

Defeatism: Is it in you?

Introduction to Defeatism Series



There isn't a single revolutionary struggle that didn't have to deal with defeatism, and the revolutionary struggle of the Black nation within the u.s empire is no different. Those in our nation who speak it range from the petit-bourgeois that hope to benefit from it, to the most exploited among us who have been beaten down so long that defeat seems akin to logic. It comes in all forms; from whispers to loud pronouncements. Its content is even more wide ranging. Cries of logistical impossibilities, claims of inferiority, promises of an alternative to revolution; defeatism brings out the creativity in the part of our brains rotted with bourgeois ideology. To be fair all of us think it; it is part of the two-line struggle within us that jumps between a visceral desire for liberation and the perceived

hopelessness of our current situation.

Defeatism for the Black nation is the subjective belief that we cannot win a revolutionary struggle against the u.s empire and establish our own socialist state. It can manifest as simply as the very common belief that “Black people just can't get along with each other.” What it amounts to is the internalization of the oppressor nation’s bourgeois idealism that says the world will stay the same; them at the top and us at the bottom. Yet this mentality turns into its opposite all the time; when the Black nation rises up in rebellions or even sometimes as simple as smacking whitey up side the head with a folded chair.

No Locked Doors presents the series “Defeatism: Is It In You?” to bring an objective materialist understanding of the lines of defeatism that circle our heads and stop us from uniting with our nation towards national liberation and socialist revolution. We present them in no particular order.

