

QUOTES BY COMMUNIST LEADERS

MARX		
MA1	Keep people from their history, and they are easily controlled.	
MA2	Accumulation of wealth at one pole is at the same time accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation, at the opposite pole	
MA3	Take away a nation's heritage and they are more easily persuaded.	
MA4	Communism begins where atheism begins.	
MA5	We have no compassion and we ask no compassion from you. When our turn comes, we shall not make excuses for the terror.	
MA6	The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions.	
MA7	There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, , etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience.	
MA8	The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism.	
MA9	If you can cut the people off from their history, then they can be easily persuaded.	
MA10	The democratic concept of man is false, because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that . . . each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity.	
MA11	...the Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things... They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.	
MA12	Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him. Teach a man to fish, and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity.	
MA13	The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.	
MA14	When the sufferers learn to think, then the thinkers will learn to suffer.	
MA15	A heavy or progressive or graduated income tax is necessary for the proper development of Communism.	
MA16	The last capitalist we hang shall be the one who sold us the rope.	
MA17	From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.	
MA18	Anyone who knows anything of history knows that great social changes are impossible without feminine upheaval. Social progress can be measured exactly by the social position of the fair sex, the ugly ones included.	LE
MA19	There must be something rotten in the very core of a social system which increases its wealth without diminishing its misery	MA
MA20	Owners of capital will stimulate working class to buy more and more of expensive goods, houses and technology, pushing them to take more and more expensive credits, until their debt becomes unbearable. The unpaid debt will lead to bankruptcy of banks which will have to be nationalized and State will have to take the road which will eventually lead to communism.	GR
MA21	The Jews of Poland are the smeariest of all races.	BE
MA22	Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains.	TR
GRAMSCI		
GR1	Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity. ... In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.	ST KH
GR2	What comes to pass does so not so much because a few people want it to happen, as because the mass of citizens abdicate their responsibility and let things be.	BR
GR3	The old is dying and the new cannot be born. In this interregnum there arises a great diversity of morbid symptoms.	GO
GR4	The philosophy of praxis does not aim at the peaceful resolution of existing contradictions in history and society, but is the very theory of these contradictions. It is not the instrument of government of the dominant groups in order to gain the consent and exercise hegemony over the subaltern classes. It is the expression of subaltern classes who want to educate themselves in the art of government and who have an interest in knowing all truths, even the unpleasant ones, and in avoiding the impossible deceptions of the upper class, and even more their own.	
GR5	To tell the truth is revolutionary.	
GR6	One must speak for a struggle for a new culture, that is, for a new moral life that cannot but be intimately connected to a new intuition of life, until it becomes a new way of feeling and seeing reality	
GR7	Common sense is not something rigid and stationary, but is in continuous transformation, becoming enriched with scientific notions and philosophical opinions that have entered into common circulation. 'Common sense' is the folklore of philosophy and always stands midway between folklore proper (folklore as it is normally understood) and the philosophy, science, and economics of the scientists. Common sense creates the folklore of the future, a relatively rigidified phase of popular knowledge in a given time and place.	
GR8	Indifference is the dead weight of history.	
GR9	The crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying and the new cannot be born	
GR10	Man is above all else mind, consciousness -- that is, he is a product of history, not of nature.	
GR11	It indicates a person who has not only good manners but who possesses a sense of balance, a sure mastery of himself, a moral discipline that permits him to subordinate voluntarily his own selfish interest to the wider interests of the society in which he lives. The gentleman, therefore is a cultural person in the noblest sense of the word, if by culture we mean not simply wealth of intellectual knowledge but also the ability to fulfil one's duty and understand one's fellow man by respecting / every principle, every opinion, every faith that is sincerely professed.	
GR12	A social group can, indeed must, already exercise 'leadership' before winning governmental power (this is indeed one of the principal conditions for the winning of such power); it subsequently becomes dominant when it exercises power, but even if it holds it firmly in its grasp, it must continue to 'lead' as well.	
GR13	From the moment when a subordinate class becomes really independent and dominant, calling into being a new type of State, the need arises concretely, of building a new intellectual and moral order, i.e. a new type of society, and hence the need to elaborate the most universal concepts, the most refined and decisive ideological weapons.	
GR14	Before puberty the child's personality has not yet formed and it is easier to guide its life and make it acquire specific habits of order, discipline, and work.	
GR15	The people themselves are not a homogeneous cultural collectivity but present numerous and variously combined cultural stratifications which, in their pure form, cannot always be identified within specific historical popular collectivities.	
GR16	The abolition of the class struggle does not mean the abolition of the need to struggle as a principle of development.	
LENIN		
LE1	We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.	
LE2	The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.	
LE3	The goal of socialism is communism.	
LE4	Why should freedom of speech and freedom of press be allowed? Why should a government which is doing what it believes to be right allow itself to be criticized? It would not allow opposition by lethal weapons. Ideas are much more fatal things than guns. Why should any man be allowed to buy a printing press and disseminate pernicious opinions calculated to embarrass the government?	
LE5	Truth is the most precious thing. That's why we should ration it.	
LE6	People always have been and they always will be stupid victims of deceit and self-deception in politics.	
LE7	The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation.	
LE8	One man with a gun can control 100 without one.	
LE9	As an ultimate objective, "peace" simply means communist world control.	
LE10	Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism.	
LE11	Medicine is the keystone of the arch of socialism.	
LE12	There are no morals in politics; there is only expedience. A scoundrel may be of use to us just because he is a scoundrel.	
LE13	Give us the child for eight years and it will be a Bolshevik forever.	
LE14	It is necessary - secretly and urgently to prepare the terror.	
LE15	The establishment of a central bank is 90% of communizing a nation.	

