



## George Bush's Second Electoral Victory: Reasons and Consequences

The Presidential elections in USA have come to an end with George Bush's victory over his rival from the Democratic Party.

This is while a conflict of interests for choosing one of them among the world bourgeois was obvious. During the elections, the world bourgeois organized themselves into two camps, and each camp was trying to bring victory to its candidate.

On one side, stood the most important

European countries and majority of large European parties and organization, in favor of the Democrats candidate; on the other side, stood few European governments and parties, in favor of the Republican candidate, George Bush.

The reason

why the election has been so important for the world capital is nothing but intensification of conflicts among Imperialist blocks and it has its roots in economical and political interests of international trusts.

This conflict has been intensified day by day after the destruction of the Eastern Block and its consequences world wide. At the time of invasion of Iraq, the conflict between Imperialist powers took an open dimension.

This reality can explain why George Bush should be re-elected to his post even though

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## Workers and Capitalists' Unending Appetite

The capitalist class and the government defending that class, in continuation of their attacks and trampling on workers rights, have prepared yet another assault on the working class.

During the past few years they have, through a series of bullying measures, resorting to various tricks and use of "legal" instruments that they have cut and stitched, have imposed temporary



employment contracts on more than 70% of workers.

Several months ago, with the decision of their "Supreme Administrative Tribunal" they deprived those huge majority of workers, who more than anyone else are on the verge of dismissal and unemployment, of unemployment insurance and receiving unemployment benefit.

They intend to completely remove workers on temporary contracts, whose numbers are daily on the increase, from the cover of labour law.

According to a report by ILNA (Iranian Labour News Agency) a group of MPs of the parliament of reaction are preparing a draft law named

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there is a majority of American public and large number of people worldwide that are against Bush and his policies, policies that have affected American society itself and intensified class struggle.

Bourgeoisie political analysts explain the reasons for failure of Democratic Party with traditional and repeated terms.

A group analyses the matter very superficially than the other, they talk about the appearance and manner of candidates in socializing and addressing the public and thereby determining the reasons for their victory and failure.

Another group, consider churches and Bush's defense of traditional and backward values of American society, as the reasons for victory of Bush.

Even the most intelligent analysts say nothing more than that Bush's program was more direct and clear to the public than Cary's.

All of these groups have one thing in common. They are trying, by their colorful analyses, to cover the real nature of elections in parliamentary democracies and to say that, firstly, it was the people who really elected the one they wanted and therefore, it was actually people of US who chose Bush rather than Cary.

Secondly, they say and talk about every thing but not the real reason for Bush's re-election.

In reality, the main reason for Bush's second electoral victory is that in this phase of world Imperialist powers offensive, the Republican Party under the leadership of Bush can execute policies and achieve the aims of US Imperialism much better than Democratic Party.

It is true that there is no major difference between Republican and Democratic parties and both of them are political representatives of American trusts, Imperialist policies and objectives, but their tactics and manner regarding those policies have not been always unified.

This difference in tactics, especially in this phase of the offensive, in order to get much greater markets for American trusts and secure the hegemony of US world wide is so critically important that it is crucial for the victory or failure of an effective policy.

During the last four years, it has been obvious that US Imperialism is trying to get greater markets in Asia and Africa.

US can not secure its interest by this policy if they cannot make the rival powers to accept the leadership of US and in practice the US should prove that it is

the only unique power in the world.

The period, during which the Imperialist powers voluntarily accepted the leadership of America in order to be offensive against Soviet Union and Eastern Block, is long over. Thus, USA cannot, as before, compel the other world powers, especially European powers, to accept its leadership. Though, US needed other tactics and ways of conduct to prove that America is the only Superpower in the world.

The new policy considered greater military power and greater denial of international agreements, regulations and resolutions. Democratic Party could not conduct such a policy well enough, because the party tries to benefit the interests of American trusts and hegemony among the Imperialist power by old means, such as, negotiation and giving some benefits to the rival powers. In other words, trying to make decisions as Imperialist blocks and forwarding the "multi lateral" policy.

