

UNITE THE MAJORITY

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To unite the majority is an important strategic thought of Chairman Mao. To unite the majority is an important issue that can not be overlooked in a proletarian cultural revolution. Moreover, it is the number one issue to which we must pay attention in our current criticism of the capitalist reactionary line.

The purpose of uniting the majority is to advance the revolution. Unity of the majority for us revolutionaries means a revolutionary policy and strategy based upon the greatest good for the greatest number (of the people) derived from objective observation and consideration of the revolution as a whole.

Unity of the majority based on an analysis of the political attitude toward the revolution and of the economic position of each class, stratus, and of each group in the society, is the Party's strategy and class line. In order to carry on any struggle, or to advance any revolutionary movement, we have to unite the majority, to win every ally to strive together, in accordance with the situation and conditions of the given time. Otherwise, we shall gain no victory. Dogmatists, isolationists, and bookworms, do not understand this point. They often substitute emotional, childish, and tactless slogans for the policy of a revolutionary party. They would have the spear of struggle pointed toward the backward masses, broaden the target areas and feel self-satisfied. Actually, the task of revolution is destroyed.

No revolutionary victory could be gained without knowing how to unite the majority. This has been proven by our Party's revolutionary practices over the last several decades and by the practice of thousands of years of class struggle. Without paying attention to the unity of the majority, one may lead the movement astray; one may point the spear of struggle towards the masses, and thereby commit grave errors in direction and in line. This has been repeatedly proven by the countless events in the proletarian cultural revolution of the past half-year.

We unite the majority for the revolution; to carry on the revolution we have to. In order to attain that objective, we must follow mass-line. Mass line is revolutionary line. What is mass line? The Party's class-line is the policy, formulated in accordance with the actual situation, of uniting the majority of the masses to strike together at the little reactionary clique. It is also the necessary guarantee of our victory. He who neglects the majority can achieve no success for the revolution.

In order to unite the majority, one must firmly depend upon the left wing to strike at the little clique of the diehard reactionaries and counter-revolutionaries. At present, it is to concentrate on our striking power upon the little capitalist line ruling clique within the Party.

In order to unite the majority, we must seize the middle group. Whether our revolutionary struggle will succeed depends on the changing political attitude of this middle group, towards or away from us.

In order to unite the majority, we further need to win back those who have committed errors but have confessed. The strength and correctness of the reactionary leftists are displayed not only by the solidarity among themselves, but also by their degree of success in seizing the middle group and winning back the reactionaries. Every one of us revolutionaries should have great tolerance. We need to sincerely understand and help those comrades who opposed us but have confessed, to correct their mistakes; to cast aside private feelings and to unite with them to carry on the revolution. While criticizing the capitalist reactionary line, the revolutionary leftists must sincerely welcome those comrades who have gone astray to return to the correct line; particularly, they must help the youth to correct their mistakes and progress with them.

In short, in order to unite the majority, one needs to have a red heart fully devoted to the service of the revolution, to equip oneself with the thought of Mao Tse-tung, and to do the painstaking and delicate thought work. Only in this way can we unite the majority, and only by uniting the majority to carry on the revolution together, can we be ever victorious.

The task of proletarian revolution demands that we unite the majority. We must be skilled in that. Our great leader Chairman Mao has clearly pointed out: the successors to the proletarian revolutionary task "have to be proletarian politicians capable of uniting the majority to work together. They need to be skilled in uniting not only those who hold identical views, but also those whose views are different, and those who opposed themselves and have been proven wrong in practice." Against this standard everyone of us revolutionary heirs ought to consistently measure himself and reform himself.

The great proletarian cultural revolution is a new stage in the socialist revolution. It is a deeper, sharper and more complicated class struggle. While revolting against the capitalist class, one studies. One surely learns more while practicing. We shall for our life follow Chairman Mao and struggle in the great storm, and have uniting the majority, the art of revolution, learned.

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