity costs related to cooling
- I = Insulation efficiency (scaling factor)
- T = Terrain burden (logistics/infrastructure costs)
- A = Climate adversity (extreme weather impact)
- B = Baseline survival cost (adjusted per region)

This formula captures external pressures on survival, making wage suppression quantifiable beyond simplistic cost-of-living indices.

2. Constant Capital Formula

$$C = (FC + CC + D + M) \times (1 + R)$$

Where:

- FC = Fixed Capital (buildings, infrastructure, technology)
- CC = Circulating Capital (wages, operational expenses, utilities)
- D = Depreciation (aging equipment, infrastructure)
- M = Maintenance Costs (upkeep, safety compliance)

This formula integrates survival burdens into constant capital, showing how capitalist infrastructure adapts to extraction pressures.

3. Productive Output Formula

$$P = \{ [(L \times W \times \text{skill}) + (FC + CC + D + M)(1 + R) + M] - S - E \} \times (1 + R)$$

Where:

- L = Labor power
- W = Work hours
- Skill = Productivity scaling factor
- C = Constant Capital
- M = Maintenance costs
- S = Surplus extraction (profits, rent-seeking)
- E = External pressures (market volatility, taxation burdens)

This equation adjusts economic productivity for survival burdens, making it a powerful measure of worker exploitation in capitalist structures.

RSI: Regional Survival Index (the reason for guillotines equations)

The Regional Survival Index (RSI) is a tool designed to quantify the intensity of class exploitation under capitalism—not just by measuring income inequality or job title, but by calculating the full weight of surplus extraction placed on essential labor.

Where traditional economic indicators obscure the role of class, RSI centers it.

What RSI Measures

RSI is built on a few simple, dangerous premises:

Labor creates all value.

Not all labor is exploited equally.

Essential labor (i.e., that which cannot be paused without crisis) is most vulnerable to extraction.

The gap between the value a worker produces and the resources they retain is measurable.

RSI calculates this gap using a weighted equation that accounts for:

The total surplus a worker generates,

Their essentiality to the functioning of society (stratified across job sectors),

The time and resources they receive in return,

The material risk they assume by performing the labor.

The greater the gap, the higher the RSI. A higher RSI indicates a more extractive and more unsustainable class relation.

RSI as a Measure of Violence

A high RSI score isn't just an academic curiosity—it's a death sentence.

Workers with high RSI scores are:

Overworked,

Underpaid,

Dispossessed of free time,

Stripped of bodily autonomy,

Prone to burnout, injury, and early death.

This isn't a metaphor—it's documented reality. In nearly every capitalist nation, the lower your income, the lower your life expectancy. RSI refines that correlation: it's not just about income, but how indispensable your labor is and how little you get back.

Garbage collectors, grocery clerks, delivery drivers, warehouse workers, CNAs, and dishwashers have some of the highest RSI scores imaginable. These are the people capitalism literally eats alive.

RSI as a Death Counter

A high RSI isn't an academic abstraction—it's blood in the soil.

High RSI scores show up where workers:

Are essential but disposable,

Die younger than wealthier counterparts by a decade or more,

Are subjected to chronic stress, long hours, toxic exposures, and wage theft,

Are least likely to access adequate healthcare, recovery time, or dignified retirement.

RSI doesn't just correlate to poverty. It correlates to deliberate structural killing.

RSI tells us where the death factories of capitalism are located—and who's being sacrificed inside them.

From Equation to Outcome: RSI and Life Expectancy

RSI is a predictive tool, not a speculative one.

Data already confirms that:

Life expectancy varies by ZIP code, often by decades.

Workers in more extractive jobs (measured by physical risk, irregular hours, wage theft, exposure to trauma) die earlier.

The more capital is extracted from a laborer, the less likely they are to retire, access healthcare, or live to see old age.

RSI unifies these tendencies into a usable class metric. A high RSI score correlates with:

Shorter lifespan,

Greater susceptibility to chronic illness,

Higher risk of suicide, overdose, and preventable death,

Lower generational wealth and stability.

RSI doesn't just show us where capitalism is failing—it shows us who it's killing and what to do about it.

A weapon for the working class

The RSI is not for governments. It is not for employers. It is not for algorithms or profiteers. It is a weapon of working-class self-defense.

Its use must be intentional, militant, and grounded in revolutionary ethics.

It cannot be sold, licensed for commercial use, or deployed as a tool of reformism. If anything, it is a call to organize—not to patch the system, but to end the conditions that make RSI scores real in the first place.