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LE16 There can be nothing more abominable than religion.

LE17 Of all the arts, for us the cinema is the most important.

[BERIA](#)

BE1 Maintain dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals, officers, bureaus, and masses

BE2 Create more certain and definite methods of aligning and securing the loyalties of persons and populace, and of enforcing obedience upon them.

BE3 Man is always coerced against his will to the greater good of the State, whether by economic gains or indoctrination into the wishes and desires of the State.

BE4 Man is a collective animal. Those who so group and control him must have in their possession specialized techniques.

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BE6 The subject of Psychopolitics breaks down into several categories: Man as a political organism, as an economic organism, as a subject for State goals for the individual and masses, as a property of loyalties, as the general subject of obedience, as the anatomy of stimulus-response mechanisms ...

BE7 Psychopolitics cannot be overestimated, particularly when used in a nation decayed by pseudo-intellectualism, where exploitation of the masses combines readily with psychopolitical actions...

BE8 The tenets of rugged individualism, personal determinism, self-will, imagination, and personal creativeness are alike in the masses antipathetic to the good of the Greater State.

BE9 It is possible to remove Man's self-willed tendencies to the improvement of the goals and gains of the whole.

BE10 The changing of loyalty consists, in its primary step, of the eradication of existing loyalties.

BE11 Use the courts, use the judges, use the Constitution of the country, use its medical societies and its laws to further our ends.

BE12 By constant campaign about the terrors of society, by pretense as to your effectiveness make you the Capitalist himself, by his own appropriations, finance a large portion of the quiet Communist conquest of the nation.

BE13 By psychopolitics create chaos. Leave a nation leaderless.

BE14 One of the first and foremost missions of the psychopolitician is to make an attack upon Communism and insanity synonymous. It should become the definition of insanity, of the paranoid variety, that "A paranoid believes he is being attacked by Communists."

BE15 Avoid the understanding of the layman and the usual stupid official, and by operating entirely under the banner of authority ... an entire revolution can be effected without the suspicion of a populace until it is an accomplished fact.

BE16 it is of the utmost importance that psychopolitical operative infiltrate the healing arts of a nation marked for conquest.

BE17 Denying a Capitalist country easy access to courts, bringing about and supporting propaganda to destroy the home, creating and continuous juvenile delinquency, forcing upon the state all manner of practices to divorce the child from it will in the end create chaos necessary to Communism.

BE18 By making readily available drugs of various kinds, by giving the teen-ager alcohol, by praising his wildness, by stimulating him with sex literature, the psychopolitical operator can create the necessary attitude of chaos, idleness and worthlessness.

BE19 By these means the patriotism of youth for their Capitalistic flag can be dulled to a point where they are no longer dangerous as soldiers.

BE20 If we could effectively kill the national pride and patriotism of just one generation, we will have won that country.

BE21 Undermine the loyalty of the citizens in general and the teen-ager in particular.

BE22 The mis-alignment of the loyalty of youth to a Capitalistic nation sets the proper stage for a realignment of their loyalties toward Communism. Creating a greed for drugs, sexual misbehavior and uncontrolled freedom and presenting this to them as a benefit of Communism, will with ease, bring about our alignment.

