

To anyone that's been paying attention, it's obvious that nothing is getting better. In fact, the biocrisis we are experiencing is progressively worsening with each passing moment. As governments, politicians, and NGO leaders scramble for a way to reorganize the social and political superstructure while leaving the economic base intact, the world's most marginalized indigenous peoples have already felt the impact of rising tides. Whilst politicians of both states and social movements repeat platitudes, smile at their constituents and face off against each other, some realists are looking to a climate changed future less as something that can be avoided and more as something that will need to be policed. The pentagon has been preparing for food riots, insurrection, and civil unrest ever since the evidence for climate change has been solidified. Not only will Joe Riotcop smash his baton into your skull while you try to secure a loaf of bread for your family in the near future, but right now our "leaders" are feeding you false solutions that promise nothing but more growth for the sake of growth, "the ideology of the cancer cell", as Edward Abbey put it.

Carbon trading is nothing more than a way for the biggest polluters to look like they are doing something about climate change and make a fortune in the process. Governments arbitrarily give out carbon credits, usually to the biggest polluters, and they are traded as a normal commodity. Two of the largest carbon trading schemes that have already been implemented are REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) and CDM (Clean Development Mechanisms). Their joint implementation is a way of privatizing, selling and profiting more from our natural resources.

Since its inception, capitalism has been on a collision course with all life on this planet, and we have reached the impact point. To suggest that we limit carbon emissions through legislation, put solar panels on rooftops, or utilize carbon pricing as a solution is pure naivety. If the people most affected by climate change truly had a voice, and through the electoral process

could force the massive changes needed to shift the economic policies of the most powerful first world nations, then we wouldn't even need to muck about with electoral politics and could simply throw the bastards out. Both revolution and sweeping economic changes across the globe brought about by the good will of the bourgeois and the political class are equally probable; ie, not very. We are situated within the collapse of civilization, it is just happening to slow for us to notice. The current world economic crisis (more severe in some places than others) marks the end of the neoliberal phase of capitalism. 'Business as usual' (financialisation, deregulation, privatisation...) is thus no longer an option: new methods of accumulation and protectionism will need to be found by governments and corporations to keep capitalism chugging along. This will be the green economy. The placebo to replace the bitter pill of almost-doomed revolution.