

CAPITALISM + HOUSING = PROFIT + MISERY

FACTS

The Irish economy is booming. Economic growth remains strong, unemployment is very low, profits are sky high.

The government has a surplus year after year, with €13 billion of Apple tax to add to the pile.

They have so much money, they're buying tanks and jets that working class people don't need.

BUT

Homelessness has never been so high

There are 5000 homeless children.

Record numbers of adults are living in their parents' homes.

Average rent is now over €2000 per month.

The average house price is now €420,000. Almost 9x the average wage.

**TENS OF THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS, IN RENT
POVERTY, OR SWIMMING IN MORTGAGE DEBT
THE NEW CHANGES TO RENT PRESSURE ZONES CAN
ONLY LEAD TO INCREASED RENTS AND INCREASED
NO-FAULT EVICTIONS**

How can this be happening?

Surely a wealthy country can
provide the basics of life?

The answer is simple:

CAPITALISM

Capitalism prioritizes profit, not people, so houses are built not to provide shelter, but to make as much money as possible.

+ Landlords are coining it.

+ Developers are coining it.

+ Property speculators are coining it.

YOU ARE PAYING THE PRICE

We need change

An immediate ban on evictions into homelessness.

An immediate freezing of rent at a maximum of 30% of net income.

The state to undertake a massive campaign of house building on public land, to provide social and affordable homes

An end to private development and exploitation of the need for a home.

We need:

SOCIALISM

The developers and landlords will use all of their resources to maintain their financial grip on our throats.

The government will stand with the developers as they are hand in glove
The campaign to pin the blame on vulnerable minorities – already underway – will escalate

Racist lies about asylum seekers and the scapegoating of immigrants are being propagated by far-right and fascist activists, many of whom are landlords, to protect the capitalist system

Only by sweeping the capitalists and their lackeys aside, and introducing a system which uses wealth for the people, can we guarantee decent affordable housing and an end to this misery

Militant Left stands for the establishment of a new, mass party of the workers of Ireland, to represent and fight collectively for our interests.

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