

# REVOLUTIONARY WORKING IN OUR TIMES

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## Revolutionary Work in Our Times (RWIOT) is a collaborative effort of left organizations and revolutionary collectives.

Revolutionary Work in Our Times is a space where revolutionaries can draw lessons from the history of peoples' struggles, talk about the challenges and opportunities we face, and discuss our visions for building a more powerful movement and a stronger left that can defeat capitalism, racism, heterosexism, ableism, xenophobia, and gender oppression. These conversations will sharpen our strategic thinking and build deeper unity between people engaged in social movement work.

RWIOT has sought to deepen our strategic clarity by creating spaces to sum up our political practice and to expand our analyses and visions through dialogue and mutual education, create dialogue and collaboration between revolutionaries who are coming out of social movements and revolutionaries who are based in explicitly left organizations and to lay groundwork for new, stronger, more unified revolutionary organizations.

The current anchoring organizations of RWIOT include: Freedom Road Socialist Organization/OSCL; League of Revolutionaries for a New America, Left Turn, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, New York Study Group, and Solidarity. Groups that have been involved in various RWIOT initiatives include the Labor Community Strategy Center, the Bay Area Study Circle and Bring the Ruckus.

## We want to join with:

- Revolutionary, socialist, and anarchist organizations and collectives who are interested in building a more unified left deeply connected to social movements.
- Left activists and organizers who are rooted in social and environmental justice movement work. Cultural workers, artists, healers, young people, elders, and other conscious folks who are interested in strengthening their revolutionary vision.
- Comrades who are interested in incorporating race, sexuality, ability, immigration and gender into our analysis of capitalism, placing our struggle in an international framework, building more powerful left organizations, and taking a non-dogmatic approach to left theory.

## Points of Unity/Puntos de Unidad

1. Capitalism cannot be reformed; we believe that revolutionary transformation is necessary and possible • *El capitalismo no puede ser reformado; creemos que transformación revolucionaria es necesaria y posible*
2. Importance of an analysis and the importance of race, class, gender • *Importancia de un análisis y la importancia de raza, clase, y sexo (genero)*
3. International analysis • *Análisis internacional*
4. Left organizations are necessary and their relationship to social movements is a primary concern • *Organizaciones izquierdistas son necesarias y su relación a movimientos sociales es un asunto primordial*
5. Non-dogmatic approach to revolutionary theory and practice • *Un abordaje a teoría y práctica revolucionaria no dogmática*
6. The need for unity • *La necesidad de la unidad*

## Backstory

A circle of revolutionary organizations, study groups, and social movement organizations decided to get together and work on joint projects to build unity on the left. We did a panel workshop at the US Social Forum in 2007 "Revolutionary Consciousness, Strategy, Vision and Organization in the 21st Century." Over 200 people, mostly from the social movement left, attended this workshop (and it would have been much larger if we had a bigger room).

We planned a Revolutionary Summer School which took place in New Jersey in summer 2008; you may have been there or heard about it. There, about 200 people came together - with the majority people of color and working class people, with large percentages identifying as women or trans as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer - for dialogue about revolutionary theory and strategy. A year later, the RWIOT collective held a strategic dialogue in Chicago. This summer we are excited to return to the US Social Forum.

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