

# The Organizer

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY USA NATIONAL OFFICE

JANUARY 2015

## STRIKE CLIMATE CHANGE!

Take the Pledge in 2015

**STRIKE CLIMATE CHANGE!**

ONE DAY BOYCOTT OF FOSSIL FUELS AND AGRIBUSINESS  
FULL TIME STRUGGLE TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

[WWW.STRIKECLIMATECHANGE.ORG/](http://WWW.STRIKECLIMATECHANGE.ORG/) [WWW.SOCIALISTPARTY-USA.ORG](http://WWW.SOCIALISTPARTY-USA.ORG)

On January 1st, we are asking you to join us in making a resolution to help save the planet.

### STRIKE CLIMATE CHANGE!

At least one day a week, will you join us in avoiding factory farming and fossil fuels for transportation. If you live in an area that may be too cold during the winter months to use a bicycle for transport, please consider using public transportation. We understand that one day a week might not turn the tide overnight, but it can help.

INVITE AS MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE!

[www.strikeclimatechange.org](http://www.strikeclimatechange.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/567425373384426/>

## SPUSA RE- LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO END THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

The Prison Industrial Complex commission will be taking a two-prong approach. First, the commission will support local and state organizations that are currently doing PIC campaigns. The commission will also take on its own campaigns.

One of the campaigns is police accountability legislation. Taking the lead from the Memphis local, the commission will find out how other locals can organize the same legislation in their area.

The other prong is that the commission will start a campaign next year that will surround the 60th anniversary of Emmett Till's death. To date, no other organizations are planning anything on the event. So the commission will be planning on actions and events that local and state organizations can conduct.

To learn more about the commission email us at [pic-comm@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:pic-comm@socialistparty-usa.org)

## CLOSE GUANTANAMO & END TORTURE!



This January 11th, 2015, we mark the beginning of the 14th year of torture and indefinite detention at Guantanamo. Currently 136 men remain, half of whom have been cleared for release but remain held without charge or trial. The administration will not disclose how many of them continue to hunger strike and how many are force-fed.

This anniversary especially important because of the release of the long-delayed Senate report on torture that proves not only that the CIA engaged in a sophisticated program of state-sanctioned torture, but that high-level government officials authorized, justified, and covered up those monstrous crimes.

The Socialist Party calls on members, Locals and supporters to join January demonstrations to call for the closing of Guantanamo and the end of torture. Events are planned from January 11 -17th.

For information on the Witness Against Torture fast and action in Washington DC from January 5-13<sup>th</sup> check out [www.witnesstorture.org/](http://www.witnesstorture.org/)

For a listing of SPUSA Events check out the Anti-War Commission's Close Guantanamo/End Torture page at: [www.socialistparty-usa.net/close-guantanamo-and-end-torture.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/close-guantanamo-and-end-torture.html)

## the Socialist

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## **Socialist Party USA Points of Agreement**

*The following points represent the key ideas of agreement of the Socialist Party USA.*

- 1) The Socialist Party is a democratic socialist organization. We see socialism as a new social and economic order in which workers and consumers control production and community residents control their neighborhoods, homes and school and the production of society is used for the benefit of all humanity, not the private profit of a few..
- 2) We see the working class as in a key and central position to fight back against the ruling class and its power. The working class is the major force worldwide that can lead the way to a socialist future – to a real radical democracy from below.
- 3) We stand in opposition to all forms of oppression including but not limited to racism, sexism and homophobia.
- 4) We are a “multi-tendency” organization. We orient ourselves around our principles and develop a common program, but our members have various underlying philosophies and views of the world. Therefore we reject vanguardism and democratic centralism.
- 5) We advocate for independent political action outside the Democratic and Republican parties.
- 6) Our tactics in the struggle for radical democratic change reflects our ultimate goal of a society founded on principles of egalitarian, non-exploitative and non-violent relations among all people and between all peoples.

# **I AM A SOCIALIST!**



The Socialist Party will have our “I Am A Socialist: photo page up on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can add your photo by e-mailing it to [natsec@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:natsec@socialistparty-usa.org)

with the subject line “I Am a Socialist”/ Send some info on your self , including what city/state you live and the issues important to you.

Check out the photos on-line at:

<http://socialistparty-usa.net/i-am-a-socialist.html>

## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**



[www.socialistparty-usa.net/renew-membership.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/renew-membership.html)

**Next SPUSA National Committee Meeting:  
January 24-25, 2015  
Tampa, FL**

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