

Drug and alcohol domination continues colonization and poisons the proletariat

Class struggle is everywhere. Throughout history drugs have played an important role in capitalist illegal drug economies, in quelling revolutionary movements and in numbing the masses of the sharpness of capitalist contradictions.

Drugs and alcohol are, by their use and application in capitalist society, to the objective benefit of capitalism-imperialism, but even going as far back as British and Spanish colonialism. They serve the bourgeoisie in their fight against the conscious proletariat and proletarian revolution.

But drugs and alcohol alone are only one part of the problem. The implementers, the pushers, the dealers, are the ones who produce and circulate the poison. One cannot exist without the other. The harmfulness of drugs and alcohol are accelerated by their respective economies.

Drug dealers are merchants of death

Drug dealers, whether conscious of it or not, continue national oppression against the oppressed nations. They also play an accelerant role during the regular crises of capitalism¹ when scores of the masses turn to the numbness of distracting drugs and alcohol. The unemployed proletariat or the precarious position of the semi-proletariat, losing their home, their family, their wellbeing – without a revolutionary guiding organization with a correct line on sobriety and drugs and alcohol – will succumb to so-called “self-medication,” but what in reality is better described as drug and alcohol domination.

Another dimension to drug and alcohol domination is the psychological trauma and mental and emotional re-adaptation of the user from early childhood who must, seldom without revolutionary (let alone professional) guidance. Capitalist society breeds bourgeois nihilism and reactionary self-hatred. It breeds bourgeois-individualism. It breeds reactionary violence and self-destruction. Bourgeois ideology is constant violence against the masses.

Drug domination is *not* mostly a problem of individuals who made bad choices. It is not merely a choice, as the bourgeois lies are constantly repeated. Drug domination is a combined external and internal attack. Externally, it is a highly-systematized web of oppression akin to population control that takes on almost a life of its own during economic crises and interpersonal problems among the masses, reproducing itself like a vicious cycle. Drug domination even has the power to remove the proletariat from their class, trapping them into the grim and bleak world of the lumpenproletariat, a *de-classification*.

If drugs are the flames eating at the proletariat and the revolutionary movement, then economic crises is the gasoline accelerating the fire.

¹ <http://time.com/money/4244536/drug-abuse-economy-relationship/>

It is commonly acknowledged that historically capitalist states have played a fundamental role in introducing drugs into society, such as the U.S. Government under fascistic anticommunist President Reagan with crack cocaine in the 1980s. The CIA financed and defended two rightwing Contra supporters/members of Fuerza Democratica Nicaraguense during the Nicaraguan Contra Wars, Oscar Danilo Blandon and Norwin Meneses, as they sold “tons of cocaine²” to Ricky Donnell Ross, better known as “Freeway Rick Ross.” Reporter Gary Webb of the San Jose Mercury News wrote a series and eventually published a book called “Dark Alliance” which documents this. Although some of the allegations are contested – not surprisingly by the U.S. Government and the CIA (it would be far more surprising for the bourgeois government to accept it as the damning truth it is)³. The money made from the selling of cocaine, to then be turned into crack cocaine by drug dealers, was funneled back to the rightwing guerrillas during the Contra Wars. Whether intentional or not, the objective reality became an organized, violent and bourgeois government-sponsored war against the masses of the country as Los Angeles as its epicenter and with a hyper-focus on Black proletarian/semi-proletarian neighborhoods. To this day, many Black and Chicano communities are left ravaged by crack cocaine domination while the only justice being that the corpse of fascist Reagan has been slowly devoured by the graveyard’s worms and beetles.

A narcotic with near-apocalyptic ramifications on the country’s masses is heroin. Arguably heroin’s mass consumption either began or was made known to the public in 1971 during the last few years of the Vietnam War. Soldiers were so addicted that they were forced to take a drug test before boarding a plane back to the U.S. “Approximately 15 percent of active soldiers were heroin addicts,” according to U.S. representatives in that same year⁴.

Heroin remains one of the most popularly destructive narcotics in the Chicano Nation⁵. It is one, if not the most, popular narcotic that ruins families and destroys lives. Studies have even followed and documented the hereditary nature of alcohol, narcotics and drug domination, including heroin addiction – which families pass it down from one generation to the next⁶. Heroin is a bullet that never stops but shoots through father, mother, son, daughter, grandchildren, until all are in the streets, behind bars or in the grave.