On the contrary, it was Bush and Republican Party who were prepared to forward current policies of American trusts. Bush's victory is not only for this election but has been for the last four years.

During that period,

US Government under leadership of Bush has shown that they are determined to go through their policies by use of military force more than ever before, ignoring demands and interest of other world powers, not needing any decision or acceptance from United Nations or Security Council and by ignoring previous agreements with their rivals.

They have tried to use all those means to prove superiority of US Imperialism.

Even though Bush and Republican Party could, by best approach, execute the policy of American trusts in the current phase, but the result of last four years of their conduct is not exactly what they expected.

The execution of that policy did not bring the results successfully as the American trusts wanted.

Dispatching military forces to Iraq, instead of showing the power of US, showed their incapability and weakness.

In this situation, Bush's failure and Cary's victory in the elections could be considered as acceptance of political failure of USA.

The acceptance of that failure, had no other meaning than US should withdraw all its claims to hegemony over other world powers.

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“Draft Law for the Temporary Employment of the Unemployed”. According to the draft “ T e m p o r a r y employment of the labour force in all workshops and jobs would be based on written agreement of employees and employer and exempt of the Labour Law”.

Hussien -e- Noaaie Eghdam, member of the management committee of the parliament, commenting on the preparation and submission of the draft says: “better use of the potential capacities of the country that due to the Labour Law and social security law has remained untapped, supporting investment and job creation are the reasons for the preparation and submission of the draft”. In the new draft law of the capitalists and their representatives in the parliament of reaction, workers and employers both have the “option” and can operate in “agreement” with one another!

The capitalists with the help and hand in hand with their own legislators are attempting to release themselves from the yoke of any costly law and any kind of rules and regulations governing working conditions and exploitation of workers.

According to the new

draft of the capitalist representatives and reactionaries, employers gain the right to pay or not pay workers insurance premiums. Employers have the “option” and are not bound by any rule or



regulation!

Every worker understands that the practical meaning of that word and option is nullification of health insurance for the worker and members of the worker’s family during employment.

Capitalists always seeking to increase profits say that the labour and social security laws cost them money and do not want to pay such expenses. They want to, outside any regulation and law, be the only decision maker in respect of dealing with workers, employment, wages, insurance, working conditions and so on. The new draft law facilitates all those demands of capitalists.

If the draft which is submitted to the parliament as urgent is ratified, millions of

workers who are employed on temporary contracts, and at present are also deprived of many benefits and “legal” rights enjoyed by permanent workers, would be exempt from the labour law.

Profit worshipping capitalists and their reactionary representatives, this time, under the cover of “job creation” are preparing to commit a greater crime.

All workers remember when making exempt from the labour law workshops that employed 5 or less workers the same excuse was propounded.

All saw that with making exempt those workshops from the labour law no employment was created and the number of unemployed increased progressively.

Many workers who were employed before the implementation of that law were dismissed and became unemployed. Even the boss of the Supreme Society of Islamic Labour Councils admits:

“According to statistics more than 50% of the currently unemployed were previously employed” (ILNA. October 2004).

With the ratification and implementation of the latest design of the capitalists and reactionaries, the “Draft for the Temporary Employment of the Unemployed”, bonds, blank checks and any form of inappropriate and informal contracts become legal.

Hence employers’ boundless impositions and bullying too become legal.

Ratification of this law, more than ever, intensifies pressure of work and exploitation of workers.

Millions of workers and their families that are currently struggling with poverty, hunger, unemployment and deprivation would be dragged into the pit of disaster and sink into the depths of society more than ever.

Capitalists’ latest design is not only for spreading the dimensions of workers lack of rights and trampling on their basic rights- It is an attempt to take back the gains of a century of workers struggle.

It is for establishment and imposition of a series of ancient and slavery like relations on the exploited.

The extent of these attacks and crimes of

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Thus, with all failures and incapability Bush has shown during his term of office, the ruling class of America did not want to accept such a fact.

