### **VOTER SUPPRESSION STRATEGIES**

(to deny the vote to U.S. citizens `among the ultra-marginalized

# **DEMAGOGY**

as a *necessary* electoral strategy. While the ultra-marginalized are being exploited and oppressed, they are simultaneously the focus of racial stereotyping, othering, and scapegoating. Plus: classism; sexism; crazy conspiracy theories: disinformation; the Big Lie; misinformation; etc.

# **MARGINALIZED**

(Racial/Ethnic Minorities) Many are ultrapited and oppressed; but some also from lack of political consciousness to political apathy or they end up g for conservative politicians by falling prey to demagogy).

# "BOURGEOIS" LEFT

While mired in a bourgeois lifestyle, hypocritically pursues the delusion of a "socialist revolution" (in the face of insurmountably massive ideological and coercive powers of the ruling elites, a racialized and anti-trade union working class, etc.)

#### **CAPITALISM** FOR THE MASSES

Requires an alternative solution: socially responsible "humanized" capitalism which can reasonably address objective interests of the masses (including climate change)

#### **POLITICAL AGENDA**

does NOT represent the Objective Interests of the masses. Concentrates on emotional appeals to the masses based on subjective interests (guns, religion, abortion, sexual orientation, pseudo-patriotism, race, gender, jingoism, etc.).

### **LACK OF POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS**

Vulnerability to **demagogy** and bamboozlement by ultra right-wing propaganda where toxic emotional appeals serve as a substitute for logic and reason. Leads to subjectification of objective interests; and objectification of subjective interests. Electoral support of the capitalist class; opposition to trade unions; etc. Objective interests will not be met; leads to more frustration, alienation, etc.

# **RACISM/ETHNICISM**

Obsessed with racial/ethnic entitlement in a historically racialized society.

# THE "IGNORANTSIA"

Lack of critical thinking skills and knowledgeability due to a combination of factors, including poor schooling and exhaustion from the daily grind of poorly paid jobs that leave little time for self-education, contemplation, etc., against the backdrop of consumerism.

# **OBJECTIVE INTERESTS**

In exchange for their labor power and payroll and consumer taxes, the eternal quest for equitable access to the four main biologically-determined existential needs of adequate food, shelter, security, and healthcare to facilitate life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. (Therefore, requires enlightened Trade Unions.)

# CONSERVATI **POLITICIANS**

Driven by **maniacal** personal ambitions and support for the Objective Interests of the Capitalist Class (aided and abetted by an assortment of ultra-right pseudointellectual media pundits, think-tanks, etc.).

### **MEANS OF MASS** COMMUNICATION

Owning/financing conservative social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.); traditional media (Fox, Newsmax, etc.); think tanks (Heritage Foundation, etc.); and so on; which all facilitate demagogy, while at the same time generating huge profits!

# **PRESIDENTIAL** CONGRESSIONAL, **GUBERNATORIAL** STATE, and LOCAL **ELECTIONS**

# **SIGNIFICANT** SECTIONS OF THE MASSES

experience frustration. alienation, anger, desperation suicides, etc., at the falling standard of living

# THE

(Working Classes, Middle Classes)

# **U.S. SUPREME COURT**

facilitates corruption of the rule of law (e.g. via misreading of the intent of the 1st and 14th Amendments), thereby strengthens the power of the ruling elites—pronounces corporations are "people," ergo Bill of Rights applies to them too; institutional racism does not exist; etc.)

#### Legalized POLITICAL CORRUPTION

"Buying" the politicians through open and hidden (mostly) financing of their electoral campaigns; lobbying laden with barely legal perks; etc.; facilitates political capture of the state.

#### **DEINDUSTRIALIZATION**

Automation / computerization of jobs: exporting jobs overseas, etc.

# **POLITICAL CAPTURE OF** THE STATE (CRONY CAPITALISM)

#### Financial chicanery (e.g. tax dodging, unfair and economically irresponsible tax cuts and government

subsidies); pernicious deregulatory policies; etc.

# **PERMANENT CLASS WARFARE**

On the working / middle classes

### **FALLING STANDARD OF LIVING**

arising from: relentless assault on the social safety net; un/underemployment; wage exploitation; lack of affordable healthcare; massive income inequality; environmental pollution; degradation of the biosphere; scarcity of public services; etc.

# **INTERESTS** Capitalism requires an unending

**OBJECTIVE** 

quest for limitless accumulation of wealth unconnected to human needs; hence pursuit of "Unbridled Capitalism"

# **CAPITALIST CLASS**

(Ruling Elites,

# **NEOLIBERALISM**

(Pursuit of toxic anti-working class economic polices)

# WAR on TRADE UNIONS

Owns /dominates the **Military Industrial** Complex and the **Prison Industrial** Complex

(equals permanent global wars; gross wastage of societal resources); etc.

# THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CLASS, RACE, AND DEMAGOGY IN A CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY (U.S. Example)