

Amendment to remove the phrase Democratic Centralism from the Red Party constitution

Article 3, Section 1, should be amended to read “the party operates in deference to the popular will of the party as a majority: all action should be unified regardless of individual conscience was a democratic decision is made, but parties have absolute freedom in discussion and criticism even if in a minority position.”

Rational: The baggage and popular misunderstanding of the phrase “Democratic Centralism” has been hurt by “anti-revisionist” and Trotskyist abuse of the term. Furthermore, our current plank is vague and can too easily be interpreted in an anti-democratic way as it does not spell out the grounds of “unity in action” being compelled. This amendment explains what we mean by democratic centralism without the historical baggage that would make it difficult to work with other parties. There is no reason to have a fetish for the historical wording of Leninist positions in the construction of our party even if we believe in those principles

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