


"The Militant is a paper not a party" Ha..Ha.. pull the other one! "Militant" is the weekly paper of the Militant Tendency in the Labour Party. It is a supporters group not a party.. officially.. but any ex-'Milie' will tell you that 'Militant' is really a hardline Trotskyist party.

They joined the Labour Party, as a tiny sect, back in the mid 1960's, using an argument of both Lenin and Trotsky that, as the Labour Party is the party of the working class (though not revolutionary) revolutionaries should join the Labour Party, as a short term infiltration to capture the best members. 25 years seems a pretty

Militant see the main issue today as the leadership of the working class. They (quietly dropping the short term infiltration bit) argue that if they took over the Labour Party they could lead the workers to Socialism. Patronising they are ! This 'leadership' fetishism is based on Trotsky... quote "The world political situation is characterised by a historical crisis of the leadership of the proletariat". Militant don't seem to care that this was written and based on events 40 years ago !




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Other Leninists eg. SWP say a revolutionary can't be a boss. Too true! Either Militant have been taken over by Labour Party reformist ideas (which they strenuously deny) or they are just the worst sort of authoritarian state Socialists.

SWP



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In the industrial unrest of the early 1970's the 95% student I.S. performed a 'turn to the class' (as they called it) i.e a massive emphasis on selling outside factories at 6.0 am before lectures. I.S. did in fact recruit hundreds of workers and peaked around 1974 when they sold 50,000 papers in election week (compared to 15-20,000 now).

Tony Cliff

The SWP is mostly middle-class, lots of teachers, social workers and students.

The middle class dominance and political disagreements over what the SWP line on N.Ireland should be, led the group which became Red Action, to split from the SWP. A working class group of people, with a brave record of anti-Fascist 'activity', they argue that the SWP (and in practice all 'revolutionary parties') have been taken over and are run by middle