

A very big question which emerges especially in periods of big dilemmas is whether Left can support an idea when this idea hasn't peoples' support. In other words: Left's legitimacy can be based on opinion polls?

This question isn't only theoretical. For example, today Greek Left has the right to open the discussion and ask the exit from Eurozone and EU?

By my opinion yes, Greek Left has this right, under a very strict condition: Its demands and broader analysis to be originated from working class and majority's interests, seeking to reflect the interests of the whole European working class. Furthermore, its demand for exit from EU and Eurozone must be in conflict with the interests of ruling class. It isn't difficult to prove that as time passes more and more EU is becoming the spearhead of the capital. Measures that governments can't impose alone are voted in parliaments by the form of EU mandates (Stability Pact, Report of 5 presidents, et. al.). Even, in the extreme case that a people votes against austerity, participation in EZ and EU doesn't allow the implementation of this program (this is what happened in Greece on 2015) and at the end of the day the principal dilemma of "in favor or against the austerity" takes the form of "memoranda or Grexit", capturing Left unprepared to give the adequate response. As a conclusion, the defense of peoples' interests takes the form of questioning the role of European institutions. But a stance like this doesn't look so attractive...

Today the most unpopular attitude is that of challenging capitalism and promoting socialist and revolutionary ideas. But, despite this reality, parties of the Left through all over the world continue to propagandize the transgression of capitalism, struggling to alter peoples' opinion.

Speaking about the demand of exit from Eurozone and EU, really the majority is appeared to reject it, due to a storm of "terrorist" dilemmas from mainstream media and parties which present the attack of the capital (from flexibility of labor relations to political freedom) as a European directive and social modernization, concealing its social content. In other words, is appeared as something that can't be questioned. Left has a part of responsibility for this veil of silence because has never opened the discussion, under its own terms, about the character of EU and common currency. Its deficit is much more striking if we compare it with the inveterate enmity of Latin American Left against any kind of US-led economic integration in American continent.

Furthermore, we can doubt or we can be very skeptical about this image. The opinion polls which appear peoples in favor of euro and EU are the same poll opinions which record epic failures during elections in every European country. Contrary to it, in many cases when European peoples have been asked about concrete issues of EU integration they have rejected them. Just this happened in Ireland (2008), France (2005), Sweden (2003) and Denmark (1992, 2000).

In any case, representation of class interests never was a beauty contest. Left will be judged for its capability to reveal the underlying social relations and political links as a means to analyze and change a complex situation. This task never was an easy job or a matter of public relations.