

WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

Have you ever been to a protest or demonstration? Do you think you might ever want to in future? Then the **Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill (PCSC Bill)** will affect you.

The PCSC bill is a massive set of proposed laws that would seriously **limit the right to protest** and **criminalise** some of the most **marginalised groups** in our society. It is opposed by **Liberty ♦ Amnesty International ♦ The Good Law Project ♦ Disability Rights UK Sisters Uncut ♦ Black Lives Matter UK ♦ Anti ★ Capitalist Resistance ... and many more.**

The PCSC Bill ...

- ★ Gives the **police powers** to impose conditions on protests, where they believe **noise** may cause 'serious **disruption**' or '**unease**'
- ★ Gives the Home Secretary the right to **decide what counts** as 'serious disruption', making it easier for the Government to **target groups** it doesn't like
- ★ Introduces a statutory offence of causing a public **nuisance**, for which the punishment will be up to **10 years in prison**
- ★ Gives **police powers** to break up 'unauthorised encampments' – a **threat to protests** and an **attack on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT)** communities
- ★ Could also bring in the '**Nordic Model**' of sex work legislation, which criminalises paying for sex. This is **widely opposed** by sex workers and organisations such as **Amnesty International** and the **WHO**

The police already have extensive powers to restrict protest. This bill goes much further: it seeks to **outlaw all forms of effective protest action**. We have also seen the police **repeatedly abuse** the powers they already have. Giving them more powers **will not make us safer**.

The Government's majority means that the bill may pass through parliament, but it does not have to pass through the streets. **People power has already got this bill delayed**. It can also stop it being enforced. For our current and future struggles, we must

KILL THE BILL

ANTI★CAPITALIST RESISTANCE

FIGHTING DISASTER CAPITALISM WITH ECO-SOCIALISM

Hi! We're **Anti★Capitalist Resistance**, a group of revolutionary Marxists. We're protesting today to fight back against this bill, but also because we believe that capitalism is killing us and the planet and has to be stopped.

The world is facing an unprecedented interrelated crisis with the coronavirus pandemic, the accelerating climate disaster, creeping fascism, and an economic crash.

The PCSC Bill is part of a global drive towards a fascist police state. Dictators the world over are destroying democracy – in Hong Kong, Myanmar, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, and a dozen other places, as well as here in the UK. Pro-police regimes are also increasingly peddling nationalism, racism, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia.

Why is this happening? Because the world capitalist system is in deep crisis and faces growing resistance from below.

Extreme inequality is out of control. There are more billionaires than ever before. Meanwhile, the world's poorest get even poorer as governments bail out private corporations and cut back on education and health. This is no accident, and isn't just the result of greed. It is built into the logic of capitalism, a system built on profit and exploitation of people and planet.

Change is urgent. We need a mass movement to win victories for democracy and social, climate, and economic justice. We must organise for action now, but also for system change.

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