

Addressing the Environmental Crisis (Motion):

The aim of Marxists is the advent of a communism with peace and solidarity in a classless society. This world can only be created with the socialization of the means of production. Socialization, although the primordial necessity of social transformation, does not in itself resolve many critical issues inherited from the pre-revolutionary period. The most critical of these is the current ecological crisis. Human activity, namely the emission of greenhouse gases emerging from capitalist production pattern, is drastically affecting earths' climate and warming the planet. Among other effects, this will cause a rise in sea levels and an increase in the severity of storms and other weather disasters. In turn these effects will lead to tremendous forced environmental migration of the most vulnerable members of society as well as mass extinctions of animal species and the destruction of coastal cities and island countries. These are but some of the consequences of global warming, it is therefore essential that a communist program include strong and immediate measure to limit the extent of climate change. - Alec Desbordes

- Ecological Transition
 - A) Planning
 - Create a commission, composed of expert researchers and worker's leaders, to research, develop, and implement an energy transition plan which addresses the ecological crisis in all its forms.
 - B) Priority nationalizations for the transition
 - Nationalize the transportation industry (highways, rail roads...)
 - Nationalize fossil-fuel corporations (oil, coal, gas...).
 - Nationalize industrial (factory) farms. Shifting the mass production of meat and dependence on livestock to a more sustainable model of agricultural production.
 - C) Investment in public transportation
 - Develop new railroads to isolated cities, renovate the existing railroads. Subsidize ticket prices to make train accessible to the working class.
 - Implement low cost, long distance, bus travel where railroads are currently inexistent
 - Promote car share, carpooling and use of public transportation.
 - Invest in public transportation projects of all nature with priorities for rural areas and urban ghettos.
 - Prioritize local production of food over importation to reduce transportation emissions.

D) The right to a healthy life

- Implement strict regulation on the use of GMOs.
- Immediately initiate a purification project of water from rivers, lakes and oceans.
- Create democratically-elected municipal level water management committees.
- Declare a state of emergency in Flint, Michigan and the dozens of other cities in the U.S. with potentially contaminated water.
- Declare the water crisis a national priority, strongly reprimand any waste of water.
- Make recycling obligatory in all productive establishments.
- Incentivize and ease recycling for households.

E) The nuclear and coal question

- Halt the construction of any new nuclear central.
- Close all nuclear central currently considered dangerous or un-safe.
- Phase out coal extraction under all its forms.
- Create “green-jobs” for the ex-nuclear and ex-coal workers.
- Invest in cities where nuclear and coal industries were principal employers, making them technological hubs for the ecological transition.

F) Public investment

- Important public investment to repair pipelines considered dangerous with risk of leaks.
- End the construction of useless, costly and dangerous new pipeline projects
- Create high level educational center for environmental engineering.
- Invest in research and development in all renewable energies.
- Create state-owned factories for the manufacturing of renewable energy products (solar panels, wind turbines...)

This motion would replace the following two provisions of the current draft program:

- Nationalize the energy giants and create a mass public works program to rapidly transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy.

- Free, quality local public transportation and expansion of the Amtrak system to provide low-cost medium- and long-distance transit.