

# CAPITALISM'S EFFECT ON THE CLIMATE

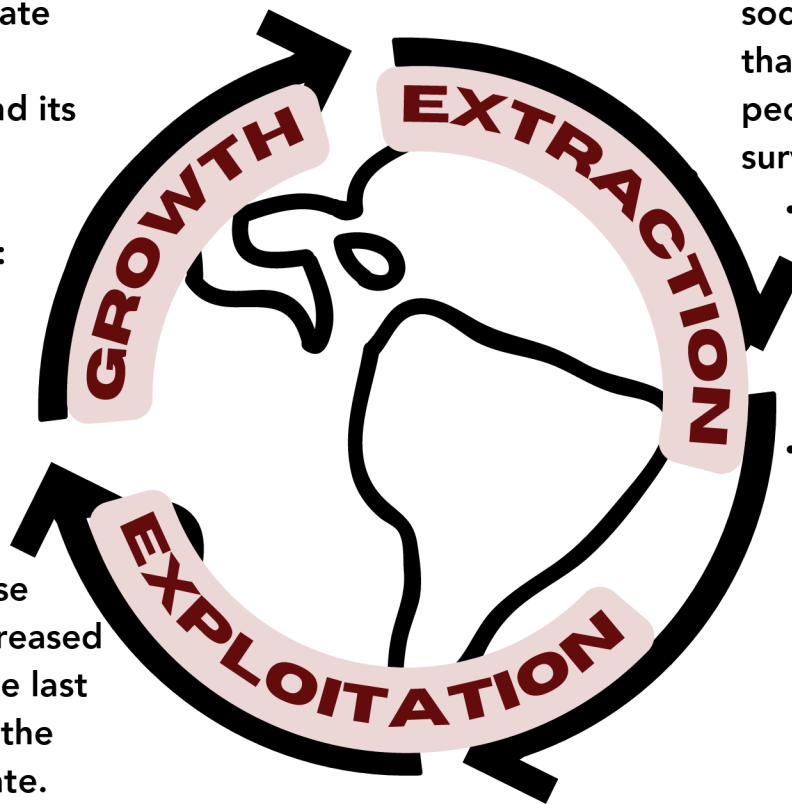
## RESOURCE SCARCITY

- 2024 surpassed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, a benchmark for climate catastrophe.
- Climate disruption and its more intense, more unstable natural disasters have led to:
  - less habitable land
  - less clean water
  - food instability and insecure agriculture
  - ecosystem collapse
- Material\* use has increased more than 3x over the last 50 years, faster than the population growth rate.

Capitalism's need for production and energy *growth* has locked in reliance on fossil fuels and destruction of the climate.

## FORCED MIGRATION

- Harsher conditions, fewer resources, and associated societal pressures mean that fewer and fewer people can afford to survive in their homelands.
  - Scientists predicted that by 2050, over 1.2 billion people could be displaced by climate-related events.
  - Over the past 10 years, weather-related disasters have caused 220 million displacements within countries.



\*Material = biomass, fossil fuels, metals and non-metallic minerals

## INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

- War is inevitable under conditions of dwindling resources and forced migration.
- War drives further need for fossil fuels and resource extraction.
- Oil extraction is linked to the majority of wars since the 1970s as both an effect and cause: from Iraq to Sudan to Ukraine, all can ultimately be tied to oil interests.

**CAPITALISM IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH OUR EXISTENCE!**

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# **WE CAN END CAPITALISM! BUT WE NEED A REVOLUTION!**

## **THE POLITICIANS CANNOT AND WILL NOT SAVE US**

We cannot rely on politicians or their elections to bring about the changes we need. They are the guardians of capitalism, a system that must expand to maintain what economists refer to as "the health of the system." This is coming at our expense and the health of entire ecosystems.

The changes necessary cannot happen within the capitalist system. All production is measured by its profitability with no regard for the consequences. Moreover, the investment required to end the reliance on fossil fuels and reorganize production to sustain life, rather than increase their profits, are not possible within capitalism.

Those in power and their politicians understand this. The Democratic Party may express more concern about the environment than the Republican Party. But both parties are hell-bent on securing profitable fossil fuel energy. The U.S. produced over 13 million barrels of crude oil a day in 2024, and that number continues to rise. While politicians' pledges sound nice, their defense of this system prevents them from putting an end to burning fossil fuels.

We have more power than we think! We are the majority. With decision-making in the hands of the majority, guided by the those who do the work that can carry out the necessary changes, we can establish a system that puts collective well-being at the center of all decisions. The health of the Earth and our lives depend on it!



We need to stop looking to the politicians, and corporate owners who tell us they will change things but have no ability to do so in a capitalist system. Instead of looking to those in power, we must look to each other: to those around the world protesting in the streets, in workplaces, and the millions more who are already facing the consequences of global heating and extreme weather events.

Are you ready to start organizing? We can't wait, we must all be organizers! The majority of the people, the people who make this society run, along with the younger generation, whose future is threatened, have the power to change our situation. We have the power to bring a new world into being. We have no choice.

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