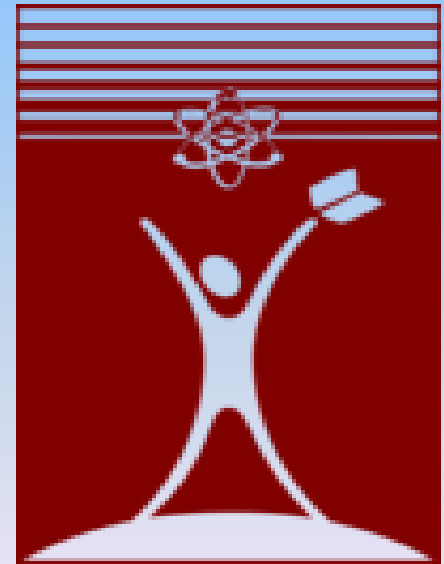


NETWORK OF RURBAN REPUBLICS

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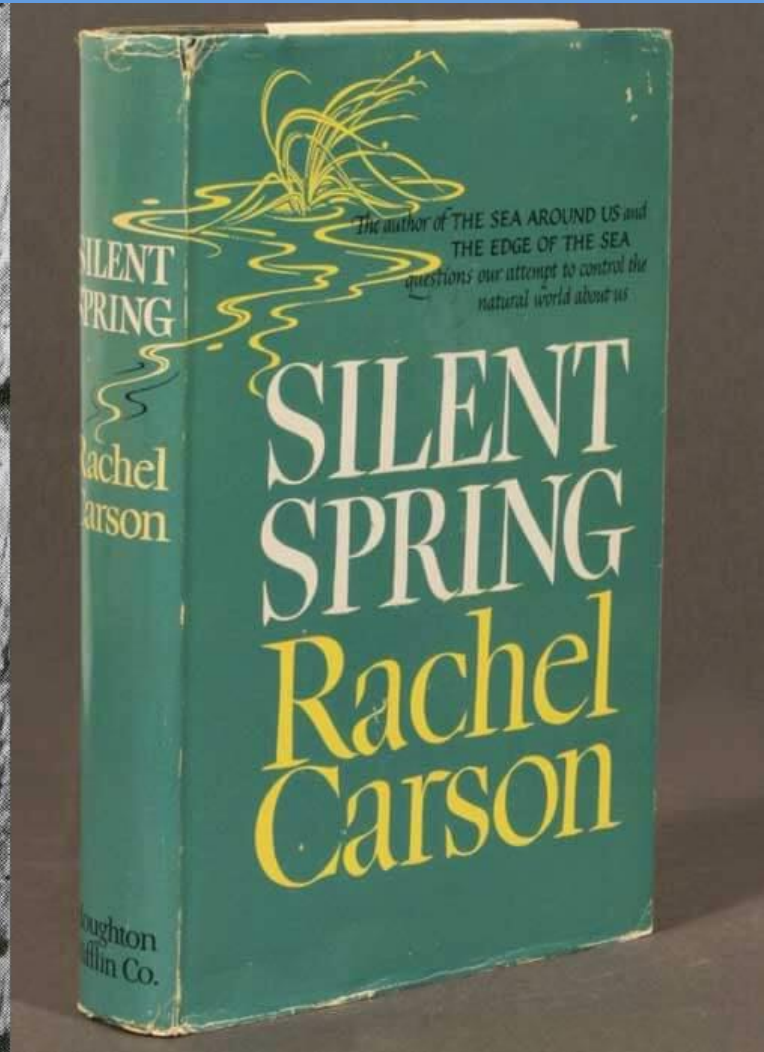
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Science for Social Revolution

