

6. The top-down structure of the unions reflects their integration into the system. The officials who run these organizations work to contain workers struggles within the framework of their long-standing relationship with the bosses and politicians. The solution is not "changing leaders" but building workers organizations that are self-managed by the rank-and-file. So long as workers continue to rely on the existing unions as the vehicle of struggles, we participate in those unions. But as workers move towards more militant action and wider solidarity, new organization directly managed by the rank-and-file becomes more of a possibility. Self-managed workers organizations, such as workplace assemblies, committees directly responsible to the rank-and-file, and unions free of top-down control, are the kind of organization that can be the vehicle for self-emancipation. We favor the development of a self-managed workers movement not only because it will be more effective in the present-day fight against the employing class but also because it lays the basis for workers self-management of the economy.
7. Since States exist to defend the power and wealth of bosses, wars are merely struggles between the bosses in different lands. We never support the war efforts of any State. Nationalism always represents the interests of an exploiting class. A movement for workers self-emancipation must be internationalist. Since exploitation is international, effective workers struggle must become international as well, based on direct solidarity and coordination of struggles across national boundaries. A workers revolution will be limited by the dictates of the world market and the power of the bosses' military blocs insofar as it is not a movement to change the world-wide organization of society.
8. Since the State's "forces of order" are the main instruments of terror in the world, the cries of politicians and bosses against the "terrorism" of guerrilla armies or political groups are hypocritical. Nonetheless, we do not agree with a strategy for social change based on armed actions by political minorities since it substitutes a political "vanguard" for workers solidarity. Though we do not like violence, we realize that the bosses will not give up their power and wealth voluntarily. Thus, we recognize the use of armed force as legitimate when used in defending a workers movement for social change. Since the movement for workers emancipation cannot succeed without the breakup of the State and its armed machine, it is important to spread class-consciousness within the ranks of the military. However, the defense of the revolution must be the work of a workers militia, controlled by the self-managed workers organizations, not an army or guerrilla force controlled by a minority, such as a political party.
9. Capitalism has benefitted from a racist heritage, which has provided pools of cheap labor and permitted some people to be subjected to worse treatment. Racism can only divide the working class. Solidarity must be based upon genuine equality, rejecting the idea that privileges can be founded on race or nationality. We support people of color in their struggles against discrimination and inequality.