But it is not simply only a moral issue – but of course that can't be ignored. It is a method of domination of the masses like population control, of capitalist domination.

Drug and alcohol domination doesn't just affect the masses. It also infects and poisons, and even neutralizes, revolutionary movements.

² <https://oig.justice.gov/special/9712/ch01p1.htm>

³ <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/drugs/special/cia.html>

⁴ <https://www.cnn.com/2015/12/21/health/vietnam-heroin-disrupting-addiction/index.html>

⁵ <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/Digitization/129171NCJRS.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.addictionsandrecovery.org/is-addiction-a-disease.htm>

We are made stupid, spiritually crushed, and deadened by drug and alcohol domination. As we experience the political demoralization that occasionally creeps its way in, we are at risk at becoming destroyed by it. The masses absolutely already know this. Even the drug addicts and alcoholics know this. Revolutionary Communists, Maoists, must catch up en masse with the correct ideas of the masses on this question. You will seldom find any member of the basic masses arguing that drug and alcohol domination isn't an antagonistic issue. The cemeteries have been collecting the bodies of the masses for generations. To them, there is no room for the postmodernist "left" who argues for hedonism as a revolutionary autonomous, anticapitalist alternative. To them, it is of great offense to talk about drugs and alcohol as liberatory devices – even if their families occasionally drink or smoke marijuana. Younger member of the masses with petite-bourgeois dispositions may occasionally defend drug and alcohol usage and even its abuse but their reality paints a grim picture in unison with our analysis.

The roles and three types of drug dealers

Everything under capitalism is stratified. There are hierarchies in everything. For drug dealers, they can be divided into three categories: big, medium and small. It is important to differentiate between the three different levels of drug dealers since all three categories have very different types of people and must have their own distinct methods of dealing with those contradictions:

i. *Big drug dealers*

Big drug dealers are enemies of the people who prey on the proletariat – this is how their industries and economies are reproduced (not like the proletariat's relationship to the bourgeoisie's means of production); these are the heads/leaders of local big gangs and big cartels; they are antagonistic to the proletariat and the people.

In the present, where possible, the masses should be organized and armed to defend their communities and families against the big drug dealers – in the near future carrying out selective annihilation, people's tribunals, etc. But this must be an undertaking part of a larger mass movement. Because the revolutionary forces are small and we are outnumbered, this is not going to be something we will do at the present.

ii. *Medium drug dealers*

Medium drug dealers are smaller leaders of small-to-middle gangs and cartels; they are not beginners or recent members so it's wrong to think they are less-guilty or less-dangerous. Most aspire to rise up in the ranks and make it to big dealer status. These are capitalist dreams. They see the drug economy as the capitalist enterprise that it essentially is. These dealers, however, are easier to encircle and mobilize against. The masses must be organized to expel them out of neighborhoods, to also take part in

selective annihilation, people's tribunals and armed propaganda when our forces are more advanced and the objective conditions correspond accordingly.

iii. *Small drug dealers*

Small drug dealers are addicts and new recruits in all the above formations, but mostly in small-to-middle drug cartels and gangs. They are mostly redeemable. They can be won over, away from gangs and drug dealings. They are either fully lumpenproletariat, with an incredibly small minority being semi-proletariat – functioning addicts. They have no other recourse. No jobs, no families, no future – supposedly. But they have a good grasp that they are oppressed, even exploited to some degree. They know that probation or parole is a self-fulfilling sentence, constantly being violated at the whim of reactionary pig parole or probation officers, going in and out of jails and prisons. They want escape but they also want recognition, even revindication, validation – that is absent in their families, schools and jobs. They need to be respected and paid attention to and loved. They also need to feel strong and powerful. All of this can be done with their reintroduction into the proletariat and class struggle, guided by Communist cadre and mass-line organizations. Whether or not the focus of the mass initiative is specifically anti-drug domination or if it is part of the larger mass initiative is not immediately clear, but it should be under the guidance and organizational body of the proto-People's Army.