HUMANITY IS AT CROSSROADS: TO HELL OR TO HEAVEN



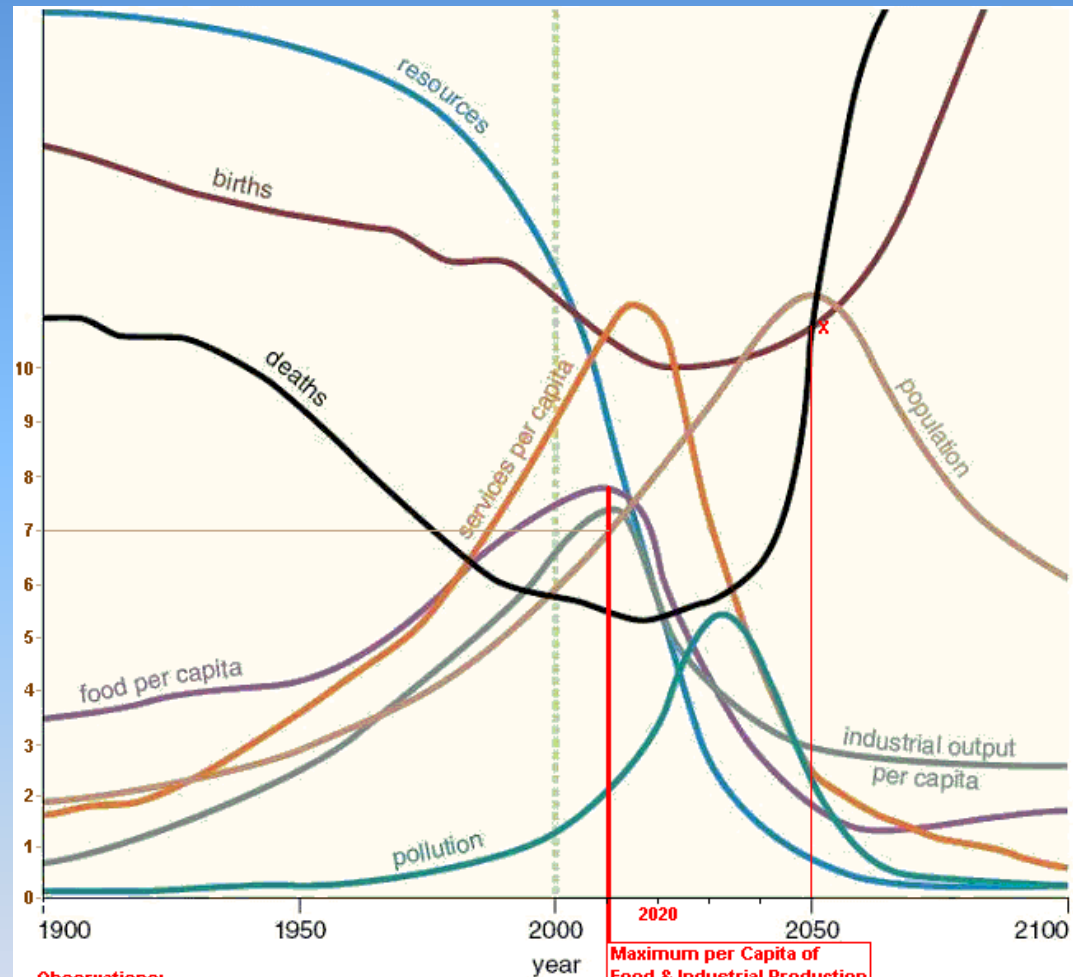


LIMITS TO GROWTH



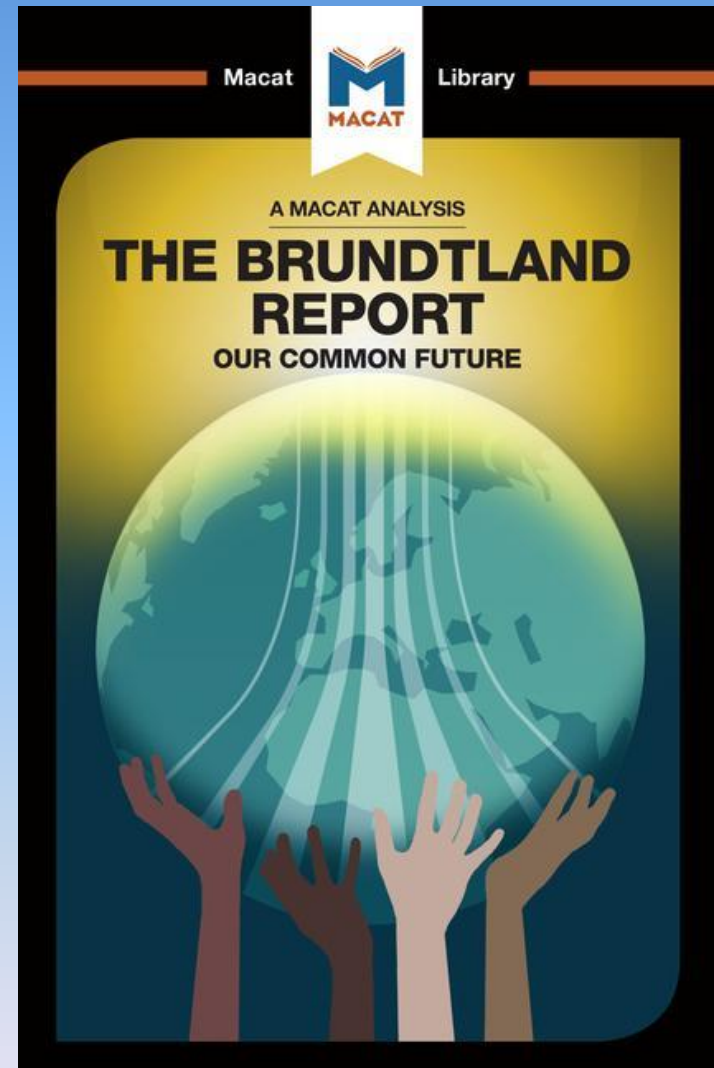
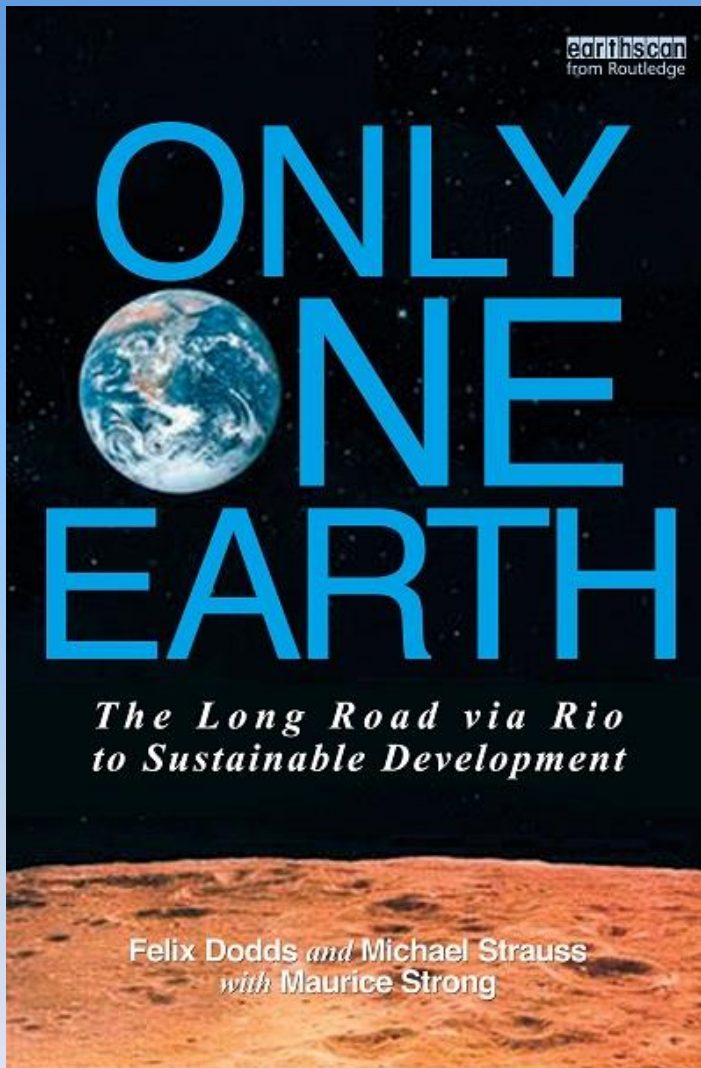
The 30-Year Update

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Observations:

1. Services are very material and depend on resources. It seems logical that services will start declining when industrial production is projected to decline.
2. Death rates are projected to get higher than birth rates by 2050. There are reasons (famines, plagues, pandemics, wars) to think that this point "X" will occur much earlier, the death rates rising faster as from 2020.
3. Population decline may start by 2020, at approx. 8 billion, and then start dropping relentlessly because resources and structures will be failing beyond repair. A population as low as 0.5 billion or less could be the result by 2050. The population rise in this graph is higher than the UN Population Fund's latest projections.



