The more I thought about extractivism as a concept, it didn't explain what had happened to my people and to me. Stewardship as an alternative was too simplistic a concept to describe the relationship of Nishnaabeg with land. The more I thought about extractivism, the more important it became to name capitalism, particularly in the context of radical resurgence.

-Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg scholar, writer and artist

Capitalism is a social system owned by the capitalistic class, a small network of very wealthy and powerful businessmen, who compromise the health and security of the general population for corporate gain.

-Suzy Kassem, poet, writer, philosopher,

The essence of economic inequality is borne out in a simple fact: there are 400 billionaires in the United States and 45 million people living in poverty. These are not parallel facts; they are intersecting facts. There are 400 American billionaires because there are 45 million people living in poverty.... Corporate executives, university presidents, and capitalists in general are living the good lifebecause so many others are living a life of hardship.

-Keanga Yamahtta-Taylor, writer, activist, scholar on Black politics, social movements, and racial inequality in the United States

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE! We live in capitalism, its power seems inescapable – but then, so did the divine right of kings. Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings. -Ursula K Le Guin, American fiction author **GET INVOLVED!** If you agree with what you've read, we invite you to get in touch:

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ANOTHER WORLDIS NECESSARY

Weak public services.
Rising cost of living.
Precarious work.
Poverty.
Rising oppression. The rise of fascism.
Climate destruction.

These and many other problems have the same cause:

CAPITALISM

Species extinction.

DEFINING CAPITALISM

Capitalism is an economic, social and political system which puts profit ahead of **EVERYTHING** else.

Capitalism is inseparable from oppression based on imperialism, racism, settler-colonialism, gender, heterosexism, disability and more.

These aren't separate systems, but a single interlocking system.

To achieve the better life we deserve, we must reorganize society.

Instead of arranging our lives around the profit motive of a small number of people, society could be centered on meeting the needs of people and taking care of life on earth. Imagine societies that are deeply democratic and fiercely committed to fighting exploitation and oppression

WHAT ABOUT VOTING FOR THE NDP?

The NDP is a pro-capitalist party. Over the last few decades, NDP governments in various provinces haven't managed to deliver significant reforms for environmental protections, public transportation, social housing, or against poverty. In Manitoba, the NDP expanded prisons and cut taxes.

But even an anti-capitalist party would be blocked from making significant change because capitalism places power in the hands of unelected people: bosses, landlords, the heads of state institutions-- such as the central bank, the military and the police. These unelected people make decisions that shape our lives.

Voting only matters because different parties can make things better or worse for most people, but voting as the main strategy for change is insufficient because it doesn't challenge these unelected powers.

But there is a way to make the change we need: mass social movements.

HOW COULD WE TRANSFORM SOCIETY?

- "Only mass social movements can save us now."
- -Naomi Klein, journalist, writer, climate justice activist

Society need growing numbers of people demonstrating, striking, blockading, occupying and disrupting business as usual.

Doing this is crucial to get the change we need.

WHO ARE WE?



Solidarity Winnipeg is small group of people who share a common political vision and recognize the importance in working together on the basis of our shared politics.

We currently focus on political education and development and do our best to help other organizing efforts locally and beyond.