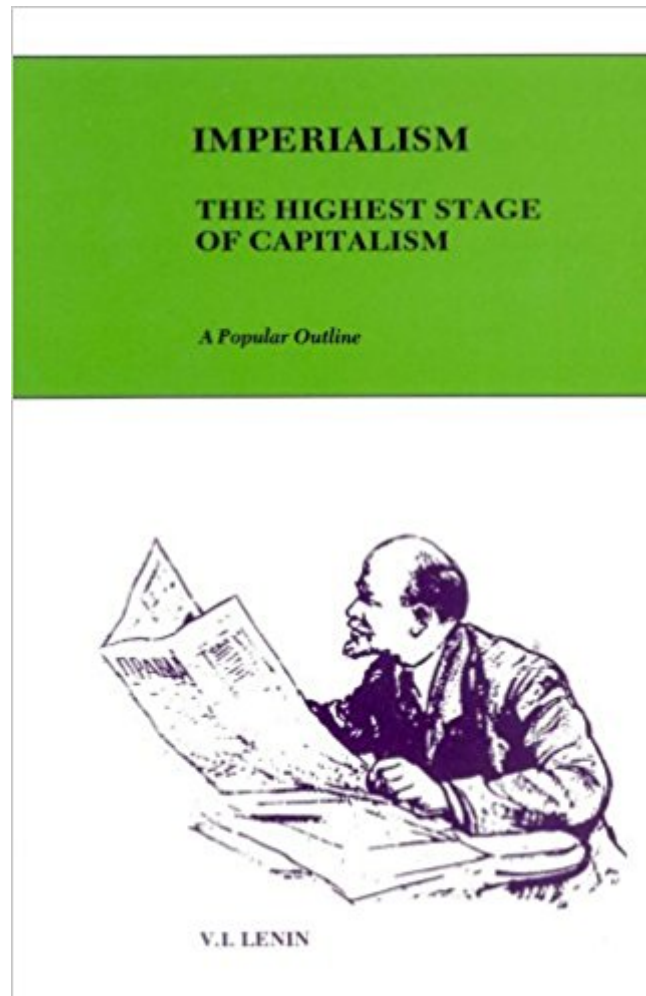




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Imperialism, The Highest Stage Of Capitalism: A Popular Outline



Synopsis

This pamphlet was written with an eye to the tsarist censorship. Hence, I was not only forced to confine myself strictly to an exclusively theoretical, specifically economic analysis of facts, but to formulate the few necessary observations on politics with extreme caution, by hints, in an allegorical language – in that accursed Aesopian language – to which tsarism compelled all revolutionaries to have recourse whenever they took up the pen to write a “legal” work. It is painful, in these days of liberty, to re-read the passages of the pamphlet which have been distorted, cramped, compressed in an iron vice on account of the censor. That the period of imperialism is the eve of the socialist revolution; that social-chauvinism (socialism in words, chauvinism in deeds) is the utter betrayal of socialism, complete desertion to the side of the bourgeoisie; that this split in the working-class movement is bound up with the objective conditions of imperialism, etc. – on these matters I had to speak in a “slavish” tongue, and I must refer the reader who is interested in the subject to the articles I wrote abroad in 1914-17, a new edition of which is soon to appear. In order to show the reader, in a guise acceptable to the censors, how shamelessly untruthful the capitalists and the social-chauvinists who have deserted to their side (and whom Kautsky opposes so inconsistently) are on the question of annexations; in order to show how shamelessly they screen the annexations of their capitalists, I was forced to quote as an example – Japan! The careful reader will easily substitute Russia for Japan, and Finland, Poland, Courland, the Ukraine, Khiva, Bokhara, Estonia or other regions peopled by non-Great Russians, for Korea. I trust that this pamphlet will help the reader to understand the fundamental economic question, that of the economic essence of imperialism, for unless this is studied, it will be impossible to understand and appraise modern war and modern politics. V.I. Lenin

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A standard century-old pamphlet that still inspires those who wish to understand imperialism.

Very illuminating. No problems with the format.

Lenin poignantly defines the various economic/ political systems in the etymology of Capitalism and to me offers some objective critiques of Communism. He writes as an approachable scholar.

Great book really recommend it

Fairly tough read the first 150 pages goes well. Then it bogs down I keep hoping it will become more interesting. However, the first 150 pages are enough to warrant purchasing this for next to nothing on kindle. Lenin saw the economic Imperialism that exist today where big banks such as the IMF, and Germany telling other countries how to run their own government. What they have to cut and what they have to sell to the Germans. America is the worse case scenario when you read the book it will open your eyes to what is going on today even though the book was written almost 100 years ago.

This book gives a clear overview of Lenin position on monopolistic capitalism and imperialism. This book had a marked influence on socialist ideology. Lenin made imperialism replace capitalism as the main enemy. Lenin succeeded to divide the working class against itself. Those members of the

working class which are located inside the more industrialized communities are now considered the bad guys.

read it with The Economic Consequences of the Peace from Keynes to get the full picture about our economy and results coming from it. So far we scored two world wars. Hope we do not score another one soon

This book, even though it was written over 100 years ago, have just about convinced that I live in an empire. There is an oligarchy and sooner or later, we will under corporate monopolist capitalism with only one place we can go to buy all of our retail goods. At the same, I believe there will always be competition in our present economic system.

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