

## US Presidential Elections: The Farce of Two Party Democracy

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**Within** a month, the citizens of USA will decide their next president for the next four years. The election campaign is being conducted on a level indescribably low and debasing. Mutual mudslinging, name-calling and evasion of issues facing the people have been the prominent phenomena in this campaign.

According to the report by the IMF, debt in the nonfinancial sector of the world economy has doubled since 2000, reaching staggering \$152 trillion, more than 225 per cent of global GDP. This may lead to another collapse of market similar to 2008 crisis, warned the IMF. This means loss of more jobs, more hunger and impoverishment of the people in the US, particularly youth.

Yet such a looming danger of collapse of capitalist economy has never discussed during the election campaign. The Republican candidate, Donald Trump, gave a national chauvinistic colour to the problem of unemployment by putting the blame in migrant workers and on India and China as stealers of jobs of American youth. The same chauvinistic line of argument was pursued, albeit with soft tone, by the democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Alongside giving the national chauvinistic colour, both the candidates are hostile to any agitation from the working class. While the Clinton campaign as the continuator of Obama policies which are being placated as successful, Trump repeatedly pointed out the dismal economic conditions in which the working class is thrown. Yet both have not made any alternative to better the living and working conditions of working class. While the Clinton wants to control the working class through pliable trade union leadership, Trump calls for brutal force upon the struggles of working class to maintain “law and order”.

The election campaign has no time to discuss the on-going war by the US imperialism on foreign lands, which are bleeding the economy of the country, for which the American people has to pay through their pockets and the American youth with their lives.

It is clearly evident during the election campaign that the presidential candidates will take a posture in public and in no time promises exactly the opposite in private talks. Hillary Clinton’s paid speech to the Wall Street executives, exposed by the Wiki Leaks, has caused a furor as she publicly took anti-trade posture and in close door meeting promised pro-trade policies.

To benumb this ire, a five year old lewd and vulgar comments made by Trump about women was resurrected. It eclipsed the Hillary’s paid speeches. On his part Trump concentrated on exposing the Bill Clinton’s affairs with women. Both the republican and Democratic parties and leaders engaged themselves in this mutual mudslinging to skirt the real problem from the gaze of people, that is, what measures the US ruling classes wants to carry out by the next president?

Whoever – Clinton or Trump – wins the election he/she has to implement the measures dictated by the US ruling classes. It is the ruling classes which decides, who would serve their interests more effectively, he/she should be the occupant of the White House for the next four years.

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