

ON LIBERALISM

Liberalism rejects honest and open struggle and fosters unprincipled peace. It gives rise to a backwards attitude and brings about degeneration in groups.

Liberalism appears in these basic ways:

1. To let things slide for the sake of peace and friendship when a person has clearly gone wrong, and refrain from principled argument because that person is a friend, a relative, a schoolmate, or love one. Or to touch on a matter lightly instead of going into it thoroughly so as to keep on good terms. The result is that both the organization and the individual is harmed.
2. To indulge in irresponsible criticism in private instead of actively putting forward one's suggestion to the group. To say nothing to people to their faces but to gossip behind their backs, or to say nothing at a meeting but to gossip afterwards. To show no regard for collective life but to follow one's own desires.
3. To let things drift if they do not affect one personally; to say as little as possible while knowing perfectly well what is wrong, to play it safe and try only to avoid blame.
4. Not to carry out the collective's decision but to give a high place to one's own opinions. To demand special consideration from the group but to reject its discipline.
5. To indulge in personal attacks, pick quarrels vent personal spite or seek revenge instead of entering into an discussion and struggling against incorrect ideas for the sake of unity.
6. To hear incorrect views without rebutting them and take them calmly like nothing was said.
7. To be among the people and fail to educate or speak out at meetings, and instead show indifference for their well-being, forgetting your commitment to the struggle of your people.
8. To see some harming the interest of our people and yet not feel indignant; to not stop and educate or struggle with that person.
9. To work half-heartedly without a definite plan or direction; to work in an unconcerned and superficial way.
10. To regard oneself as having rendered great service to the Liberation Struggle and think one is too good for minor assignments or "dirty work".
11. To be aware of one's own mistakes or shortcomings and make no attempt to correct them.

Liberalism is extremely harmful in a progressive organization. It is a corrosive that eats away unity, destroys cohesion, causes apathy and creates dissension. It robs the group of organization and discipline, prevents the work from being carried out and puts a strain between the group and the community it serves. **IT IS AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE TENDENCY!**

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