

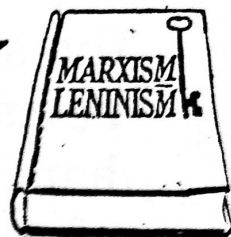
"Without Revolutionary Theory
There Can Be No
Revolutionary Movement"
-- V. I. Lenin



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Revisionism, opportunism, poly-Marxism

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"What's the relationship between a revisionist and an opportunist?"

Our answer:

— A revisionist is one who abandons such principles and fundamental laws. One of the most common procedures of revisionists is to take a particular phenomenon and elevate it to the level of the universal.

— As to the relationship between a revisionist and an opportunist, we said that the latter is the person who, laying

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aside all principles, adapts himself to whatever situation may be advantageous to his immediate or mediate class objectives. To this we may add that, in politics, revisionism and opportunism usually go hand in hand, because they are two faces of the same coin, for revisionism is nothing but a poor theoretical excuse for opportunism.

In his work Marxism and Revisionism, Lenin said:
 “To determine its conduct from case to case, to adapt itself to the events of the day and to the chopping and changing of petty politics, to forget the primary interests of the proletariat and the basic features of the whole capitalist system, of all capitalist evolution, to sacrifice these primary interests for the real or assumed advantages of the moment — such is the policy of revisionism.” (Collected Works, Vol. 15, pp.37-38).

● Here we find also the picture of opportunism, which is the political aspect in which the revisionist theory is reflected.

● We call our readers' attention to these matters because in the struggle against imperialism it is imperative that the ideological level of our cadres and the great masses of the people be raised,

and such a rise in level can only be attained by knowing and confronting not only the theses of the bourgeois but also revisionism and its counterpart, opportunism from the Right and from the Left; and sectarian adventurism for all these expressions serve 'the interests of our class enemies.

Opportunism from the Right distinguishes itself by trying to replace the Marxist line with bourgeois reformism. Its long course runs all the way from Bernstein and the renegade Kautsky, to present-day figures.

- The current theories of opportunism from the Right are "technocratic reformism," with its 'concept of the "new historical bloc," and the thesis of the "models of socialism."

- The past few decades have been marked by the appearance of a new category of revisionism known as "poly-Marxism."

- **Poly-Marxism** — or polyvalent character of the Marxist theory — means that it is possible for several types of Marxisms to exist.

• This is an interpretation of Marxism in different ways, according to the different social and national media. In this case, it is related to the theory of the “models of socialism,” with which we will deal later.

Poly-Marxism is simply the alleged right of any opportunist to pick whatever thesis he chooses from the Marxist theory and discard others. This could be described as a method of “pick and choose to suit your own purpose.”

• Poly-Marxism is used by bourgeois who call themselves Marxists.

What is the poly-Marxist theory based on?

• According to these theoreticians, Marxism is not a science but rather an ideology that reflects reality in accordance with practical objectives. Hence, since objectives change, Marxism should also have different points of view.

• Now then, the poly-Marxists, the revisionists and the opportunists want to