

National Question in Spanish State articles - Focus on demands - Pre- IR Reunification - During and after

General Strike in Basque Country

From June 2009 by Danny Byrne

Socialists support the right of self-determination for Basque people, up and including the right to independence, should they demand it. An independent Socialist Basque Republic would guarantee full democratic and language and cultural rights for all minorities living there. This could be won on the basis of a united struggle of the working class of the whole of Spain for a democratic Socialist Federation of the Iberian people. However, it is necessary to pose the question of how it can be achieved. The failure of the PNV to secure any form of meaningful autonomy in its decades of parliamentary power shows the futility of attempts at coming to a solution within the limits of Spanish capitalism. On the other hand, the four decades of armed struggle waged by the separatist group ETA, who have been on ceasefire since 2006, have left the Basque people no closer to self-determination either, as their campaign of shootings and bombings proved incapable of defeating the Spanish state.

<https://internationalsocialist.net/en/2009/06/spain>

La independencia en Euskal Herria y la lucha por el socialismo

From September 2012, general strike leaflet

No deberían confundirse las aspiraciones nacionales de los jóvenes y la clase trabajadora de Euskadi con el engaño reaccionario del nacionalismo burgués que históricamente siempre ha traicionado los intereses de la clase obrera.

Un principio fundamental del marxismo es no tener confianza alguna en ningún sector de la burguesía, confiar únicamente en nuestra clase, nuestras fuerzas y nuestra unidad. Por debajo de su "nacionalismo" de 'apariencia', la burguesía nacionalista sólo busca dividir y desorientar al movimiento obrero.

Socialismo Revolucionario defiende seriamente el derecho a la autodeterminación de los pueblos y nacionalidades del estado español. Y sobre todo la idea de una federación socialista del Estado Español.

¡Defendamos el derecho de autodeterminación!

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The national aspirations of the youth and working class of Euskadi should not be confused with the reactionary deception of bourgeois nationalism which historically has always betrayed the interests of the working class.

A fundamental principle of Marxism is not to have any confidence in any section of the bourgeoisie, to trust only in our class, our forces and our unity. Underneath its "nationalism" of 'appearance', the nationalist bourgeoisie seeks only to divide and disorientate the workers' movement.

SR seriously defends the right to self-determination of the peoples and nationalities of the Spanish state. And above all the idea of a socialist federation of the Spanish state.

Diada 2014: Sólo la lucha de la clase trabajadora puede garantizar el derecho a decidir

10/09/2014, SR Barcelona. Publicado originalmente en el nº7 de La Brecha.

Por un República Socialista Catalana y por una Confederación de Repúblicas Socialistas Ibéricas

Por la unidad de todas las luchas. Por un frente único de la izquierda con un verdadero programa socialista.
Por una Confederación Socialista (libre y voluntaria) de los pueblos ibéricos.
Por una Europa socialista

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For a Catalan Socialist Republic and for a Confederation of Iberian Socialist Republics

For the unity of all struggles. For a united front of the left with a real socialist programme.
For a Socialist Confederation (free and voluntary) of the Iberian peoples.
For a socialist Europe

<https://www.socialismorevolucionario.net/2014/09/diada-2014-nomes-la-lluita-de-la-classe.html>

**Pro-Independence Parties Win “plebiscite” Elections
A step towards independence?**

From October 2015 by SR CWI (Danny Byrne)

“On the basis of a socialist programme to break with capitalism in Spain, a Socialist Catalonia could be established, with full control over its own affairs, based on real workers’ democracy in economy and in politics. This would guarantee full rights, including language rights, the right of dual citizenship and freedom of movement to all minorities. The common ownership and democratic control of the banks and key sectors of the economy would allow for the territorial boundaries of the Spanish state — until now held together by force and profits — to be determined on an equal and voluntary basis. A revolutionary congress of Iberian peoples, made up of representatives of workers from all nations and regions could be formed to discuss and determine the future of each nation and the peninsula as a whole.”

<https://internationalsocialist.net/en/2015/10/spain>

For a Socialist Catalan Republic!

From October 2017 by Esquerra Revolucionaria (IR)

Final paragraph:

“The Spanish and Catalan ruling classes look with terror on the proclamation of a Catalan Republic. This is not only because it would ruin their nationalist idea of a great, united Spain. They know that this would be the prelude to an even more intense and deep struggle in the interests of the oppressed, against capitalist domination, against the established social order and for a socialist Republic in Catalonia, and a Federal Socialist Republic throughout the state, based on the free and voluntary unity of peoples and nations. This struggle is already winning the active solidarity of the oppressed masses of Europe and the world.
Long live Catalonia, Republican and Socialist!”

