

Workers' Liberty

The aims of Marxists:

In your group, go through this list and tick whether you agree or disagree that each is an aim of Marxists in workplaces and trade unions:

AGREE DISAGREE			
		Help workers fight the bosses more effectively?	
		Build the trade unions?	
		Supply Marxist wisdom to the workers' movement?	
		Break workers from the unions and their collaboration with capitalism	
		Convince workers of Marxism and recruit them to our group?	
		Get the unions' support and resources for the campaigns we run?	
		Fundamentally change the trade unions?	

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The roles of Marxists:

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		Defend the union against all critics?
		Get good militants elected to union positions?
		Do what we can to make industrial action as effective as possible?
		Scrutinise the union leadership; call them to account for all their failings?
		Defend the union's policies and the agreements it makes with employers?
		Get elected to a union post and carry it out conscientiously?
		Give the Marxist explanation of every issue to workers at every chance?
		Raise non-workplace, political issues at every union branch meeting?
		Do the best possible job at representing members in individual casework?
		Avoid casework and concentrate on politics?
		Keep all criticism of the union internal to the union?
		Never support a compromise between the union and the employer?
		Advocate sensible resolution of industrial disputes?
unio	on and are p	Give attention only to those workers who are active members of the political?
		Adapt to the culture of the workplace so as to 'fit in' and gain influence?
		Expose the inadequacies of the union leaders to your workmates?
		Reprimand & correct workers when they express reactionary ideas?
		Teach workers about Marxist theory?
		Tell workers the correct strategy for each struggle/dispute?
pro	mote it abov	In multi-union workplaces/industries, identify the best union and we/against the other unions?
		Promote – even exaggerate – every achievement by the union?
		Be the best recruiter to the union and the hardest-working union rep?
too	much abou	Remember that your priority is the struggle for socialism, and not bother the job itself?

Seek to attain as high a position in the union as possible?



Summarising the role of Marxists

Write 'the role of Marxists in the workplace and trade unions' in around 200 words:





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Write 'the role of Marxists in the workplace and trade unions' in 6 bullet points:



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Write 'the role of Marxists in the workplace and trade unions' in one sentence (no cheating with an excessively long sentence using loads of semicolons!)