RSI (Regional) =

$$((\Sigma(S * E * R)) / \Sigma(C + T + H)) * (P / LE) * 100$$

And here's what each variable means:

S = Surplus value extracted per worker (can be proxied by profit-per-employee or underpayment score)

E = Essentiality rating of the occupation (scale of 1–5)

R = Risk rating of the occupation (scale of 1–5)

C = Compensation adequacy score (scale of 1–5)

T = Time autonomy or schedule control (scale of 1–5)

H = Healthcare/recovery access (scale of 1–5)

P = Percentage of workforce in high-RSI jobs

LE = Average life expectancy in the region

Author's Note

I did not invent the exploitation RSI measures—I only gave it a name. If you've ever worked two jobs and still went hungry, if you've ever seen a coworker die too young, if you've ever buried a loved one who never got to rest, you already know what RSI feels like. This metric is for you. May it serve your liberation.

RSI isn't a prediction. It's a confession.

Case Study: RSI Comparison — Flint, Michigan vs. Windsor, Ontario

To illustrate how the RSI works in practice, consider Flint, Michigan (USA) and Windsor, Ontario (Canada). These two cities are geographically close and historically tied through the auto industry — but diverge sharply in public health, labor rights, and infrastructure access.

Step 1: Define Core RSI Variables

Each variable is normalized between 0 and 1. Higher values represent worse (more exploitative or hazardous) conditions.

Variable	Symbol	Explanation
Surplus Extraction Rate	SER	Measures how much value is extracted from workers vs. what they retain (wages, benefits, etc.)
Essential Labor Weight	ELW	Reflects how essential the labor is (e.g. nurses, sanitation, logistics)
Time Deprivation Index	TDI	Captures lost personal time due to long hours, commutes, or multiple jobs
Risk Burden Coefficient	RBC	Degree of health or safety risk on the job
Community Resource Access	CRA	Access to healthcare, housing, clean water, education, transit, etc.
Disposability Score	DS	How easily workers are replaced or discarded by capital

RSI Formula (Simplified Weighted Sum):

$$RSI = w1 * SER + w2 * ELW + w3 * TDI + w4 * RBC + w5 * (1 - CRA) + w6 * DS$$

For simplicity, we assign equal weight ($w = 1$) to each variable in this example.

Flint, Michigan

Variable	Value	Notes
SER	0.85	Low wages despite high productivity
ELW	0.90	Many essential laborers (warehouse, nursing, sanitation)

TDI	0.75	Long commutes, overtime, multiple jobs common
RBC	0.80	High health risks (lead, air quality, burnout)
CRA	0.20	Extreme deficits in clean water, healthcare, transit
DS	0.90	Workers viewed as replaceable, surplus labor pool

RSI_Flint =

$$0.85 + 0.90 + 0.75 + 0.80 + (1 - 0.20) + 0.90 = 5.90$$

$$\text{RSI Score: } 5.90 / 6 = 0.98$$

RSI in Flint: 0.98

Catastrophically high. A textbook case of violent structural exploitation.

Windsor, Ontario

Variable	Value	Notes
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SER	0.60	Better wages and union protections in auto sector
ELW	0.85	Still essential work, but better compensated
TDI	0.55	Shorter hours, better work-life balance
RBC	0.50	Safer workplace conditions
CRA	0.80	Universal healthcare, improved public services
DS	0.40	Lower labor precarity, stronger worker rights

RSI_Windsor =

$$0.60 + 0.85 + 0.55 + 0.50 + (1 - 0.80) + 0.40 = 3.10$$

$$\text{RSI Score: } 3.10 / 6 = 0.52$$

RSI in Windsor: 0.52

Moderate structural exploitation. Still harmful, but with key reforms cushioning the blow.

Interpretation

Flint represents an advanced stage of extractive capitalism: essential labor made disposable, stripped of rights, and poisoned by neglect.

Windsor benefits from social-democratic reforms, but exploitation still exists — just more subtle and manageable.

Application

RSI scores can help identify:

Where structural harm is greatest

Where organizing should be prioritized

How public policy and labor law affect outcomes

What regions or sectors may be “next to fall” as protections erode

Author’s Note – The Reinhardt Doctrine

This Doctrine was written for the working class, by a member of the working class—not for academics, politicians, or profiteers. It is not a think piece. It is not a thought experiment. It is a guide forged through labor, study, and lived struggle.

The Reinhardt Doctrine is intended to serve as a framework for material, coordinated class action—especially among those abandoned by capital and

betrayed by electoral theater. It moves from theory to praxis with the intent of building worker sovereignty through municipal and infrastructural leverage.

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Any attempt by liberal institutions, nationalist opportunists, political parties, or NGOs to co-opt, sanitize, dilute, or repackage this Doctrine for electoral gain, funding cycles, patriotic branding, or capitalist reformism will be met with legal retaliation.

Misuse is not only ideological betrayal—it is a theft of labor, strategy, and revolutionary momentum.

If you are reading this with the intent to understand, strengthen, and organize, you are welcome.

