

REVOLUTION TODAY

The World Socialist Party (India) maintains that it is a revolutionary party, committed to [class struggle](#) as the means of achieving its ends. That does not mean, however, that we mean violence or civil war. As the Socialist Party of Great Britain notes in their pamphlet *Socialist Principles Explained*:

- “ The sort of bloody revolution that introduced capitalism in one country after another is out of date. Four main factors now make it essential to work for a revolution that is peaceful, democratic and which uses the voting system in those countries which have it:
- Most modern capitalist states are now so well-armed, so well informed and so wealthy and powerful that an armed insurrection trying to overthrow an established state machine would be doomed to failure.
 - When violence has been used to establish a regime, it can only be maintained by violence or the threat of it (like capitalism). A socialist society cannot be built upon such foundations.
 - There is no way of knowing, and showing, that such a violent revolutionary movement represents the wishes of the great majority. Many workers would oppose it simply because it was violent and destructive. Only a vote can prove that the majority insist upon the overthrow of capitalism.
 - A sufficiently massive majority vote makes violence unnecessary because it demonstrates that opposition would be pointless. ”

Thus, we maintain that the only way [socialism](#) will come about is for a majority of people, on a worldwide basis, to believe in the superiority of this alternative social system. We endorse the theory of [impossibilism](#), and favour achieving this objective through the use of elections, although in the current situation our main function is as a [propaganda](#) group to try to [raise consciousness](#). In contrast to Leninists, we believe that it is possible to make the transition from capitalism to the complete abolition of the state immediately that the majority decides to do it.