[TROTSKY](#)

TR1 In a country where the sole employer is the State, opposition means death by slow starvation. The old principle: who does not work shall not eat, has been replaced by a new one: who does not obey shall not eat.

TR2 The end may justify the means as long as there is something that justifies the end.

TR3 All the parties of capitalist society, all its moralists and all its sycophants will perish beneath the debris of the impending catastrophe. The only party that will survive is the party of the world socialist revolution.

TR4 Our planet is being turned into a filthy and evil-smelling imperialist barrack.

TR5 Religions are illogical primitive ignorance. There is nothing as ridiculous and tragic as a religious government.

TR6 As long as human labor power, and, consequently, life itself, remain articles of sale and purchase, of exploitation and robbery, the principle of the "sacredness of human life" remains a shameful lie, uttered with the object of keeping the oppressed slaves in their chains. THINK OF BLM

TR7 There are no absolute rules of conduct, either in peace or war. Everything depends on circumstances.

TR8 The pillars of Hercules of the United States are vulgarity and stupidity.

[STALIN](#)

ST1 [It's not the people who vote that count. It's the people who count the votes.](#)

ST2 Ideas are more powerful than guns. We would not let our enemies have guns, why should we let them have ideas.

ST3 The press must grow day in and day out - it is our Party's sharpest and most powerful weapon.

ST4 Divide the world into regional groups as a transitional stage to world government. Populations will more readily abandon their national loyalty to a vague regional loyalty than they will for a world authority. Later the regions can be brought together all the way into a single world dictatorship.

ST5 When we hang the capitalists they will sell us the rope we use.

ST6 Education is a weapon the effect of which is determined by the hands which wield it, by who is to be struck down.

ST7 [American Communist Party] legally exists in the U.S.A., it nominates its candidates in the elections, including Presidential elections.

ST8 Print is the sharpest and the strongest weapon of our party.

ST9 If the opposition disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves.

ST10 To choose one's victims, to prepare one's plan minutely, to slake an implacable vengeance, and then to go to bed... There is nothing sweeter in the world.

[KRUSCHCHEV](#)

KR1 You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you'll finally wake up and find you already have communism. We won't have to fight you. We'll so weaken your economy until you'll fall like overripe fruit into our hands.

KR2 We do not have to invade the United States, we will destroy you from within.

KR3 The United States will eventually fly the Communist red flag...The American people will hoist it themselves.

KR4 The press is our chief ideological weapon.

KR5 I can prophecy that your grandchildren in America will live under socialism -- Our firm conviction is that sooner or later Capitalism will give way to Socialism. Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you.

KR6 I once said, 'We will bury you,' and I got into trouble with it. Of course we will not bury you with a shovel. Your own working class will bury you.

KR7 Comrades! We must abolish the cult of the individual decisively, once and for all

KR8 Historians are dangerous and capable of turning everything upside down. They have to be watched.

[BREZHNEV](#)

BR1 [The trouble with free elections is, you never know who is going to win.](#)

BR2 The highest peace is the peace between opposites.

BR3 We think we have got freedom of the press. When one millionaire has ten newspapers and ten million people have no newspapers - that is not freedom of the press.

[GORBACHEV](#)

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GO1	Peace is not unity in similarity but unity in diversity, in the comparison and conciliation of differences.
GO2	We have no right ever to forget that psychological warfare is a struggle for winning people's minds.
GO3	We must speak more clearly about sexuality, contraception, about abortion, about values that control population, because the ecological crisis, in short, is the population crisis. Cut the population by 90% and there aren't enough people left to do a great deal of ecological damage.
GO4	The problem the world faces today is that only one-third of the world's population lives in decent circumstances, while half the population of the world lives on one or two dollars a day. And even as we have this poverty and backwardness, we are facing a global environmental crisis. We need developmental models that will take into account the specific and unique position of each country and at the same time will address the environmental crisis.
GO5	In October 1917, we parted with the old world, rejecting it once and for all. We are moving toward a new world, a world of Communism. We shall never turn off that road.
GO6	Communist ideology in its pure form is akin to Christianity. Its main ideas are the brotherhood of all peoples irrespective of their nationality, justice and equality, peace, and an end to all hostility between peoples.
GO7	We desperately need to recognise that we are the guests, not the masters, of nature and adopt a new paradigm for development, based on the costs and benefits to all people, and bound by the limits of nature herself rather than the limits of technology and consumerism.
GO8	Please remember one lesson of the 20th century. One cannot force happiness, impose happiness on nations by imposing any kind of utopia on others. The Communist model of society was a kind of imposed utopia for which the Russian people in particular paid a great price. Still, sometimes we see that attempts are being made to impose some other kind of model on the entire world - maybe a Westernized or Americanized model... This is not the way to go because this can only create conflict.