– Reinhardt

The Reinhardt Doctrine

A Working-Class Framework for Global Municipal Power and Revolutionary Infrastructure

The Reinhardt Doctrine is rooted in dialectical and historical materialism. It recognizes that the world as it exists is not the result of individual choices or bad actors—but of systems of production, ownership, and control that reproduce exploitation at every level of society. These systems are upheld by the ruling class, and they are global in scale.

So our response must be global, too.

This movement is a call to workers everywhere, regardless of nation, race, gender, or creed. Black, white, queer, trans, Muslim, Jewish, Indigenous—we are all workers under siege by the same forces of dispossession. We do not pursue unity through symbolic appeals to civility, but through shared material struggle and collective defense.

We are not building this movement to make profit. We are not chasing representation in a dying system.

We are building municipal power, from the ground up, to provide what capitalism has denied us:

Housing

Food

Clean water

Public education

Healthcare

Democratic control of production

This is not charity. This is reclamation.

We believe a better world is possible—but not under private ownership.

We believe that workers should serve their communities, and those communities should serve the greater public—for use-values, not profit.

The Reinhardt Doctrine holds that:

Unions and political parties must remain independent but coordinated, forming a dual structure of militant organization and legislative offense.

Capital is global. Therefore, we must build internationalist coalitions—not only for solidarity, but for shared infrastructure, defense, and resource flow.

We will not abandon our comrades. If there is food in one commune and hunger in another, the food moves. The wealth of our class belongs to all of us.

We fight on the terrain that capital believes is safe—municipal governance—and we take it from them piece by piece.

We do not wait for collapse. We prepare now, we organize now, we reclaim now.

We are not utopians. We are not waiting for permission.

We are workers, and we're done asking.

Anti-Austerity & Anti-Seizure Safeguards for MOEs

1. Constitutional Clauses

“The [MOE Name] is not subject to control by any external emergency management entity or appointed administrator that bypasses democratic control of the municipality or the worker-elected board. Any attempt to transfer authority to a non-elected or non-recallable body shall be considered a violation of both local charter and the workers’ right to self-governance.

2. Water & Essential Services Clause

If the MOE includes utilities (water, power, etc.), add:

Under no condition shall water services be rerouted, sold, privatized, or modified without a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from both the worker board and municipality representatives. No emergency plan or state-level override may take precedence over public health and democratic consent.

Push for a local ordinance in each town/city that creates a Municipal Emergency Powers Firewall, saying:

No official within the state or external agency may dissolve or override the decisions of local elected bodies or worker-managed public enterprises without a public vote and review by a court of local jurisdiction.

State reform

Ban on emergency managers not elected by local vote

Mandatory court review before implementation of emergency financial control

Criminal liability for public health negligence under emergency decrees

Annual audits of water/public health systems released directly to the public

Any attempt by the state to override democratic municipal control shall be met with organized labor shutdowns, public sabotage prevention actions, and total noncooperation with the emergency regime. We are not asking for oversight—we are building sovereignty.

PART II – THE TOOLKIT

A Practical Guide to Seizing Municipal Assets and Rebuilding the Worker Economy

1. Eminent Domain: Procedure and Precedent

What It Is: The legal seizure of private property for public use with compensation.

Grounds for Use:

Public Blight (abandonment, environmental hazard, dereliction)

Revitalization Justification (job creation, local food production, infrastructure restoration)

Steps to File:

Identification of property (attach tax records, images)

Blight/abandonment documentation

City council petition & public hearing

Environmental study (can be waived in some states)

Legal filing for seizure

Appraisal and compensation

Template Forms: Petition template, sample legal language, proof of community benefit

Recommended Precedents: Kelo v. City of New London (use with caution), Detroit land bank examples, Jackson, MS water

2. CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Applications

Purpose: Federal funds given to localities for economic revitalization, housing, and infrastructure

Eligible Uses:

Job creation

Land or building acquisition

Infrastructure tied to economic development

Environmental repair

Steps:

Pre-application community meeting

Partner with local government agency (mayor, planner)

Justify low-income area benefit or job creation

Attach feasibility study (include farm/mill/enterprise potential)

Submit via HUD portal or local CDBG administrator

What You'll Need:

Business plan for MOE

Cost estimates for repairs/operations

Proof of community involvement

Maps, images, prior use documentation

Template: CDBG application with filled example and commentary

3. FOIA Requests

Purpose: Uncover local land ownership, tax delinquency, closed grant cycles, local federal contracts, and corporate exits

Sample FOIA Topics:

“All abandoned or tax delinquent industrial/farm properties in [County] from 2015–present”

“All CDBG grant applications and awards from 2010–present”

“City correspondence with [Corp] regarding plant closure”

Where to File: Local county clerk, city hall, HUD regional office, state public records office

Template: Fillable FOIA form and sample justification language

Tips: Use personal tone (“I am a local constituent researching...”) and include contact info for credibility

4. Asset Acquisition Planning

For each targeted asset (farm, mill, warehouse, factory):

Project Name

Location & Condition (include images, tax record, Google Earth snapshot)

Historical Use & Infrastructure (rail access, water, electricity)

Estimated Revitalization Cost

Recommended Acquisition Method:

Eminent domain (if abandoned/hazardous)

Negotiated buyout (with credit union support)

Donation to land bank then transfer to MOE

Public Benefit Case:

Of jobs created

Productive use (food, materials, etc.)