Therefore, Bush should be re-elected to his presidential post in order to cover those failures and gain the time to turn them to victory.

But what happens next?

Can US imperialism achieve its goals during the coming four years, by policies that Bush should conduct?

The current facts have already given answers to those questions.

If those policies could gain victory, they should have done during the last four years.

But now that the incapability and weakness of US military in a small country like Iraq is proved, it is obvious that there will be more failures during the coming years and US would achieve nothing more but failures.

There is no doubt that the American ruling class will try to use greater military force in order to gain victory after failures in the Middle East.

They will send more troops to the region; barbarism and suppression would be increased.

But these military actions will not result in controlling the situation; on the contrary, they

will intensify conflict, resistance and confrontations. Continuing that policy will as well, intensify the internal conflicts among the world powers, especially between US and Europe.

That message has even been sent to other world powers by Foreign Secretary of USA.

He wrote in an article, on the eve of election victory, the responsibility to solve all the world problems rests on the hands of USA.

To act upon that responsibility in this century demands using all means of conduct, with a non diplomatic and simple language, it means using military force and war.

In his address to the rivals he said: "we are prepared to cooperate with others in order to solve problems, but the condition is that others accept the leadership of US".

Then he added that Bush would show, the world in his next term that US is capable of such leadership and he can deliver it.

The message is so clear.

The result is also clear in advance, the rival powers; especially the Europeans will not accept USA's hegemony. Thus the result of Bush's re-election would be intensification of conflicts and offensives among the world imperialist powers.



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the capitalists has fired the anger of millions of human beings and left no place for silence and inaction.

The several years experience of the Islamic government of the capitalists has demonstrated well that if the workers remain silent in the face of capitalists' attacks, the capitalists would organise other attacks on them and go as far as workers and their families' physical destruction.

There are no bounds for the greed of capitalists and their system.

Spread of poverty,

calamity, hunger and disease is intertwined with that human consuming system. Capitalism takes its life from the destruction of human bodies and lives.

The appetite of this death causing giant, which is fattened with the blood and flesh of workers, is unending.

To harness this unbridled giant there is no other way for workers than unity and organised struggle.

Truly, has the time not arrived to swing up our heavy sledge hammer of unity and smash it down onto the head of this uncontrolled human eating giant?



- On October 16. workers at Babakan Textile fabric in the city of Amol picketed at this fabric in protest of privatization, possibilities for shutting down of the factory and delay of paying of wages. This fabric has been privatized since December 2003 and now the electricity has been cut and with shutting down of this factory all the 735 workers will miss their jobs.

- Management of "Bahman Plastic" plant have not been at this plant in last several months and has practically closed this fabric. In addition workers have not been paid in last 4 months. 2 weeks ago representatives of the management tried to close this factory down and move all the machines. Workers unanimously stopped this action.

- 80 permanent workers of the Baf-Iran have not get wages in last 4 months. The owner of this plant has been tried to push workers to accept short employment. In spite of laying off of the 6

workers, all the workers have resisted against these pressures. On October 12 workers picketed at labor office and demanded clarifying their problems.

- 70 workers of Iran Kanaf in city of Rasht have not get their wages in more than 2 years. At last after several protests and more than 15 months waiting without any answer from employer, the owner has to pay around 25 million rials to workers and the rest of the payments have to be paid after 45 days.

- Transport workers in city of Ahwaz striked on October 19 in protest of delaying their wages in more than 2 months. Not only the wages but only other welfare benefits have not been paid during these times. Strikers demanded paying their wages and denounced that they will continue their struggle if the wages are not paid.

- Workers at Alborz Coal Company have addressed a letter to newspapers protesting privatization this mine and its unfortunate consequences

- 100 workers at nakhnaz Plant who have been laid off since September 2002 in a letter protested against shortages in retirements bonuses. In this letter they have given one month to owner to fulfill

workers demands.

- Workers at Mehran plant addressed in a letter the media have demanded higher wages. In this letter they compared wages in last 3 years and pointed that even their humble bonuses have not been paid in last many months.