MAO ZEDONG

ZE1	“A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery; it cannot be so refined, so leisurely and gentle, so temperate, kind, courteous, restrained and magnanimous. A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another.”
ZE2	“To read too many books is harmful.”
ZE3	“Women hold up half the sky.”
ZE4	“Everything under heaven is in utter chaos; the situation is excellent.”
ZE5	“Politics is war without blood, while war is politics with blood.”
ZE6	“An army of the people is invincible!”
ZE7	“Dont give a child a fish but show him how to fish”
ZE8	“Firstly, do not fear hardship, and secondly, do not fear death.”
ZE9	“It's always darkest before it becomes totally black.”
ZE10	“War can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.”
ZE11	“When you point a finger at the moon to indicate the moon, instead of looking at the moon,the stupid ones look at your finger.”
ZE12	“The struggle of the Black people in the United States for emancipation is a component part of the general struggle of all the people of the world against U.S. imperialism, a component part of the contemporary world revolution. I call on the workers, peasants, and revolutionary intellectuals of all countries and all who are willing to fight against U.S. imperialism to take action and extend strong support to the struggle of the Black people in the United States! People of the whole world, unite still more closely and launch a sustained and vigorous offensive against our common enemy, U.S. imperialism, and its accomplices! It can be said with certainty that the complete collapse of colonialism, imperialism, and all systems of exploitation, and the complete emancipation of all the oppressed peoples and nations of the world are not far off.”
ZE13	“...the evil system of colonialism and imperialism arose and throve with the enslavement of Negroes and the trade in Negroes, and it will surely come to its end with the complete emancipation of the Black people.”
ZE14	“History is a symptom of our disease”
ZE15	“In waking a tiger, use a long stick.”
ZE16	“The great man, Genghis Khan, only knew how to shoot eagles with an arrow. The past is past. To see real heroes, look around you.”
ZE17	“To rebel is justified”
ZE18	“If the U.S. monopoly capitalist groups persist in pushing their policies of aggression and war, the day is bound to come when they will be hanged by the people of the whole world. The same fate awaits the accomplices of the United States.”
ZE19	“You can't be a revolutionary if you don't eat chilies.”
ZE20	“The Communist party must control the guns.”
ZE21	“I am a lone monk walking the world with a leaky umbrella.”
ZE22	“Mao recalled: "Very many members of our family have given their lives, killed by the Kuomintang and the American imperialists. You grew up eating honey, and thus far you have never known suffering. In the future, if you do not become a rightist, but rather a centrist, I shall be satisfied. You have never suffered--how can you be a leftist?"
ZE23	“Historical experience is written in iron and blood.”
ZE24	“The atom bomb is a paper tiger which the United States reactionaries use to scare people. It looks terrible, but in fact it isn't.”
ZE25	“Communism is not love. Communism is a hammer which we use to crush the enemy.”
ZE26	“Make criticism in good time; don't get into the habit of criticizing only after the event.”
ZE27	Chairman Mao Zedong: Do you want our Chinese women? We can give you ten million. U.S. National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger: The chairman is improving his offer. Mao: We can let them flood your country with disaster and therefore impair your interests. In our country we have too many women, and they have a way of doing things. They give birth to children, and our children are too many.”
ZE28	“There are some militarists who say: ‘We are not interested in politics but only in the profession of arms.’ It is vital that these simple-minded militarists be made to realize the relationship that exists between politics and military affairs. Military action is a method used to attain a political goal. While military affairs and political affairs are not identical, it is impossible to isolate one from the other.” - Mao Zedong, Yu Chi Chan”
ZE29	“A potential revolutionary situation exists in any country where the government consistently fails in its obligation to ensure at least a minimally decent standard of life for the great majority of its citizens.”
ZE30	“Commandism is wrong in any type of work, because in overstepping the level of political consciousness of the masses and violating the principle of voluntary mass action it reflects the disease of impetuosity. Our comrades must not assume that everything they themselves understand is understood by the masses. Whether the masses understand it and are ready to take action can be discovered only by going into their midst and making investigations. If we do so, we can avoid commandism. Tailism in any type of work is also wrong, because in falling below the level of political consciousness of the masses and violating the principle of leading the masses forward it reflects the disease of dilatoriness. Our comrades must not assume that the masses have no understanding of what they themselves do not yet understand. It often happens that the masses outstrip us and are eager to advance a step and that nevertheless our comrades fail to act as leaders of the masses and tail behind certain backward elements. reflecting their views and. moreover. mistaking them for those of the broad masses.”
ZE31	“Under the white population of the United States of America only the reactionary classes oppress the black population. Under no circumstance can they represent the workers, farmers and revolutionary intellectuals and other enlightened people who form the majority of the white population.”
ZE32	“Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.”
ZE33	“Men and women must receive equal pay for equal work in production.”
ZE34	“Our attitude towards ourselves should be to be insatiable in learning and towards others to be tireless in teaching.”
ZE35	“The chief enemies in China's revolutionary war are imperialism and the feudal forces.”
ZE36	“Imperialism will not last long because it always does evil things. It persists in grooming and supporting reactionaries in all countries who are against the people, it has forcibly seized many colonies and semi-colonies and many military bases, and it threatens the peace with atomic war. Thus, forced by imperialism to do so, more than 90 per cent of the people of the world are rising or will rise in struggle against it. Yet, imperialism is still alive, still running amuck in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the West imperialism is still oppressing the people at home. This situation must change. It is the task of the people of the whole world to put an end to the aggression and oppression perpetrated by imperialism, and chiefly by U.S. imperialism.”
ZE37	“War, this monster of mutual slaughter among men, will be finally eliminated by the progress of human society, and in the not too distant future too.”
ZE38	“Evil does not exist in guerrilla warfare but only in the unorganized and undisciplined activities that are anarchism,”