And IPC Report, etc.

IT IS ECOLOGICALLY SELF-DESTRUCTIVE,
ECONOMICALLY NON-SUSTAINABLE AND UNJUST,
PHILOSOPHICALLY BANKRUPT
AND CULTURALLY DECADENT.



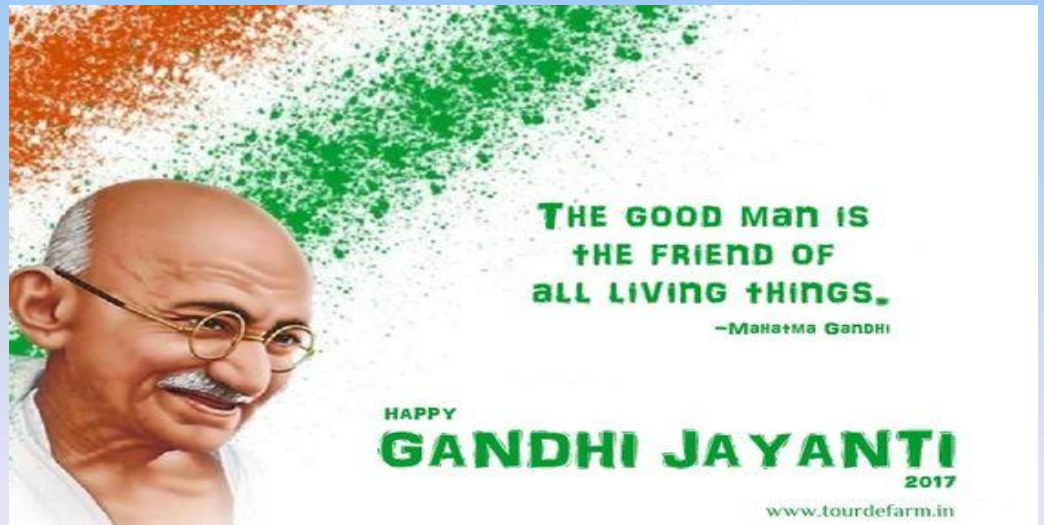
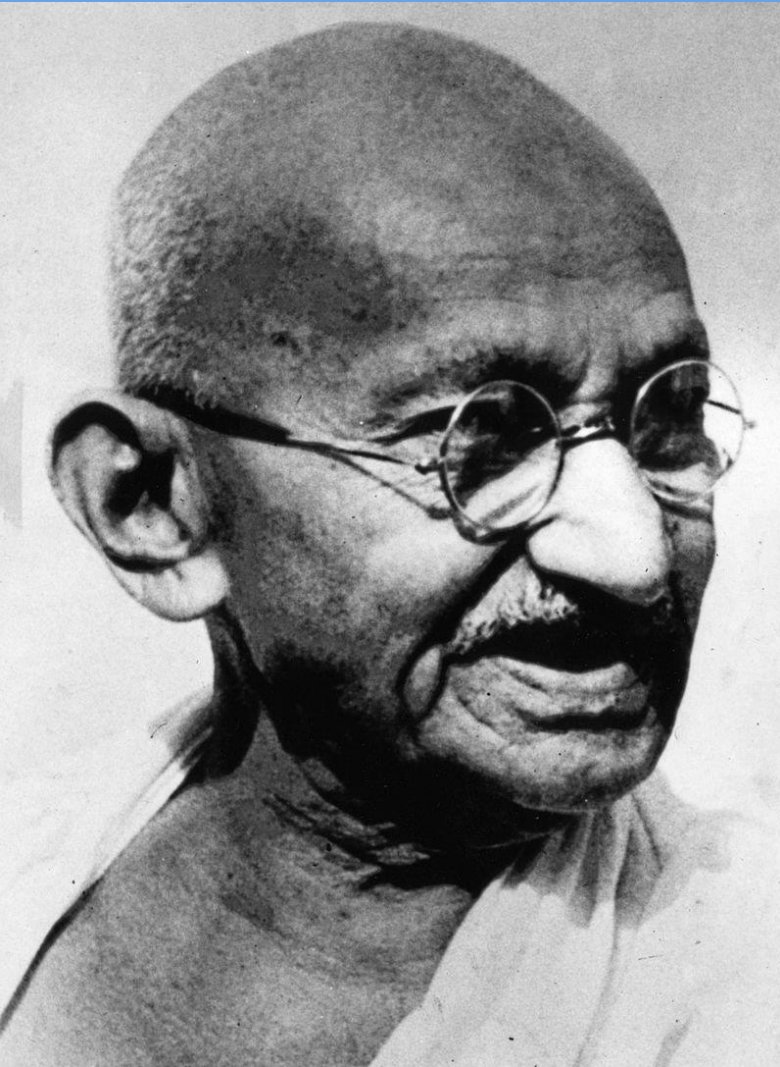
CAPITALISM DEMANDS

