PROTESTS BEGAN IN 2026, AND THEY WILL GROW IN 2027.

The capitalist class doesn't have to be clever. They are surrounded, supported and advised by their professionals; the historians, the anthropologists, the psychologists, the professors, the propagandists, the strategists, the secret police and all the other mercenaries in and out of uniform. They have been ruling continuously for over two centuries, during which time lessons have been cast in iron and reactions refined. They have mastered the art and science of controlling and domesticating society.

Rulers are never complacent, especially now that society has become brittle stressed by inequality and increasingly unable to absorb impacts. They understand the limits to which parliamentary democracy can stupefy society and box in the masses with ballots. And so, they prepare and maintain the repressive organs of the state.

Their greatest fear is their loss of control of the material conditions. They act as gods but gods unable to always control the economic weather. They are imprisoned by competition unable to escape it nor explain it. They know how to drive their investments - when to use the brake, when to use the accelerator and when to turn the steering wheel - but when the motor stalls they stand befuddled next to the open hood. They revel in the success of their economy and are threatened when it fails.

And it is failing despite all things AI. The Gen Z generation is the third generation born in the neo-liberal era. Their grandparents were defeated in the 1980s. Their parents then bore the brunt of neo-liberalism, the endless grind and precariousness. Now they, the final neo-liberal generation, see a life ahead which is even worse than their parents suffered and they find it unbearable. And more importantly they have decided not to put up with it, taking to the streets and venting their anger.

A sound and stable society is one where each generation is richer than the preceding one. On the other hand, a society which survives by making each successive generation poorer loses its legitimacy and purpose for being. This is what the Gen Z protests spreading around the world has exposed.

But spontaneous protests no matter how creative, on their own, are not sufficient. All movements begin with spontaneity. This is their birth cry, the first intake of breath in the new era. Now the movement must mature and gather up knowledge. Become conscious of itself, of the present and what the future holds. Knowing what you are against is the starting point, knowing what the alternative is, is the end point. There is no middle point.

The protests will grow and intensify, meeting increased repression. But it is not repression that breaks a movement. It is the not knowing, not knowing the contradictions found in the capitalist mode of production, not knowing what socialism or communism stands for. One thing is true, unless we first conquer capitalism intellectually, we will never be able to physically overthrow it.

Theory is not optional. It is our GPS. Without it we are lost. Theory makes us historically capable. It begins to explain our world and why it must change, how it can change and into what it can change.

As the protests grow, as the movement finds its legs, the stage will be set for the ideological struggle which everywhere represents the overture to the symphony of revolution. There will be intense discussion leaving no stone unturned. There will be a broad range of views, the clash of ideas, sometimes the merging of ideas, but as long as the debate is honest, open, respectful and even tinged with humour, clarity will be achieved despite the agent provocateurs' attempts to bait and malign us.

The struggle will be long and hard. After all this is humanity's first industrial society whose feet were located in the horse and cart age and whose head is located in the space age. It will not be easily moved. The struggle will not be linear nor binary, there will be advances and setbacks, unexpected detours, but as long as the movement is knowledgeable, determined, organised and united in purpose, it will succeed.

To those who ignore the intellectual challenge, the quest for theory, I have these words. Would you get on and stay on a plane after the pilot announces, "*Ladies and Gentlemen, I have never flown before, by the time I have read the first chapter of the manual I will know how to taxi, by the time we reach the runway I will have read how to take off.*" Would you stay on that plane with an ignorant pilot, or would you head for the nearest emergency exit?

So why would we treat flying the revolution differently? Unless parties, through their propaganda and by their programme, can convince they know how to lead, they should not be followed.

By degrees, despite the debacle of the Soviet Union, used by the capitalist apologists and propagandists to smear Marxism, it is beginning to gain traction once more. But theory is not taken up for its own sake, for pure knowledge, that would render it religious. Instead, theory needs to be applied to the real world, aimed at solving all the major issues and challenges of our time. Only in that way will Marxism becomes a living force. This is what this website has attempted to achieve.

As we exit 2026, we enter a more challenging 2027.

- It is the year China will have achieved the first leg of modernising and overhauling its military in honour of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Peoples Liberation Army by Mao. Although parity with the US was not expected until 2035, the defeats suffered by the West in Ukraine and the Gulf has compressed this timeline. US hegemony will be challenged as never before.
- It is the year following a super El Nino whose full effects will only be felt in the first half of 2027.
- It is the year AI investment will no longer prop up the stock markets and with it the world economy. And it is the year the debt crisis will unfold.
- It is the year of mass layoffs, when due to margin compression, corporations will accept adequate for satisfactory by substituting LLMs for workers.
- It is the year when all parties from the soft left to the hard right will be exposed as worthless as has already happened to Trump. Electoral politics will accelerate before collapsing.
- And it is the year when widespread protests will become the new normal, edging towards a pre-revolutionary period as protesters recognise their new power.

It is time to honour workers and arm them with Marxism. It is time students and workers unite. It is time that union members shake off the paralysing grip of their bureaucratic leaders.

This is not the end of history, only the beginning of a new world. Not the promised land but the promised future. Workers of the world unite; you have a planet to save and a future to secure.

Brian Green, 4th November 2026.