<https://internationalsocialist.net/en/2017/10/spain-4>

Over One Million March to Free Political Prisoners

From November 2017 by Esquerra Revolucionaria

Includes demand:

“For the right of self-determination in Catalonia, the Basque Country and Galicia. For a Socialist Republic of Catalonia, and a Federal Socialist Republic based on the free and voluntary union of the peoples of the Spanish state, if that is their democratic wish.”

<https://internationalsocialist.net/en/2017/11/spain>

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¿Y sobre Catalunya? ¿Estáis por la ruptura de España?

La cuestión nacional siempre ha sido un dolor de cabeza para el capitalismo español, que siempre se ha basado en la negación de los derechos democráticos de los diversos pueblos nacionales, principalmente el vasco, el catalán y el gallego, que componen el estado. Por más que lo hayan intentado, mediante la represión durante el franquismo, o el modelo de "autonomías" después de la "Transición", los capitalistas nunca han podido resolver este problema. Nos toca a los trabajadores hacerlo, mientras luchamos para superar este capitalismo podrido, luchando a la vez por los derechos nacionales y democráticos de los pueblos, tanto por el derecho a la autodeterminación hasta el punto de la independencia, como por la unidad del pueblo trabajador al nivel internacional:

Por el derecho a la autodeterminación de Catalunya, Euskal Herria, Galiza y todos los pueblos, hasta el punto de independizarse si es su deseo mayoritario

Ninguna confianza en la burguesía de ninguna nacionalidad. La clase obrera tiene que liderar el movimiento por los derechos nacionales.

Unifiquemos la lucha nacional con la lucha de clases para superar el capitalismo. Solo el socialismo puede resolver la opresión nacional.

Por la unidad de la clase trabajadora en lucha. Por un frente único de las organizaciones obreras y movimientos sociales que defiende el derecho a la autodeterminación en el marco de una lucha unida para superar el capitalismo.

Por una confederación libre y voluntaria, de los pueblos de la Península Ibérica, como parte de una federación socialista europea y mundial.

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And what about Catalonia? Are you for the break-up of Spain?

The national question has always been a headache for Spanish capitalism, which has always been based on the denial of the democratic rights of the various national peoples, mainly Basque, Catalan and Galician, that make up the state. However hard they have tried, through repression during Franco's regime, or the model of "autonomies" after the "Transition", the capitalists have never been able to solve this problem. It is up to the workers to do so, as we struggle to overcome this rotten capitalism, fighting at the same time for the national and democratic rights of the peoples, both for the right to self-determination up to the point of independence, and for the unity of the working people at the international level:

For the right to self-determination of Catalonia, Euskal Herria, Galicia and all the peoples, up to the point of independence if it is their majority wish.

No confidence in the bourgeoisie of any nationality. The working class must lead the movement for national rights.

Let us unite the national struggle with the class struggle to overcome capitalism. Only socialism can solve national oppression.

For the unity of the working class in struggle. For a united front of the workers' organisations and social movements that defends the right to self-determination within the framework of a united struggle to overcome capitalism.

For a free and voluntary confederation of the peoples of the Iberian Peninsula, as part of a European and world socialist federation.

<https://srevquedefenomos.blogspot.com/>

Catalunya: Intensifiquemos la lucha y escalemos la huelga general

After our expulsion from IR by John Hird y Rob MacDonald, Socialismo Revolucionario (CIT en el estado español)

¡Por la construcción de asambleas populares desde las bases para liderar el movimiento
¡Por el fin de la austeridad, los recortes de las pensiones y por un programa socialista radical!
¡Organicemos acciones solidarias en todo el Estado español y a nivel internacional!
¡Liberación de los presos políticos catalanes!
¡Por el fin de la represión de estado y la vuelta de los exiliados políticos!
¡Por la defensa de los derechos democráticos!
¡Por el derecho de autodeterminación!
¡Por una república socialista catalana!

¡Por una confederación libre y voluntaria de los pueblos del Estado español y de la Península Ibérica, como parte de una confederación socialista de Europa!

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For the building of popular assemblies from the grassroots to lead the movement!
For an end to austerity, pension cuts and for a radical socialist programme!
Let's organise solidarity actions all over Spain and internationally!
Free the Catalan political prisoners!
For an end to state repression and the return of political exiles!
For the defence of democratic rights!
For the right of self-determination!
For a Catalan socialist republic!

For a free and voluntary confederation of the peoples of the Spanish state and the Iberian Peninsula, as part of a socialist confederation of Europe!

https://www.socialismorevolucionario.net/2019/10/catalunya-intensifiquemos-la-lucha-y_18.html

