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A WORKERS WEB SITE

Welcome to www.FocusOnSocialism.ca – a website produced, managed, funded and written by workers and farmers for the benefit of the real majority in our country; all those who depend on wages, farm income and small pensions to live.

The employed labour force in Canada is 16.6 million. Our combined efforts create a gross domestic product (GDP) of approximately \$1.2 trillion. Here are a few facts from Stats Can at October 2006:

- Workers in manufacturing account for \$172 billion of GDP
- Workers in oil and gas extraction and mining \$40.4 billion
- Construction workers, \$66 billion
- Utility workers \$27 billion
- Transportation workers, \$52.5 billion
- Farmers account for \$40 billion.
- Retail workers \$67.6 billion
- Health Care and Social workers, \$61.9 billion
- Workers in manufacturing and industry account for 30% of GDP and workers in service account for 70%.
- The sector that manages the movement of investor capital, real estate, and the management of companies and enterprises accounts for \$223.4 billions of GDP or a whopping 18% of total.

The bank presidents, the TSX stock exchange, the insurance companies and money managers and their bought and paid for university trained economists are jumping up and down and saying – no, no, no – *you* didn't create that wealth, we did, we own the investment capital and without us there would be no economy.

We have some news for the capitalists – try running the capitalist system without us.

Can the Canadian economy operate without millions of workers and farmers creating products and services? No it can't!

Can the Canadian economy operate without a handful of private bankers, corporate boards, and financiers? Yes it can!

The capitalist know we can do without them but they can't do without us. They spend billions on propaganda and misinformation so we won't discover that simple truth. The capitalist say "the system is fair, you get wages we get the profits!"

What they refuse to discuss is what entitles them to our profits? Yes our profits! Profits are the result of our unpaid labour time so what entitles them to our unpaid labour? Do they think we don't know that we create values far in excess of what we are paid in wages?

The capitalists own the banks, the factories, the resources, the transportation system, the grain elevators, food processing plants and control the state. They have political parties to keep them in control. That's what needs to change. A system where a few own the means of production and the lions share of the wealth while the overwhelming majority do the work and get what's left, is neither just nor democratic. The people who do the work should run the government – full stop!

How about a new system, where we workers and farmers take the profits that we create by our labour and use that wealth to provide jobs for the 1.2 million of us who are out of work, to redress the terrible wrongs inflicted on the Aboriginal people's, to build a million low cost houses, to renovate our schools and infrastructure, to clean up the environmental mess created by private industry, and to get Canada out of US-NATO sponsored wars.

That is what our website is about. We discuss how the economy works for the owners and not workers and farmers. We discuss the role of political parties and which ones protect private capital and which ones speak for urban and rural working people. Our website discusses the programs, the policies and the types of struggles now underway that are leading in the direction of changing the system. We say the profit system is the source of poverty, unemployment, racism and war and the root cause of the environmental disaster overtaking our planet. Capitalism doesn't work for us, and it can and must be replaced by socialism.

Visit often. Send us news from your workplace and farm or community. Join in the great debate now underway in the labour and farm movements on how to change the system.

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