Service to community (housing, food network, ecological repair)

5. Forming a Municipality-Owned Enterprise (MOE)

Legal Formation Steps:

Petition to city/town council

Draft charter/bylaws

Specify board composition (60% worker-elected, 40% municipality-appointed)

Public accountability measures (recallability, audits)

Template MOE Charter with:

Purpose statement

Decision-making process

Hiring standards

Revenue use restrictions (can't go to private)

5. Public Credit Union Loans & Bonds

How to Use MOE Charter as Collateral:

Show projected earnings (e.g., food production, housing materials)

Show municipality backing (guaranteed land access or subsidy)

Secure community investment pledges (if needed)

Recommended Credit Union Terms:

0–3% fixed interest

5–10 year maturity

Community development mission clause

Bonding the MOE:

Use future farm/mill yield as backing

Structure repayment to reinvest in the community

Include “No shareholder” clause in agreement

6. Suggested Financial Ratios & Ethics

War Chest Rule: 20% of all profits go to defense/mutual aid fund

Worker Wages: Tiered pay caps (3x tier cap)

Reinvestment Threshold: 40% of net gain reinvested annually

No Private Sale Clause: MOE cannot be sold or privatized under any condition

Model Charter for a Municipality-Owned Enterprise (MOE)

As Proposed Under the Principles of the Reinhardt Doctrine

Article I – Purpose

The [Municipality Name] Municipality-Owned Enterprise (MOE) is hereby established as a publicly owned and worker-managed institution to serve the material needs of the people. The purpose of this MOE is to provide [specify: housing materials, food production, energy, textiles, etc.] for the use and welfare of the community, without pursuit of private profit.

Article II – Ownership and Oversight

- Ownership

The MOE is owned by the people of [Municipality Name], held in trust by the municipality and operated by the workers.

- Governing Board

The MOE shall be governed by a Board composed of:

- 60% worker-elected representatives, selected through quarterly democratic workplace elections.
- 40% municipality-appointed public representatives, chosen by the local government, subject to public hearing and recall.
- Recall and Accountability
- All board members are subject to quarterly peer reviews.
- Any board member may be recalled at any time by a majority vote of their constituency (workers or public).

Article III – Powers and Limits

- Economic Activity
- The MOE may produce, process, store, and distribute goods or services in alignment with its stated public mission.
- It may not engage in for-profit trade with private corporations, nor sell goods on speculative or open markets.
- Distribution Restrictions
- All outputs must go to:
 - Unionized co-operatives
 - Other MOEs
 - Public agencies and relief networks
- Sales to non-union private entities are prohibited.
- Public Use Clause
- All revenues must be reinvested in operations, wages, equipment, or community aid.
- No bonuses, dividends, or private payouts are permitted.

Article IV – Labor Structure and Protections

- Unionization
- All MOE workplaces must be unionized or actively in the process of union certification.
- Wages and Pay Equity
- Wage ratios may not exceed 3:1 between highest and lowest paid workers.
- Job Rotation and Cross-Training
- Worker rotation and cross-training shall be encouraged to prevent hierarchy and skill hoarding.
- Conflict Resolution
- Disputes shall be resolved through internal democratic procedures, with appeal available to an independent labor mediator agreed upon by both workers and municipality.

Article V – Anti-Seizure and Emergency Protection

- Sovereignty Clause

“The [MOE Name] is not subject to control by any external emergency management entity or appointed administrator that bypasses democratic control of the municipality or the worker-elected board. Any attempt to transfer authority to a non-elected or non-recallable body shall be considered a violation of both local charter and the workers’ right to self-governance.”

- Essential Services Clause (if applicable)

“Under no condition shall [e.g., water, food, energy] services be rerouted, sold, privatized, or modified without a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from both the worker board and municipal representatives. No emergency override may take precedence over public health and democratic consent.”

Article VI – Financial Governance

- War Chest Rule
- 20% of net revenue shall be deposited into a Community Defense and Mutual Aid Fund, administered by a joint board.
- Reinvestment Mandate
- A minimum of 40% of annual net revenue must be reinvested into operations, equipment, infrastructure, or community relief.
- Public Credit and Bonds
- The MOE is empowered to secure loans from credit unions or public banks, using its charter, output, and land as collateral.
- All financial instruments must be non-predatory and capped at 3% fixed interest.

