
EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of *Red Politics*.

Red Politics aims to:

- assist in the development of revolutionary theory and analysis;
- raise the level of discussion and debate on issues relevant to revolutionaries; and
- defend the Russian and Chinese revolutions.

Depending on contributions we aim to publish quarterly and eventually monthly. We will publish at least every six months.

The purpose of the journal is to act as a vehicle for discussion and debate rather than simply propaganda. We are keen to see our political opponents contribute. We will actively solicit replies to articles. Final drafts will be circulated so that replies can appear in the same issue. This is particularly important if we are to get discussions going at the beginning while publication is infrequent. Circulation of drafts and replies will be assisted by the use of email and postings on the Internet. (Write for our email address or wait for details in the next issue.)

While the journal is based in Australia, we intend our readership and contributors to be as international as possible.

In this issue

Most of the articles in this first issue either originally appeared in *Strange Times*¹ (now dormant) or have been sitting in the proverbial bottom drawer. Their presence here provides a more permanent and accessible home and an opportunity for them to be the basis for discussion.

A number of the articles are directed at sacred cows of the left, viz, widely held views on the Gulf War, imperialism and Kerr's sacking of Whitlam. 'What we need is a Revolution' is a reprint of

1 *Strange Times* is a small circulation commentary sheet that was published from 1986 to 1988 and 1991 to early 1993.

a pamphlet that discusses the aims of the revolution and the lessons of past revolutions. 'Red and Green don't Mix' argues for a total repudiation of green politics. The two articles on Stalin and the Soviet bloc present a Maoist (and 'Stalinist') perspective on Soviet politics which sharply contrasts with more widely held but more easily refuted views on the left.

'Don't Vote' challenges the view that the Australian Labor Party is the lesser of two evils, and calls for an explicitly anti-Labor campaign. 'Some Questions' comments on the articles in this issue.

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