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ZE39 “Ask your subordinates about matters you do not understand or do not know, and do not lightly express your approval or disapproval. . . . We should never pretend to know what we do not know, we should “not feel ashamed to ask and learn from people below” and we should listen carefully to the views of the cadres at the lower levels. Be a pupil before you become a teacher; learn from the cadres at the lower levels before you issue orders. . . . What the cadres at the lower levels say may or may not be correct, after hearing it, we must analyse it. We must heed the correct views and act upon them. . . . Listen also to the mistaken views from below, it is wrong not to listen to them at all. Such views, however, are not to be acted upon but to be criticized.”

ZE40 “The mountain goddess if she is still there Will marvel at a world so changed.”

ZE41 “This army is powerful because all its members have a conscious discipline; they have come together and they fight not for the private interests of a few individuals or a narrow clique, but for the interests of the broad masses and of the whole nation. The sole purpose of this army is to stand firmly with the Chinese people and to serve them whole-heartedly.”

ZE42 “Concentrate a big force to strike at a small section of the enemy force” remains a principle of field operations in guerrilla warfare.”

ZE43 “Keep the enemy in the dark about where and when our forces will attack.”

ZE44 “We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.”

ZE45 “Marxism consists of thousands of truths, but they all boil down to one sentence: It is right to rebel.”

ZE46 “Once all struggle is grasped, miracles are possible.”

ZE47 “Hence, as long as China is divided among the imperialist powers, the various cliques of warlords cannot under any circumstances come to terms, and whatever compromises they may reach will only be temporary.”

ZE48 “But the basic principle of guerrilla warfare must be the offensive, and guerrilla warfare is more offensive in its character than regular warfare.”

ZE49 “The theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin is universally applicable. We should regard it not as dogma, but as a guide to action. Studying it is not merely a matter of learning terms and phrases but of learning Marxism-Leninism as the science of revolution.”

ZE50 “Guerrilla leaders spend a great deal more time in organization, instruction, agitation, and propaganda work than they do fighting, for their most important job is to win over the people. “We must patiently explain,” says Mao Tse-tung. “Explain,” “persuade,” “discuss,” “convince”—these words recur with monotonous regularity in many of the early Chinese essays on guerrilla war. Mao has aptly compared guerrillas to fish, and the people to the water in which they swim. If the political temperature is right, the fish, however few in number, will thrive and proliferate. It is therefore the principal concern of all guerrilla leaders to get the water to the right temperature and to keep it there. More”

ZE51 “People who live at subsistence level want first things to be put first. They are not particularly interested in freedom of religion, freedom of the press, free enterprise as we understand it, or the secret ballot. Their needs are more basic: land, tools, fertilizers, something better than rags for their children, houses to replace their shacks, freedom from police oppression, medical attention, primary schools.”