- Management at Khorasan Electronic Plant is about to sack another 180 workers. Last year 200 workers missed their jobs. In addition different bonuses have also been reduced.

- Owner of Iran Papyrus Plant has laid more than half of workers off. Now he trying to fire further 120 workers, who have been employed in last 15-20 years. Workers complained against this decision and now with the court's order the sacked workers have to be re-employed. But the owner still hinders workers to go back to their jobs.

- Mire Plant is about to fire all workers. After hearing this news workers started a wave of protest actions. They stopped moving of machines by the owner and demanding job guarantees.

- On November 5. workers at Gheshm Metal Plant went on strike. This action was

in protest against management plans about re-structuring work force. Working conditions at this plant are extremely hard. For 12 hours hard work day and compulsory 120 hours extra work at week, workers earn a very humble wage. In spite of all these hardships, workers are worry about the future. The sporadic lay offs are still going on and they have met very hard resistance from management. In last action all the workers went on strike when some of their co-workers were sacked. At the same time workers demanded higher wages and better working conditions.

- On November 5. and 7. workers at Azarakhsh fabric in city of Shahroud went on strike in protest against 3 months delayed wages. During this strike workers picketed in front of city's labor office.

- Bahman Plastic Plant had been taken over by a person with connections with police forces. He tried to move all machines from this plant. 90 workers who have not got wages in last 5 months have protested against this action. The new owner has also stolen workers paid taxes and unemployment insurance benefits.

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- On November 8. workers at Yazd plant went on a 3 days strike. These workers have not been paid in last 8 months. Workers were asked to return to work. They answered that their strike will going on until their demands are accepted.

- After plans to privatize Kurdistan Textile Plant and laying all 75 workers off, workers at this plant went on strike on November 2. Management at this plant trying to convince workers to quit voluntary and get a sum of money, but workers only want their jobs back and their 8 months unpaid wages. A few day after workers went on a hunger strike. Some workers' conditions after 5 days getting worse and at the same time strikers took manager as hostage. Families of these workers tried to join their relatives, but guards at plant's port did not allow them. In solidarity with this strike workers at some other plants went on a limited strike.

- On November 3. 160 workers at Tool Maker Spark Machine went on a 2 days strike. These workers haven't been paid in last 7 months. After this strike a part of workers' delayed wages and bonuses were paid and they were promised to get the rest of their unpaid wages after some days.

- Workers at Hase Chinaware plant have in protest against privatization of this plant and unsecured future, which this action will call, picketed in front of government offices at this county. Under plea of re-structuring this plant has been closed in last 6 months and most workers have not even got a very humble unemployment insurance benefit.

- Labor authorities in county of Khouaestan denied to prove and classify working conditions

at Karoun Plantage as hard. In protest against this wrong decision all the workers at this plantage stopped work and marched to words labor office in city of Shoushtar. After 8 km. marchers were stopped by security forces, while they blocked the road. Despite police tried to disband this march, strikers continue their action with a demonstration at the same place.

- 45 workers at Textile fabric of Abhar Baft have been fired despite of 3 months unpaid wages. Sacked workers complained over this decision to labor authorities and demanded retuning back to their jobs,

- 400 unemployed youths in city of Dehloran have picketed in front of city's labor offices. Labor authorities have registered these young workers and promised them job at Iranian National Oil Company. But several months have passed by and there is still no news about the promised jobs.

- Sever economical and social pressure caused at Eskandar Shaybani, a 48 years worker at Nasajan textile fabric committed suicide on November 2. After re-structuring of this plant he had to be fired. Right now there are 385 unemployed workers, who are waiting for a humble unemployment insurance benefit. Eskandar is not the first victim of employers' economical pressures. Before him 2 other workers at the same plant and under the same pressures choose to take their own lives.

- On October 20. Mahmoud Tizhoush, a 32 years miner at Hajak Coal Mine missed his life under a work accident. He was in a tunnel when the explosion happened. He left a young wife and 2 young children.

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