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CAPITALISM SPELLS DISASTER FOR US AND OUR CHILDREN

OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES,
capitalism has become more and more
desperate to find ways to keep itself afloat.
In 2008 its house price and sub-prime
mortgage bubble finally collapsed.

Capitalism was brought back from the dead by
governments - including the UK - using our
money to bail out capitalists.

NOW CAPITALISTS SEE THIS CRISIS
as a marvellous opportunity to roll back all the
gains made by ordinary people - the whole
welfare state. Free education, national health,
pensions, welfare services - they want all of it
to go.

GLOBAL WARMING UNCHECKED
Also to go is any environmental action to
stop the global warming that will destroy our
society.

WE MUST FINISH WITH CAPITALISM
and move to an environmental socialist
society that puts people before profit, and our
environment before quick riches for a few.

GREEN SOCIALISM
THE ONLY CHANCE
TO SAVE OUR SOCIETY

AUSTERITY

just means

WE all get



POORER

while the **RICH** get



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Our National Health Service is the best in the world, a great postwar achievement. It takes away the huge anxiety over healthcare costs suffered by almost everyone in places like the USA. But our NHS is being **privatised**.

OUR NHS MUST BE FREE, PUBLICLY OWNED, AND PUBLICLY RUN

The Health & Social Care Bill dismantles our National Health Service. It replaces an integrated health system based on caring for patients, with a free-for-all amongst private, semi-private and soon-to-be-private bodies based on profit instead.

Most of the NHS budget - our money - will go to unaccountable consortiums, nominally of GPs. In practice, of course, they will be run by private firms. Worse, these will be obliged to buy health care from private hospitals. Even the existing NHS hospitals will be forced to become semi-private "trusts".

**PATIENTS,
NOT PROFITS**

Keep big business out of our hospitals and surgeries

This is Tory/LibDem coalition policy. But don't be fooled by Labour claims of opposing it. The Bill builds directly on the changes forced on the NHS by the previous Labour government: the "commissioner-provider" split and compulsion to use private hospitals.



Our society is based on waste.

Capitalism depends on selling us more and more stuff we don't need.

Capitalism persuades us to buy junk, its products last no time before they have to be thrown away and replaced, and even their packaging creates huge amounts of rubbish.

Our whole economy is based on endless growth in sales, ignoring a worsening shortage of energy & resources and increasing global warming & pollution.

We need to reduce our use of energy, get our energy from renewable sources, and stop burning the fossil fuels - coal, oil & gas - that cause global warming.

LESS WASTE, MORE RENEWABLES, NO NUCLEAR

There are plenty of ways to generate renewable energy, but research and development of these has been starved of resources. Despite Britain's excellent position for wind and wave energy, we choose to burn gas piped in from Russia and oil shipped in by tanker.

Nuclear power should play no role at all. It is dangerous and polluting. We must learn from the Three Mile Island, Chernobyl & Fukushima disasters. Nuclear is also costly, needing state subsidy to develop, operate, decommission, and store waste. Had our nuclear subsidies gone into renewables instead, we'd have no problem.

Cuts and privatisation are the policy of the Tories, LibDems and Labour alike.

Since the financial crisis of 2008, ordinary people have got poorer (and will get much, much poorer), while rich people have got even richer.

STOP CUTS AND PRIVATISATION

Was it ordinary people who caused the collapse by reckless speculation and greedy profiteering? No, it was the same capitalist class who have continued to enrich themselves at our expense

Instead of attacks on the poor we should:

- scrap Trident and all nuclear weapons
- pull out of Afghanistan; no more foreign interventions
- raise income tax and council tax for the richest
- introduce a tax on wealth & land
- re-nationalise railways, gas, electricity & water under democratic control
- tax international financial movements

Just the last measure, a "Robin Hood" tax at a miniscule 0.05%, would raise enough to cancel all the cuts.

