

# Political manifesto by Eryk Szymański

## The end (the introduction)

I was borned in one of the socially stablest places on Earth - Poland. Since Poland has broken free from communism 30 years ago, it's still on a non-stop period of growth. Possible the most impressive in history. If you leave all your life in a western county it might be hard to separate the process of your growth from how the world is changing. If you lived in Poland, you know that the changes you observed are real. I got to see what progress looks like. I know this is not an illusion. And when I started looking at the western world, it became crystal clear to me that there is no progress. Nothing is going in the right direction. We are getting poorer and poorer. Modern art is meaningless. Communities have been so obliterated that no one knows what the word 'community' even means. People are more and more lonely. The entire Europe is experiencing a housing crisis. I could go on and on, but you know well what I'm talking about.

I believe the reason why it's taboo to talk about this, even though everyone experiences it, is that we well know we can't correct it anymore. The case is lost. Let's be honest. No-one knows how to solve modern problems. Or at least not at the expense of everything else that our civilization is providing us. If you're, let's say, a student, then you would not want to admit to how academia is completely broken and how most of the papers published nowadays are meaningless rubbish. Everyone benefits from the system in some way, so anyone wants to change their part. I don't think we're playing the long term strategy here. We're just merely trying not to accelerate the collapse.

## But the collapse will happen

This collapsing system will not be able to keep people somewhat satisfied forever. It will satisfy less and less, and not even realise when there will be an army of people that have been left with nothing. Nothing. To which not being able to find love, buy a house, or find any admirable career is just not worth living for. This has happened plenty of times in history, but some people seem not to realise it could happen ever again. This is called revolution.

Predicting how the revolution will play out is an impossible task. If you look at historic events such as the French revolution or communist revolution, those aren't just new power groups overthrowing the old. This is pure chaos, but there are some parallels we can learn from observing the past revolutions. I can't tell what the new fractions will be, or who will win at the end. But there's one thing I am sure about. I am sure who will lose.

## The revolution will wipe out the weakest

The revolution won't treat everyone on a given site equally. Sometimes you can make it out playing on the conservative side just fine. This is what happened to Kai-shek who managed to flee and started a country that's now arguably more successful than the one devoured by the new order. But this doesn't apply to the majority of the system's representatives. If you're working in a public institution like a university or law system, and the revolution comes. There is no saving yourself. If you own a house, there isn't a future where you get to keep it. If you're not at the top of the systemic hierarchy, you don't win.

But this is also true about the revolutionary side. The reason why many of the systems set up by revolutions end up as tyrannies that, for example, starve tens of millions of their own people (yes, I'm talking about the Great Leap Forward), is because it's not the people setting up the new system. But the elite among the revolutionaries.

Although it sounds so out of this world, this will certainly be the future in the next few to dozen years. There will be a revolution, and it will not be the people that will win.

## Who wins then?

Look around. The powers that overthrew the system were not born during the revolution. The communist manifesto was written more than half a century before a communist revolution. There are serious, modern, bloodthirsty ideologies around us. I'm talking about boomer ideas like racism. Jordan Peterson is probably the closest to Karl Marx we have in modern days. You don't have to see him as the only source of the pure truth (as you shouldn't see no one as such), but many of his ideas are a reasonable critique of our system. And so did the Karl's Marx's. It wasn't Karl Marx that ran the revolution (he was dead by that time). But it was the groups that took his critiques as the truth that doesn't require context, and created a dystopia out of it.

It's terrifying but I believe that this is the most likely scenario for our future. The ideologies that we now associate with alt-right, 4chan, and god forbid, 8chan, will become state-of-the-art when the revolution begins. And the only way to be safe. Is to be a part of them.

## There is nothing admirable in standing on the losing side

You might correctly see that the revolution will be, emotionlessly speaking; not good. I would love to manifest that we should do all we can to prevent it. But it seems to me that this is already too late. Advocating not to burn the institutions is just what all the people do nowadays anyway. Obviously "no-one" wants a revolution. But it will happen anyway. I don't think this is the admirable strategy. I don't think standing with the status quo side is going to make the revolution less brutal. Less bloody. If you stand against the revolution, you are part of the system. Making

the revolutionaries have one more target to attack. This will not make them give up. This will only force them to use more force.

If preventing the revolution is not a valid strategy, then what is? One thing I said I can't predict is what group will actually rise to power. You can't simultaneously install two incompatible systems in place of the old one. And the system that will compete for the throne, can absolutely be judged on which is better or worse. We don't have to end up with tyranny. But I'm afraid if all the reasonable people will take a conservative side during this conflict, the only groups that will gain power will be the ones most brutal. We must understand that we will need to destroy the system despite anything it currently offers us. But we need to do it together as people that seek a better, reasonable, calm, future. To show others that a hunger for death isn't the only motivation within the revolutionary fraction. To march into the White House with our peaceful flags, before the Trump supporters will show up with their Viking horned helmets. And do our best to make them on our side.