- EVER INCREASING PRODUCTION OF NEEDS.
- THERE ARE LIMITS TO WELFARE NEEDS.
- SO IT HAS TO MANUFACTURE 'VANITY' AND 'DEFENCE' NEEDS.



THIS EARTH HAS ENOUGH TO SATISFY

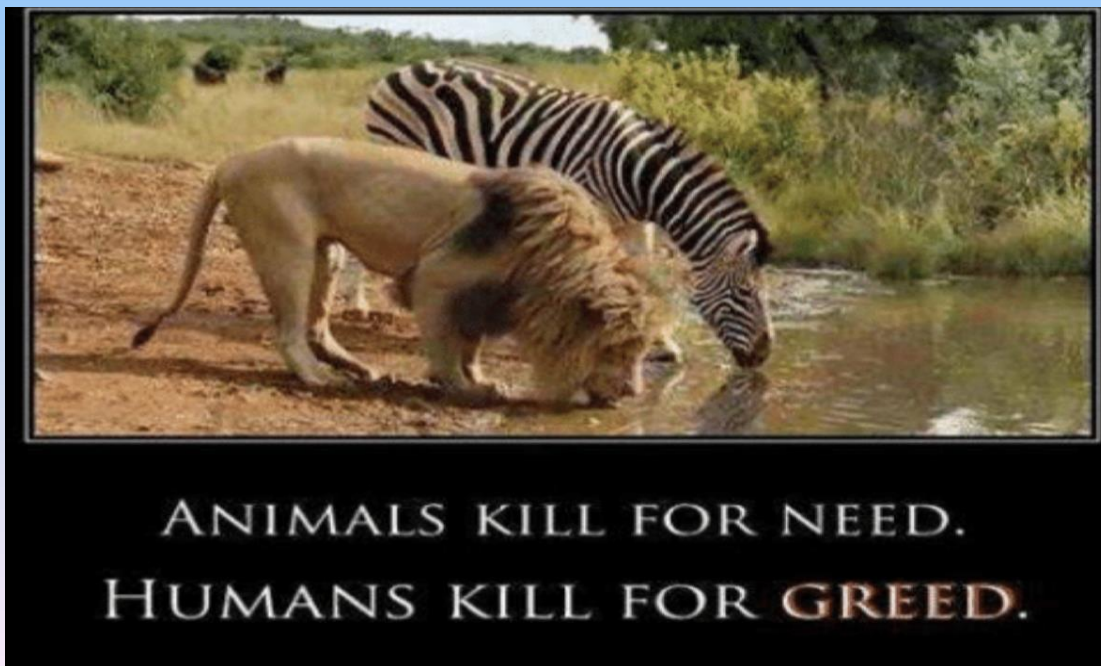
THE WELFARE *NEEDS* OF
ALL,
BUT NOT TO SATISFY THEIR
VANITY NEEDS-*GREED*



- DEVELOPMENT MEANS INCREASE IN HAPPINESS OF THE SOCIETY.
- LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE AND EMANCIPATION FROM ALL FORMS OF ALIENATION ARE THE BASIC ELEMENTS IN SOCIETAL HAPPINESS



- THIS DEMANDS:
 - WISDOM TO DIFFERENTIATE NEED FROM GREED
 - CONTROL OVER ONE'S OWN LIFE-SELF-RELIANCE,
 - REDUCTION IN SOCIALLY NECESSARY LABOUR TIME



THESE REQUIRE:

- MAINTAINING HEALTH OF SOIL AND HUMANS
- ENDING CONTRADICTION BETWEEN TOWN AND VILLAGE
- DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-RELIANT RURBAN REPUBLICS,
- NETWORKING THEM HORIZONTALLY



