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I began reading the WSWS around the time of the Haiti earthquake in early 2010. At the time, I was angry about the state of the economy, the bailout of the banks and was disoriented by the shift in the anti-war movement after the election of Obama, whom I had voted for and whose election I had celebrated. Prior to reading the website I spent many months discussing and arguing issues with a friend, who was an SEP member. He encouraged me to read the site and at first I do so reluctantly, mostly in order to understand his viewpoint and best him in one of our arguments. To be honest, before reading the WSWS, I expected to find a variation of the half-baked radical “socialism” I had been periodically exposed to at different periods of my life. What I found instead, however, was thoroughly principled, stimulating and inspiring.

The breadth of the daily coverage—from local news to interviews, the arts, history and global perspectives impressed me and it did not take long before I was reading the site daily. I was impressed by the inclusion of the party’s own history and the availability of its vast archive of articles and documents related to the history of the Fourth International. This practice is unparalleled and reflects the seriousness with which the work of the Editorial Board and the SEP is undertaken. Writing for the WSWS has deepened my own political perspective and taught me to think dialectically. It is important to note, I think, how meticulously each article is gone over and how much time is spent in discussion in the creation of each article. That this is done on a daily basis on a score of topics with writers

and editors from all over the world is nothing short of astounding. I only wish I had found it sooner.



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