



Take the ideas of the masses (scattered and unsystematic ideas) and concentrate them (through study turn them into concentrated and systematic ideas), then go to the masses and propagate and explain these ideas until the masses embrace them as their own.

(Mao Tse-Tung)

# Contradictions Cheat Sheet

## NON-ANTAGONISTIC Contradictions

- Contradiction between parties who share common interests
- Resolving these contradictions does not in and of itself change a fundamental contradiction
- **Example:** Workers Disagree with Collective Economic Fights at their Common Enemy (e.g. workers who do not support Fight for \$15 Campaign)

## ANTAGONISTIC Contradictions

- Contradiction between parties who have opposing interests
- Can only be resolved one side winning at the expense of the other
- **Example:** Capitalists Exploits Workers

## FUNDAMENTAL Contradictions

- Main Antagonistic Contradictions of the system as they exist in the abstract
- Capitalists Exploit Workers, but we know that there is no such thing as a struggle where all workers struggle against all capitalists. In other words, there is no struggle of Pure Worker vs. Pure Capitalist in the real world.

## PRIMARY Contradictions

- Antagonistic Contradictions that exist as the concrete manifestations of the fundamental contradictions in our material world
- This is the contradiction to which we focus our attention in the struggle.
- These contradictions are identified based on our analysis / assessment of the current conditions.
- These contradictions are consistently shifting/ changing to the extent that conditions shift/ change as we struggle to isolate and defeat our enemies.