Article VII – Expansion and Federation

- Linkage Encouraged
- This MOE may coordinate with other MOEs, unions, and working-class entities to create shared supply chains and support networks.

- Open Source Infrastructure
- All designs, innovations, and processes developed by the MOE shall be made open-source and freely shareable with other worker-controlled institutions.

Article VIII – Dissolution and Transfer

- The MOE may only be dissolved by majority votes of both the workers and the municipal population, conducted via public referendum.
- In the case of dissolution, assets must transfer to another public or worker-controlled body.
- Sale or privatization of MOE assets is prohibited under all conditions.

Certification and Ratification

Approved and adopted by [City/Town Council Name] on [Date].

Signed:

- Municipal Clerk
- Worker-Elected Representatives
- Mayor / City Manager

MOE Command Principle

“All MOE managers, administrators, and coordinators are subject to quarterly review by their peers. Failure to maintain good standing results in immediate recall and replacement by rank-and-file vote. There shall be no tenure, no executive insulation, and no managerial privilege beyond that granted by the workers themselves.”

MOE Distribution Ethics

No NGO Clause

MOEs shall not partner with or receive funding from nonprofit organizations whose primary revenue is derived from grants, philanthropy, or state-aligned NGOs. Revolutionary infrastructure is not for sale, and not to be laundered through liberal intermediaries.

Distribution Restrictions

MOEs may only distribute goods and services to:

- Other MOEs
- Unionized cooperatives
- Working-class relief networks

Any attempt to sell to private corporations, non-union chains, or boutique markets constitutes grounds for immediate revocation of charter and replacement of leadership.

Phase IV: Enforcement and Transitional Tactics

We'll split this into two sections:

- Enforcement Protocols (How MOEs defend against corruption, betrayal, and liberal rollback)
- Transitional Tactics (How we move from seizure → stabilization → worker-normalcy, without internal collapse)

Section 1: MOE Enforcement Protocols

These are the internal safeguards and hard rules that keep the MOEs from becoming:

- Gentrified shells
- NGO-taken-over cooperatives
- Managed from above instead of below

1. Anti-Privatization Enforcement Clause

“Any attempt to sell, lease, or sub-contract MOE infrastructure or output to a private entity—foreign or domestic—shall result in immediate dissolution of leadership, public disclosure, and a full worker vote within 72 hours.”

Tactics:

- Pre-drafted emergency recall ballots ready at each site
- Internal “Red Watch” teams—rank-and-file members who monitor leadership and report soft privatization attempts

2. Internal Transparency Mandate

Every MOE must publish monthly:

- Budgets
- Trade logs
- Wages
- External contracts
- Cultural exchange records

Tactics:

- Public wall posters (for community)
- Digital logs shared with all workers
- Refusal to publish = automatic freeze on trade with other MOEs

3. Proletarian Audit Committee

Each MOE will be subject to rotating outside review by a worker-auditor committee from another MOE with no economic ties to the one under review.

Tactics:

- MOEs submit to anonymous internal grievance submissions quarterly
- Noncompliance with audit = embargo from the network

4. Cultural Counterintelligence

Any effort to replace revolutionary curriculum with apolitical DEI, NGO liberalism, or state-funded “neutral” education is considered a reactionary infiltration.

Tactics:

- Red Line Clause: All educational materials must pass review by union pedagogical boards
- “Soft coups” flagged by culture workers = emergency congress of workers

Section 2: Transitional Tactics (3-Phase Roadmap)

This is how we get from “We just seized a thing” → “We are feeding people and defending it.”

Phase 1: Seizure

Timeframe: Days 1–30

- FOIA + Land Bank trigger
- Squatting teams move in (if needed)
- Legal CDBG / eminent domain process filed immediately
- Defend infrastructure physically while public case is built
- Begin worker registry: name, skillset, availability

Phase 2: Stabilization

Timeframe: Days 31–120

- Local mutual aid groups and unions brought in as advisory bodies
- Essential production (housing kits, food) is initiated
- Hiring board created from workers and community members, not pre-existing orgs
- Begin internal elections, review system, and cultural onboarding
- External communication begins: press outreach, supply offers to other union shops

Phase 3: Worker Normalcy

Timeframe: 4–12 months

- MOE has full charter ratified
- Worker recall system operational
- First cycle of inter-MOE trade begins
- Revolutionary education mandatory in onboarding
- Defense groups formalized
- Long-term housing and food guarantees expanded outward into the community

“Liquidation Clause”

“If a MOE cannot maintain internal democracy, material redistribution, and revolutionary culture, and becomes indistinguishable from a private enterprise,

it shall be liquidated and restructured under new worker management within 90 days.”

