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## Why I read the WSWS

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Credibility, honesty, relevancy, pertinence to today's world—that is what I expect of a news source. That's what I get from wsws.org. You folks are amazing. I am amazed how you get a quality product out 6 days per week every week! What a great perspective on the world you have. I say this as a person who came from a conservative upbringing.

I am in my 6th decade of life and found the socialist movement very late in my life. I am so thankful that I have found it.

I come from a family of 12 children as I have 5 brothers and 6 sisters. We grew up in poverty. For many years I blamed my parents for having so many children under those conditions. Yet I could not imagine determining which ones should not have been born.

I was a Republican until I discovered the lies of the Reagan years. After serving 20 years in the military I became aware of the lies of the military-industrial complex. I strive for the truth and didn't find it in the Democratic party in the 1990s. Thus my journey to the left and into the Green Party. I was happy there for a couple years but their perspective was all over the place.

So in about 2009 I started reading wsws.org. Whoa! Now the perspective I found here made some sense to me. It matched what was really happening in the world based on what has happened in the past. A true historical perspective.

However late in my life, because of your website and your party members with whom I have been in contact, I can lay aside the blame I put onto my parents. I have come to know that deep, deep down it was not their fault. The capitalist means of production, division of labor, the whole system placed my parents in a situation where they could not adequately provide for their family and caused mental and physical hardships

for us all.

With a socialist economic system we would have experienced a world in which all can live with adequate food, clothing and shelter plus have time to develop the whole person. This can only happen through the working class leadership of the world.



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