The struggle against drug and alcohol domination needs the active participation of the advanced section of the intermediary, and as many of the outright advanced, both to win over the more friendly and progressive elements of the backwards – the small drug dealers.

Colonization and capitalist domination fueled by alcohol

Alcohol domination, or alcoholism, began with the conquest by the colonizers of the indigenous nations and groups, especially of North America. An example of its deadly and genocidal effects can be seen as early as the 18th century. But it lasts to the present with natives suffering from alcoholism-related death six times more than any other population in the U.S. from 1992-1994⁷.

The circulation of alcohol was an economic enterprise early on by European settlers, which of course eventually expanded into profitable, popular and global industries. Alcohol was a perfect weapon for the domination and subjugation of the rebellious natives who were fighting for their land and very existence. But the natives, before, during and after conquest, were also the colonizer's clientele. In North America, researches highlight the extreme newness of alcohol to indigenous communities which

⁷ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1446168/pdf/10705850.pdf>

caused the adverse effects. Europeans and others have had hundreds of years in perfecting and using alcohol, even though there surely was reckless drunkenness and alcoholism, but natives had no social practice or learned behavior – there were no “social controls” with its usage; Natives would often drink without moderation, consuming all alcohol available to them in the present moment; Native, like the colonizers, would often blame the alcohol – in some cases known as “Demon Rum” – and not hold each other accountable; there was learned behavior that alcohol would treat illnesses, in many cases substituting regular drinking water; In short, alcohol as colonization and capitalist domination was both intentional and unintentional.⁸ There was no alcohol-alcoholism separation since early on. Alcohol meant domination and abuse. That is why we argue so strongly that Communists, especially Maoists, must be sober – alcohol is a volatile reactionary weapon, nearly if not entirely impossible to control.

On and off the reservation, in and out of the native-populated (North American or from Latin America) barrios and ghettos, Chicano, indigenous and New Afrikans are in a fight for their lives against alcoholism. There is no room for alcoholism, and possibly alcohol, under the transitional period from capitalism to communism. Certainly, there is no room for alcoholism in the ranks of the pre-Party cadre formations and the coming Maoist Communist Party, our People’s Army and new proletarian state.

Oppose alcoholism, love the masses, fight for their lives and the lives of our comrades!

On prostitution, briefly

Drug and alcohol domination *and* prostitution is heavily interconnected. Like the stratification and hierarchy of drug dealers, we say the prostitution economy shares some similarities but is also different. There are no meaningful big or middle prostitutes, as even the renegades – the ones without pimps – are in a horribly precarious position often ending with beatings, rape and even death. It is highly probable that prostitutes in general can be reintroduced into the proletariat and the class struggle, but we will most likely be more successful with small prostitutes. But of course, like drug dealers, it is immediately unclear if this should be its own campaign or an aspect of another mass project. Prostitution is *always* a last resort for proletarian and semi-proletarian women, especially fueled or accelerated by drug and alcohol domination. It is a shameful and bourgeois myth that prostitutes are empowered “sex workers” regaining autonomy over their bodies as a method of anti-capitalist resistance. It is false consciousness at its most ugly and misogynist, even if the ideology is owned and reproduced by proletarian women. It mostly exists in imperialist countries where postmodernism, especially Michel Foucault's petite-bourgeois sex positivism bio-politics that justifies this capitulation to backwards self-serving/destructive ideology at the expense of the class struggle. Prostitution stifles the revolutionary fury of proletarian women. It is an attempt at turning oppression into a weapon of the proletariat. But it is more akin to a dagger with no handle, cutting both the proletariat wielding it and the proletariat being stabbed by it.

⁸ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1446168/pdf/10705850.pdf>

We should unleash the fury of proletarian women upon pimps, upon drug dealers and other enemies of the people – but squarely from the ranks of the proletariat and its vanguard, and not from petite-bourgeois or lumpenproletariat positions.