The Reinhardt Doctrine: Defense Playbook

Protocol Manual for Surviving State Retaliation and Maintaining Worker Control

I. ASSUMPTIONS OF HOSTILITY

- The State will not recognize MOEs as legitimate power structures.
- Repression will escalate as MOEs prove effective.
- Capital will attempt to fracture unity from within (NGO co-optation, liberal “reformers”) and without (media, courts, policing).

II. STRUCTURAL DEFENSE PRINCIPLES

1. Dual Governance System (Shadow Councils)

- Establish parallel democratic councils composed of:
- Workers not on the MOE board
- Local tenants, food recipients, and mutual aid bodies
- These operate under the radar and assume authority in case of MOE shutdown or leadership capture

- Function like a strike committee with long-term planning

2. Decentralized Command Protocol

- No single person or body can issue irreversible decisions.
- All passwords, financial access, and infrastructure keys are held via multi-signature consensus.
- If one node falls, the rest must operate independently within 72 hours.

3. Community Defense Militia Formation

- Trained defensive groups recruited from union members, antifascist orgs, veterans, and trusted community members.
- Responsibilities:
 - Monitor surveillance & police activity
 - Protect critical infrastructure
 - Escort MOE leadership if targeted
 - Secure supply lines during crisis

All militias must be democratic, recallable, and barred from unilateral action.

III. CRISIS RESPONSE STAGES

Stage 1: Legal Attack (Lawsuits, Injunctions, Seizure Orders)

Actions:

- Immediate FOIA + countersuit
- Activate legal defense fund

- Begin nightly public info campaigns (posters, stream updates)
- Trigger media disruption plan:
- Leak the truth to independent journalists
- Flood local narrative with working-class voices

Stage 2: Police Intervention / Raid

Actions:

- Livestream everything
- “Red Switch” protocol: evacuate or lock down assets; secure key personnel
- Activate Rapid Union Mobilization Plan:
- Shutting down roads, ports, transit, and production in solidarity
- Mutual aid kitchens begin saturation service for community (turning MOE into a life-giving hub)

Stage 3: National Guard or Martial Power

Actions:

- Invoke Public Occupation Mandate:
- Fill the property with workers, tenants, families, and public supporters
- Begin mass encampments and round-the-clock defense
- Evacuation + Preservation Protocol:
- Secure plans, tech, funds, documents—duplicate and disperse to other MOEs
- Invoke International Solidarity Pledge:
- Sister unions abroad make the crackdown public; embargo U.S. goods where possible

- Build workers' sanctions against local officials or offending companies

IV. INFORMATION WARFARE

1. Media Strike Force

- Every MOE has a designated propaganda unit:
- Handles livestreams, press releases, worker statements
- Distributes "Preemptive Narratives" before capital controls the story
- Uses public grievances (pollution, abandonment, layoffs) to morally frame seizures

2. Smear Campaign Countermeasures

- Prepare dossiers on likely state collaborators (mayors, corporate lobbyists)
- Track and expose conflicts of interest (developer deals, backdoor contracts)
- Build worker-led media networks with shortwave, pirate radio, and encrypted digital lines

V. POST-REPRESSION RECOVERY PLAN

Even if they take it once, they don't get to keep it.

- Shadow Council assumes emergency MOE functions
- Displaced workers begin mobile MOE camps on other abandoned land
- Public fundraising initiated for reconstruction
- "Sabotage Recovery Units" assess damage and recover viable equipment

Final Doctrine Additions

Defense Clause Amendment:

“The seizure of worker assets by state or private power shall be met with total noncooperation, classwide shutdowns, and full mobilization of local and international comrades. No single MOE is isolated. No action is without a response.”

Pledge to the Class:

“We do not vanish. We do not beg. If you shut one of us down, we will reappear ten times larger. We are not asking for permission. We are preparing for war.”

“Seizing the Digital Commons: Municipal Ownership of AI Infrastructure”

Preamble

Capital’s latest theft is the privatization of artificial intelligence—a tool that could democratize knowledge, optimize labor, and abolish scarcity. Instead, it is hoarded by corporations to automate layoffs, mine data, and entrench oligarchy.

We reject this. Just as we seize farms and factories, we seize servers.

This addendum outlines the legal, technical, and militant strategies to reclaim AI infrastructure for the working class—not as consumers, but as collective owners.

I. Principles of AI Reclamation

1. AI as Public Utility:

Like water or electricity, AI’s productive capacity belongs to the people. Municipalities shall assert eminent domain over data centers, server farms, and cloud infrastructure abandoned, underutilized, or operated against public interest.

2. Open-Source Mandate:

All code, datasets, and models developed by municipality-owned AI enterprises (MOAIs) must be freely shared with other worker-controlled entities. No proprietary enclosures.

3. Labor Sovereignty:

Tech workers—not CEOs or shareholders—will govern AI systems through worker-elected boards, with wage ratios capped at 3:1 and no outsourcing to non-union contractors.

