

## **Greek people rejected the austerity policy. But Syriza is a real alternative?**

Despite the scaremongering and the interference of the European Commission, Syriza won the elections in Greece, gathering the will for change of vast social sectors massacred by austerity policies, which in recent years have resulted in big struggles, dozens of general strikes.

It has been a mass vote against the troika EU-ECB-IMF which annulled the achievements of workers with the "Memorandum", against the old bourgeois parties that have applied for years neoliberal measures.

The Party of Tsipras which calls itself as "radical left", will have a key role in the next government, that is born on the basis of a alliance with a nationalist right party, which will be able to blackmail Syriza at any time.

So, the first question is: what is the class nature of Syriza?

Syriza has a class support, but the social composition of its approximately 30.000 members is petty-bourgeois in majority, with many young people and intellectuals.

Regarding its leadership, is expression of a part of the Greek not-oligarchic bourgeoisie and of left Social Democratic petty-bourgeoisie, heir of "'Euro-communism" (a variant of modern revisionism).

Let's take a look at his program: restructuration of Greek debt, launch of a program of public investments, support to small and medium enterprises, reduction of taxes that are affecting popular strata, gradual restoration of salaries and pensions, aid to families in economic difficulties, free electricity to the poor, reconstruction of the welfare state, etc. It is a clear democratic and reformist minimum program, of neo-Keynesian type, intended to alleviate the consequences of the crisis and the unpopular austerity policy, but not to cut off its causes.

To reassure the international creditors and Greek moderate voters, the engineer Tsipras assured that Syriza "does not want the collapse, but the salvation of the euro", thus clarifying that his goal is not to liberate the Greek people from the yoke of the illegitimate debt, but only to lighten it, to get it back sustainable.

Moreover, Tsipras has explicitly stated: "We belong to the West [...] the EU and NATO. This is indisputable". The declarations of "harmony" with the neoliberal Renzi, made after the electoral victory, complete the picture.

The Party of Tsipras does not aim at separating Greece from imperialist domination, but at renegotiating its dependence. It does not represent a revolutionary alternative to capitalism, but it is an internal alternative to the system. This must be clear, for the avoidance of burning disappointment.

Equally clear is that in the current scenario the victory of Syriza impacts with the policy followed so far by the financial oligarchy, highlights the anti-democratic nature of the EU, raises hopes and can create an environment more conducive to the development of popular mobilization, even in Italy (where many persons responsible of working defeats now jump on the bandwagon of Tsipras ...).

About this the Communists must take into account and learn to take advantage in order to advance, a stage after the other, the class struggle of the exploited and oppressed, representing the future of the movement.

How Syriza will rule, if and how will it be able to implement serious measures in favor of the masses without solving the problem of economic-political-military dependency on imperialism, without refusing to pay the entire debt, without departing from the EU and the euro, without destroying the power of the financial monopolies, if it will be worn in the negotiations of Brussels, the conditioning that it will suffer, we will evaluate all this

according to the principles and tactics developed by Marxism-Leninism.

In any case, we will focus primarily on proletarian interests, considering even the dangers arising from the frustration of the masses after the experience of government of Social Democratic forces (we can't forget that the neo-Nazi Golden Dawn are the third party).

But one word must be said immediately: the change will depend on the ability of mobilization and revolutionary organization of the working class and of other exploited workers. In this sense it is fundamental a policy of unity and struggle with the workers and the masses, organized and influenced by social democracy, reformism, of differentiation and conflict with their bosses.

At the same time, it is essential to offer our internationalist support to the working class and the people of Greece against interferences, threats and blackmails of the European Commission and of the imperialist powers, against internal reactionary attempts, for the defense of the sovereignty, the independence and freedom of the Greek people, who will be able to be won only with a mass struggle and a revolutionary policy directed to overthrow the imperialist domination and the local bourgeoisie. In this way the History will be written!

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