ZE52 “A people's insurrection and a people's revolution are not only natural but inevitable.”

ZE53 “The enemy advances, we retreat; the enemy camps, we harass; the enemy tires, we attack; the enemy retreats, we pursue.”

ZE54 “The defeats which many small Red areas have suffered have been due either to the absence of the requisite objective conditions or to subjective mistakes in tactics.”

ZE55 “Lacking an analytical approach, many of our comrades do not want to go deeply into complex matters, to analyse and study them over and over again, but like to draw simple conclusions which are either absolutely affirmative or absolutely negative. . . . From now on we should remedy this state of affairs.”

ZE56 “All genuine knowledge originates in direct experience.”

ZE57 “Therefore, before any action is taken, we must explain the policy, which we have formulated in the light of the given circumstances, to Party members and to the masses. Otherwise, Party members and the masses will depart from the guidance of our policy, act blindly and carry out a wrong policy.”

ZE58 “There are two principles here: one is the actual needs of the masses rather than what we fancy they need, and the other is the wishes of the masses, who must make up their own minds instead of our making up their minds for them.”

ZE59 “A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another.”

ZE60 “Unquestionably, victory or defeat in war is determined mainly by the military, political, economic and natural conditions on both sides. But not by these alone. It is also determined by each side's subjective ability in directing the war.”

ZE61 “The masses of China's peasantry and urban petty bourgeoisie wish to take an active part in the revolutionary war and to carry it to complete victory. They are the main forces in the revolutionary war, but, being small-scale producers, they are limited in their political outlook (and some of the unemployed masses have anarchist views), so that they are unable to give correct leadership in the war.”

ZE62 “The whole world is very bright. The darker the clouds, the greater the light.”

ZE63 “The army must become one with the people so that they see it as their own army. Such an army will be invincible..”

ZE64 “A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery.”

ZE65 “In our international relations, we Chinese people should get rid of great-power chauvinism resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely.”

ZE66 “We are not utopians and cannot divorce ourselves from the actual conditions confronting us.”

ZE67 “Only a blockhead cudgels his brains on his own, or together with a group, to “find a solution” or “evolve an idea” without making any investigation.”

ZE68 “All important problems (of course, not the unimportant, trivial problems, or problems whose solutions have already been decided after discussion at meetings and need only be carried out) must be submitted to the committee for discussion,”

ZE69 “If you comrades here already know materialism and dialectics, I would like to advise you to supplement your knowledge by some study of their opposites, that is, idealism and metaphysics. You should read Kant and Hegel and Confucius and Chiang Kai-shek, which are all negative stuff. If you know nothing about idealism and metaphysics, if you have never waged any struggle against them, your materialism and dialectics will not be solid. The shortcoming of some of our Party members and intellectuals is precisely that they know too little about the negative stuff. Having read a few books by Marx, they just repeat what is in them and sound rather monotonous. Their speeches and articles are not convincing. If you don't study the negative stuff, you won't be able to refute it. Neither Marx nor Engels nor Lenin was like that. They made great efforts to learn and study all sorts of things, contemporary and past, and taught other people to do likewise. The three component parts of Marxism came into being in the course of their study of, as well as their struggle with, such bourgeois things as German classical philosophy, English classical political economy and French utopian socialism. In this respect Stalin was not as good. For instance, in his time, German classical idealist philosophy was described as a reaction on the part of the German aristocracy to the French revolution. This conclusion totally negates German classical idealist philosophy. Stalin negated German military science, alleging that it was no longer of any use and that books by Clausewitz should no longer be read since the Germans had been defeated.”

ZE70 “Classes struggle, some classes triumph, others are eliminated. Such is history, such is the history of civilization for thousands of years. To interpret history from this viewpoint is historical materialism; standing in opposition to this viewpoint is historical idealism.”

ZE71 “If we have shortcomings, we are not afraid to have them pointed out and criticized, because we serve the people. Anyone, no matter who, may point out our shortcomings. If he is right, we will correct them. If what he proposes will benefit the people, we will act upon it.”