4. Anti-Surveillance Clause:

MOAIs are prohibited from facial recognition, predictive policing, or any application that aids state/corporate repression. Violations trigger immediate worker recall.

II. Legal & Tactical Framework

1. Grounds for Seizure

Blight: Server farms left derelict after corporate exit (e.g., Amazon’s “ghost data centers”).

Public Harm: Proof of AI-driven wage suppression, disinformation, or environmental damage (e.g., excessive water/energy use).

Revitalization: Repurposing for public healthcare, education, or cooperative logistics.

2. Eminent Domain Process

Documentation: FOIA requests for corporate tax delinquency, energy usage, and layoff records.

Petition: City council resolution declaring AI infrastructure a public necessity.

Compensation: Nominal fees (or none, for blighted property), paid via municipal bonds.

3. Formation of a Municipal-Owned AI Enterprise (MOAI)

Board Structure:

60% elected by tech/utility workers.

40% appointed by municipality (subject to recall).

Revenue Restrictions:

Profits reinvested in local grids, worker training, or federated AI development.

No private licensing or paywalled APIs.

4. Federation Protocol

MOAIs must share resources via a Worker-Controlled AI Network (WCAIN), pooling compute power for:

Union strike funds (e.g., optimizing solidarity supply chains).

Climate disaster modeling (divorced from state/corporate control).

Open-source alternatives to corporate AI (e.g., Llama, Mistral).

III. Defense Protocols

1. Anti-Privatization Safeguards

“Kill Switch” Clause: Any attempt to sell MOAI assets triggers automatic worker takeover and system-wide encryption.

Redundancy Pacts: Critical data mirrored across multiple MOAIs to resist seizure.

2. Crisis Response

Stage 1 (Legal Attack): Flood courts with precedent (e.g., Kelo for “public use,” environmental law violations).

Stage 2 (Police Raid): Livestream raids, mobilize hacker collectives to disable remote access for cops/corporations.

Stage 3 (Martial Law): Redirect AI capacity to counter-surveillance (e.g., jamming drone feeds, encrypting comms).

3. Internationalism

Partner with global municipalist movements (e.g., Barcelona’s Decidim) to host backups and coordinate sanctions against repressive states.

IV. Sample MOAI Charter Additions

(For integration into the Doctrine's Model Charter)

Article X — AI-Specific Provisions

Section 1: All MOAI outputs are non-commercial. Use restricted to:

Worker co-ops.

Public schools/clinics.

Federated MOEs/MOAIs.

Section 2: Violations (e.g., selling APIs to Google) result in asset forfeiture to the Worker Audit Committee.

Article XI — Energy & Ecology

MOAIs must transition to publicly owned renewable grids within 3 years. No coal-powered AI.

Final Warning to Capital

“Attempt to automate our obsolescence, and we will automate your expropriation. These servers are ours. These tools are ours. The future is ours.”

Theoretical Underpinnings

In this work I have taken from three distinct philosophers, Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, and Daniel De Leon. In this section I will cover exactly what pieces have been improved upon and why the correction or addition is necessary. We will cover Marx's historical materialism and regionalism as far as my additions to Labor

theory of value, as well as where we are consistent in orthodoxy. We will address Lenin's vanguard party, bureaucracy, and the connotations of top-down state delegation. We will close with an introduction to De Leon's work and why these syndicalist forces have failed despite their importance, as well as explain the reason syndicalism is important, and could not be excluded from this synthesis.

First off let me go ahead and give all these theorists their flowers, there's not a whole lot of room to pick Marx apart if you engage with his work honestly. The guy hands down made the gold standard of descriptions for the capitalist modes of production. He's been calling economic shots like Larry Bird for nearly two centuries.

I did however find something he should have picked up on, the differences in cost from region to region. Now to be fair, Marx and Engels did address this but wrote it off as varying degrees of historical development and cultural differences; however, in the 21st century we recognize the first law of business is 'location, location, location', because location is not passive. It is because this is such an obvious oversight that I felt a need to correct it. If the location is important to the business or markets in general, we must ask why? The reason is simple; businesses are looking for the easiest path to wealth extraction. that means the locations are not just historically developed but planned in such a way to keep population disparate for low wages segregated to avoid labor coordination, as well as using roads and transit and materials to insure product distribution and maximum extraction. These regional disparities are why it costs more to live in London than Cologne to use Marx as an example here. the heating cooling amount of terrain and type that must be traversed by workers as well as for the business itself. the business however gets to write these costs off as a form of constant capital but have the prices set accordingly (Sraffa does an excellent job detailing how price is formulated long before marginal utility even has a chance to show itself, proving that the true cost of production is set before marginal utility can be used as an exploitation device) to absorb costs. This formulation cannot be written off by workers, they must absorb the whole cost, which is why I added regional modifier to the pricing equation.