THIS, IN TURN REQUIRES:

- DEVEELOPING PRODUCTIVE FORCES TO SERVE HUMANS AND NOT CAPITAL,
- HUMANS CONTROL MACHINES AND NOT THE OTHER WAY ROUND.
- SMALL TO BE POWERFUL AND NOT MERELY BEAUTIFUL



- R AND D WORK DIRECTED TO MAKE SMALL POWERFUL
- LOCAL ECONOMIES ARE TO BE STRENGTHENED
- NECESSITY OF TRANSPORT OF GOODS AND TRAVEL OF HUMANS TO BE REDUCED

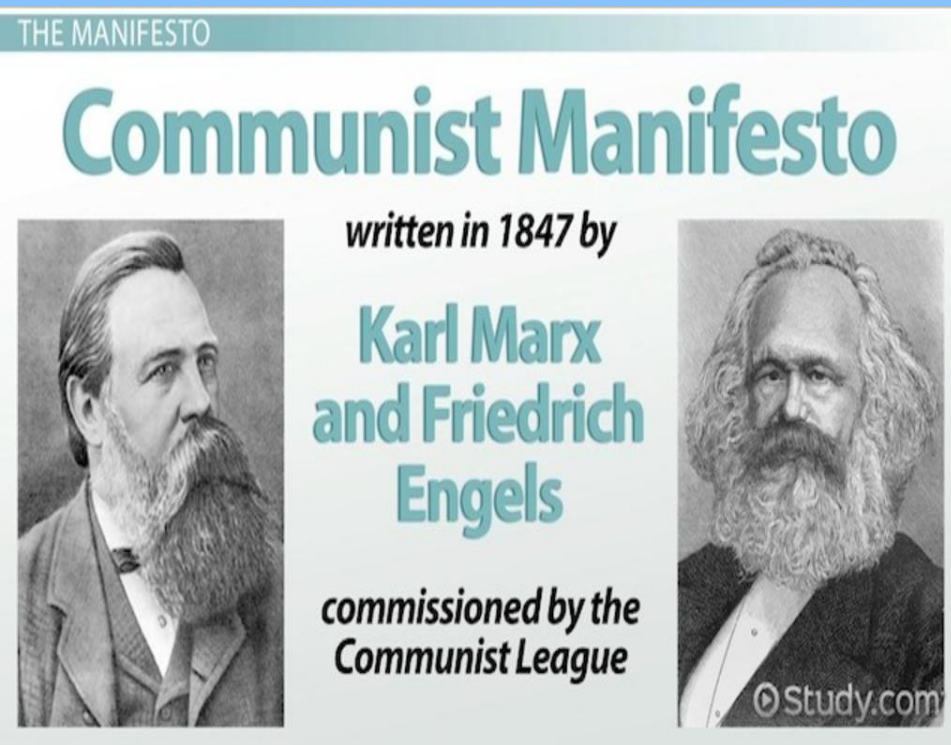


Grand Oceanic Circles

- SUCH SOCIETIES ARE TO BE CREATED AND NURTURED WITHIN THE WOMBS OF THE EXISTING SOCIETY AND ARE TO BE LINKED TO EACH OTHER IN THE FORM OF GRAND OCEANIC CIRCLES: INNER CONTROLLING THE OUTER



- MARX'S COMMUNISM AND GANDHI'S NETWORK OF VILLAGE REPUBLICS ARE, BOTH, UTOPIAN.
- BUT THEY ARE AS USEFUL AS EUCLID'S 'POINT'
A VISION TO GO BY



Gandhi_spinning_1929.

PRACTICAL STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN ARE:

- INCREASING LOCAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIALS
- INCREASING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

TO REALIZE THE ABOVE



STEPS....

- STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMY TO WITHSTAND ONSLAUGHTS OF GLOBAL ECONOMY
- STRENGTHEN THE NEXUS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS
- DEEPEN SOCIAL CONTROL OVER ALL MEANS OF PRODUCTION



- STEPS...
- INNER CIRCLES CONTROL OUTER ONES
- CONSUMERS CONTROL PRODUCTION
- ALL ARE BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS
- THIS ESTABLISHES STRONG RELATIONSHIPS.

