

SAVE THE PLANET MAKE THE TORIES EXTINCT

Boris Johnson will go to the COP 26 summit in November boasting about Britain's green energy revolution and cynically complaining about a lack of action from other nations towards the UN's \$100 billion climate finance goal. In reality his plans are woefully inadequate, don't address the urgent need for massive investment in public transport so that we can take cars off the roads, have nothing to say about home insulation and go nowhere near creating the zero carbon energy systems we need right now.

He has nothing to say about a Just Transition which would allow workers in polluting industries to take up climate jobs rather than being dumped on the scrap heap in a few years time - no surprise from the party that destroyed mining communities in the 80s and 90s. His government has cut the aid budget to appease the racists in his party and is in no position to give lectures on supporting poorer nations. Worse still, their plans for road and airport expansion will rapidly increase emissions. They can't even decide to reject a new Cumbrian coal mine or Shell's plans to exploit the Cambo oilfield which, if they go ahead, will lead to billions of tonnes more carbon emissions.

The Covid crisis has given a glimpse of Tory crisis management - prioritising profitable contracts for mates over lives and livelihoods, particularly those of poorer, disabled and Black people.



While parts of the planet literally burn, many are struggling to survive. All our battles are linked by a capitalist system whose insatiable drive for profit prevents social or environmental justice. Today must be the start of a movement which combines workplace and community activists, all those fighting exploitation, oppression and war, and for climate justice.

It may not erupt this winter, but a social crisis is developing which will see new struggles, ideas and organisations. There are decades when nothing happens and weeks when decades happen. We must organise now to ensure the movements win.

Join the climate protests

Friday 5 Nov climate strike

Saturday 6 Nov COP26 protests

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TORIES ON THE ROPES?

The government's disastrous handling of the Covid pandemic cost lives, exacerbated the crisis in our NHS and means an economy struggling to recover. We see food and fuel supply disruption, the end of furlough, Universal Credit cuts, rising energy prices, National Insurance up by 2.5%, RPI inflation at 4.8% and a pay freeze for millions of public sector workers. Tory ministers are left arguing for wage rises for HGV drivers. The government is in trouble and they know it.

The only lifeline for Johnson is the lack of opposition from the Labour Party. Starmer is prioritising witch-hunting the left and proving Labour can be trusted to administer British capitalism over taking on the Tories. The lack of resistance to Corbyn's suspension and the rule change to help MPs block any left leadership candidate reinforce the message from the general election defeat: without building collective action in workplaces and communities any left electoral initiative is built on sand.

Mainstream papers from The Telegraph to The Mirror talk about a 'Winter of Discontent' with the Tory government. There are big differences: union membership is far lower than in 1979 and so are strike figures, but it is action that builds unions. More workers are taking indefinite strike action - staying out until they win an acceptable outcome - rather than token action. Employers in some sectors are conceding significant pay increases to head off action. Organising solidarity not only helps workers win, but spreads the idea of resistance and the lessons from these struggles.

The Tories are far from invincible - they have made U-turns on everything from school dinners to the visa surcharge for NHS workers, from recommending facemasks to extending the furlough scheme and the eviction ban. But they won't fall by themselves - we need to give them a concerted shove, uniting the working class and oppressed in all our struggles in workplaces and communities.

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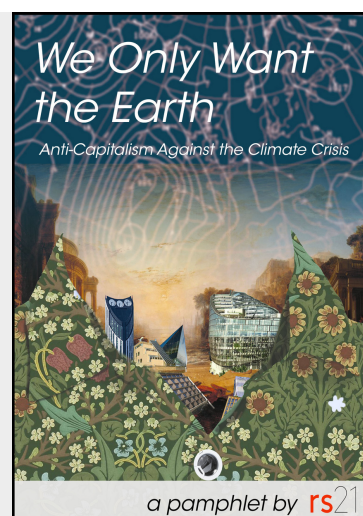
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