Prostitution is a *type* of an economic exchange (and not “work”) involving a client, the john, the prostitute and the pimp (when applicable). The john is often of proletarian background and so the addiction/domination doesn't simply exist within the prostitute herself/themselves. Drug and alcohol domination is almost totalizing here. Everyone suffers, but the prostitute is at the bottom of course. The higher-end johns of course exist and come from petite-bourgeois backgrounds, but typically their prostitutes are escorts and we think that necessitates a slightly different analysis because escorts are a more legitimized industry with a more solidified and formalized relationship where the pimp is a company with supervisors and the prostitutes are petite-bourgeois small independent contractors. It'd be wrong to say there is no *aspect* of a worker-owner relationship here but it is much like the stripper-club-owner relationship; they are still given economic autonomy (under the guise of political power) with scheduling, the right to refuse clients/services/price setting to a certain degree.

Sobriety is not the answer but a necessary tool toward Protracted People's War

Sobriety must be a first step for the cadre as part of building the Maoist Communist Party in the U.S. prison house of nations. We must be the revolutionary examples to the masses, especially to the colonized masses. Through our actions and prestige, we must proclaim, *“We are not like the others. We are different. For us, as it is for you, revolution is serious. We are not playing games, posturing as heroes. We are becoming soldiers who must always be on alert, on call. There is no room for foolishness or self-harming drunkenness and drug domination. We rise up against the capitalist and colonizer's poison but we won't leave you behind. You are coming with us and together we will make revolution, to eradicate drug and alcohol domination from the earth!”*

But sobriety is only one step, albeit a big one for some, a smaller one for others. There must be absolutely no arrogant sobriety; no attacks on the struggling masses must be allowed. We must weaponize it but in a revolutionary and not reactionary way. Individualist boastfulness is petite-bourgeois. Pre-Party, and future Party, cadre and mass organization members found to be rude or condescending to the struggling masses should be severely punished and made an example of to the masses. Sobriety is only a tool. It is not the end-result. Capitalism will not allow a dual socialist society before the Strategic Equilibrium of PPW. *Sobriety must mainly and only be seen as an indispensable armament for a soldier's arsenal.*

Maoists must do everything in their power to ensure that our comrades are as healthy as they can be and that they maintain revolutionary sobriety. This can only be done through revolutionary rehabilitation programs guided by Party initiatives, as opposed to the bourgeois rehabilitation industry. While there is some good in bourgeois rehab centers (getting addicts sober is obviously good and many people's lives can be saved and have been saved because of rehab, including revolutionaries), they ultimately serve capitalism –

even if there are one or two progressive or radical doctors or staff. The program's entirety, if it isn't guided by communist politics, succumbs to the ideological-reproducing machine of the bourgeoisie.

Substituting self-destructive practices that addicts retreat to and reproduce often in isolation with healthy, communist-led militarized initiatives in collective settings will aid and sustain revolutionary sobriety. Regularly checking in with comrades on the road to sobriety, intensely studying revolutionary warfare and applying Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism, to all aspects of one's life will replenish good morale in the comrade. The road to revolutionary recovery, if it is to be effective, must take place within the class struggle. And that road can only lead to Protracted People's War as the peak arena of transformation. It is in revolutionary warfare that the people and communists are truly tested.

This general approach is not exclusive to communists, but it will be the communists who initially carry it out. But the masses also deserve revolutionary sobriety. Once communists perfect revolutionary rehabilitation programs they should implement them for the masses. The masses, then, must take these revolutionary sobriety programs over and reproduce them but orientating toward the masses.

There are two contradictory worlds we are living in, the old and the new; but the old one is primary and the new one is secondary for the time being. Prostitution and drug and alcohol domination are two systems relegated to the old bourgeois world which we have to annihilate, two industries whose ideology must be attacked – but guided by Communist leadership and reintroduction of the progressive, allied groups into the proletariat and class struggle. Class struggle – and especially Protracted People's War – transforms people into revolutionary soldiers. Class struggle is the fire that cleanses the earth from the poisonous rot of the bourgeoisie. Cast away old ideas, break the chains of capitalist exploitation and accumulate forces for PPW! Militarize the masses and the pre-Party collectives! Apply Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism, to the conditions in the U.S! The only method of defeating drug and alcohol domination is through revolutionary violence and unleashing the violent and redeeming torrents of the masses. Who are we to hold in their rage? Who are we to deny their revindication? Who are we to get in the way of their emancipation? We are but humble servants of the masses, revolutionary soldiers in the ranks of the becoming Party, People's Army and the new proletarian state!