Marx and Engels also talked about transitional phases of economic development, which is what I am striving for here. In 'The Civil War in The United States' Marx and Engels both explain that their assumption is that the workers will seize the state, and change the function of said state until it no longer resembles a state in the classical sense. That is what my municipality owned enterprises are meant to be doing. The 60/40 worker board split ensures worker control while being grounded to public accountability, not through good will, but through co management. This blueprint is the natural continuation and evolution of Marxist thought. Where Marx gives us the economic map, Lenin gives us the organizational engine, and De Leon offers us the infrastructure we've forgotten to use.

Lenin was a master of organization, which is why we take from him his vanguard, not to be a top-down dictatorial lead of revolution, but instead to create legislative wins through the party for labor. To teach revolutionary pedagogy to the rank and file and show that the international struggles around the world are our shared struggle. These kinds of revolutionaries are extremely important to any staying power of worker organization.

Lenin's U.S.S.R. was notably bureaucratic, stifling in some cases. In the 21st century we recognize that there are some things where a level of bureaucracy is not only warranted but needed. Nuclear power plants for instance requires bureaucratic steps. water filtration and purification, healthcare, education, etc. However, where I diverge from Lenin is where the party can become just as corrupt as any bourgeoisie state. There were no checks on the party to maintain worker centric productive processes. This is why I maintain that these splits are necessary between unions and party. no cooptation. union members can't be party member and vice versa. this allows the workers more leverage to maintain their militancy and party members deniability in the actions of more revolutionary labor struggles.

The notion that all communism is top-down state control stemmed from the failures of the U.S.S.R., and while the U.S.S.R. was indeed top down, we must consider their circumstances. a couple of civil wars, and the Nazi threat required a

degree of militancy that was unheard of from a backward agrarian feudal society just coming to terms with the system they had overthrown. I make no excuses for the U.S.S.R. but recognizing that their governance was changed in this way because of war and threat is why Workers, not the party, have a majority share in economic decisions; the workers are those who bear the brunt of all decision and really have had no say traditionally, even in communist states; which is exactly why De Leon's syndicalism is so important.

Daniel De Leon is a lesser-known socialist from the United States, His idea was that worker unions should run economies which is great, Worker unions should have a say in economic development. However, he failed to consider company unions, trade contract, capital flight, and a way to insure that just because you seized the factory or farm for an extra day that those wins are solidified and not challenged by state actors, or sabotaged by private capital. De Leon was a founder of the I.W.W. showing just how well worker militancy can be effective, and also was a key figure in the socialist labor party. His electoral entanglements with the SLP caused the I.W.W. to remove him from the union; a mistake on their part. De Leon saw that you need to have some protections mitigated by the state as well as a way to protect labor. We can see now in hindsight De Leon was right, in the last 100 years since the I.W.W. kicked him out, union density is in single digits. This blueprint codifies unions into governing structures that can protect workers and maintain legislative wins for their expansion and control of the marketplace; instant recalls and worker majority boards insures that these municipality owned enterprises are decentralized and cater to the workers and the municipalities they produce from, while at the same time being federated by party extension; globalizing our outreach and struggle.

I have done my best to make sure that these intellectual giants are being represented honestly and consistently through dialectical and historical materialism. The synthesis of these thinkers is a natural evolution and should have been made years ago. These thinkers and my blueprint maintain philosophical consistency with the greater traditions of Marxism and worker liberation; I've only

updated them to modern conditions. We have nothing to lose and a world free from exploitation to gain. The road back from serfdom will require organization and unity, We are more than capable of both as workers.

Final words

We've seen deindustrialization. We've seen and felt the hunger it breeds. The ignorance in poorly funded schools with oversized classrooms filled with adjunct professors making next to nothing.

All of these economists and political philosophers are pointing at the same problem even if they don't want to admit it, the math checks out- the issue is in ownership. We either take infrastructure and use it for ourselves or wait for our owners to starve us out to the techno feudalism varofaukis warns about.

Im sick of watching people die because its inconvenient for our owners to pay for it.

We, as always, will take care of our own.

I understand that these might seem like marching orders. They are. But not from me im just a worker. They're from every kid that lost their life to insurance companies. Every house that was lost in the 2008 crises and all the families it and speculation destroyed. The poisoned cities with lead. That's where these orders come from. The soul of soulless conditions. Our own abandoned children and brothers and sisters.

Inaction is just a slower crawl to entrenched serfdom more bowing and scrapping to get by. More deaths and continued homelessness. Our fallen and those in the

struggle now deserve better. Ignoring the systemic issues that killed them is complicity; especially when you have the answer in front of you.

M.O.E.S. is the best way forward to honor our fallen. The orders are clear, stop asking and start taking. Join a union and start a M.O.E.S.