

“In ‘pseudo-democracies’ such as Azerbaijan, virtually all civil and political activities are suppressed, but there remains space—a moral sphere—in which democrats may keep the flame burning and by their personal example inspire their fellow citizens to demand liberal change in their country. Outside supporters such as Western politicians, civic activists, and even celebrities can call public attention to human rights violations, condemn authoritarianism as a new kind of ‘political slavery,’ and offer important political, legal, and moral support. International participation in such a campaign for democracy would bring great moral encouragement to civil activists, especially since the results of their activities will manifest very soon. Looking at the most recent democratic developments in the world, I am optimistic. The end of authoritarianism is near! ”



—Hikmet Hadjy-zadeh, January 25, 2012

# **WHAT IS TO BE DONE with Pseudo-Democracies:**

## **The Case of Azerbaijan**

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# 1. The State of Democracy and Autocracy in the World

**THE “END OF HISTORY” IS NEAR!**

“NO MAN IS AN ISLAND...”

Democracy almost never  
emerges only as a result of  
internal development

# THE "SPIRIT OF THE TIMES" IS CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

- No more powerful anti-democratic camps
- Democracy is regarded as the only legitimate political system worldwide
- Governmental control over communications is lost
- Moral power and the control over the spiritual sphere of the individual are lost
- Cruelty is retreating around the world: abolition of the death penalty is spreading to more and more states
- A man that insulted the dictator before could be killed, but now he can get just 2–3 years in prison
- Attitudes toward women and minorities are improving
- Animal rights are on the agenda now, and bullfights were banned in Barcelona a few months ago

## 2. The Situation of Azerbaijan as a “Not Free” Country

# BACK IN THE USSR

# Repression in Azerbaijan



# DEMOCRATIC RESOURCES OF OUR PSEUDO-DEMOCRACY

- Dissident clubs
- Youth organizations operating almost underground
- Human rights defense organizations operating under high pressure
- Pro-democracy religious activists
- Just one independent newspaper (*Azadlig*) and one independent news agency (*Turan*)
- Democratic organizations in the Azerbaijani diaspora throughout the democratic world
- Relatively free internet access, to which our people have emigrated in search of self-expression and self-organization
- Widespread satellite TV programs from the West, Turkey, and Russia

# GOALS OF PSEUDO-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES

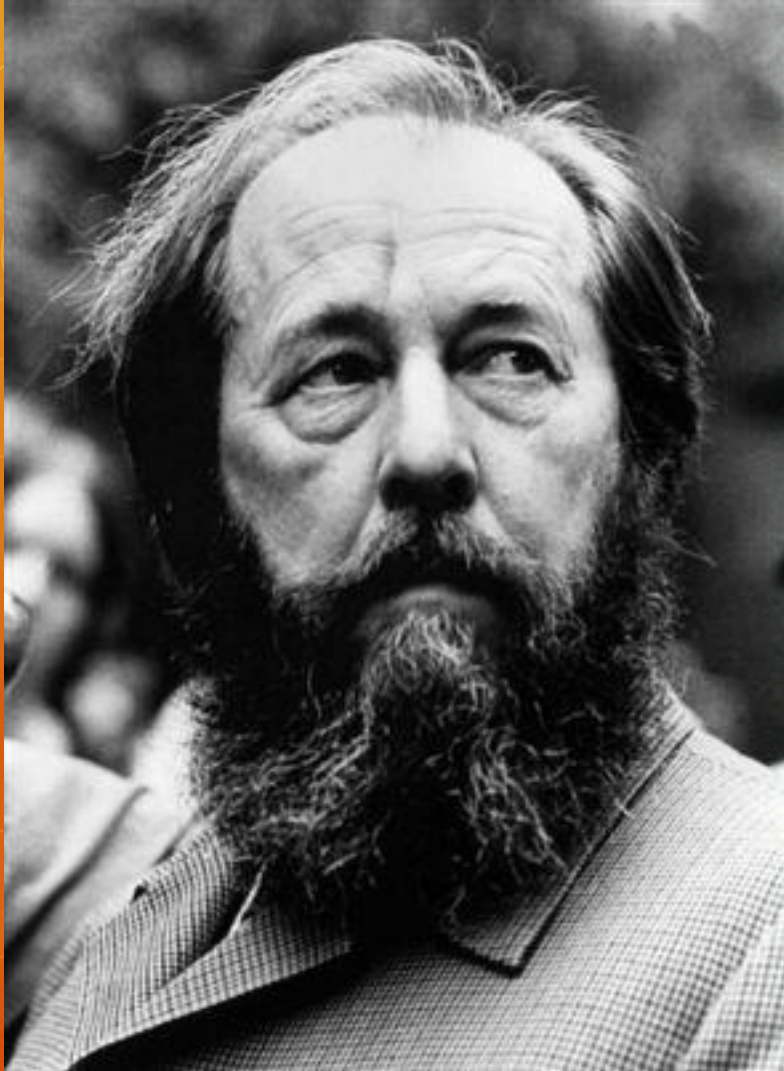
1. Establish an anti-democratic regime to the fullest
2. Submit it to the West as a democratic regime

# THE COST OF MIMICRY

Budget of our pseudo-parliament	US\$ 9.9 mil
Pseudo-Elections to parliament	US\$ 6.4 mil
Pseudo-Central Electoral Commission	US\$ 3.6 mil
Pseudo-Ombudsman	US\$ 0.46 mil
Pseudo-Membership in international organizations	US\$ 9.1 mil
Pseudo-Constitutional Court	US\$ 1.99 mil
Pseudo-Public TV	US\$ 11.95 mil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 43.4 mil</b>

# 3. Agenda for Azerbaijani Democrats

**FOR POLITICAL AND CIVIL ACTIVISTS**



Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

**LIVE NOT BY LIES**

At least do not  
participate in  
wrongdoing

# Civil Activists in a “Not Free” Country Should:

- Come together
- Establish contacts with civil activists abroad
- Support any democratic social networking
- Support any citizen initiatives
- Endorse non-conformism in society
- Spread hope among people that the “End of History” is near
- Learn to fight without any hope!

# 4. Agenda for Outside Supporters of Reform

**WHY HELP CIVIL ACTIVISTS  
IN PSEUDO-DEMOCRACIES?**

# Why Help Them?

- For humanism and solidarity
- For “soft security” in terms of the Helsinki Process
- To develop free markets
- To build a rational and friendly community of nations in order to confront the global resource crisis (expected in the next 30 years)

# Few Dictators Remain



# **Dictatorship is a crime:**

**The illegal seizure of power with  
the aim of self-enrichment**

# Dictatorship as Slavery

## European Convention on Human Rights

### ○ Article 4

- “No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.”

## UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons

### ○ Article 3(b)

- “The consent of a victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in...this article shall be irrelevant...”

# 5. The “Image Problem” of Democratic Countries

# For Development, It Is Better For Azerbaijan To Cooperate With...

- The Islamic World: 12%
- Russia: 17.5%
- Europe and the USA: 42%

Data: FAR CENTRE Survey, August 2011

# Friendly Countries

- Turkey: 58.6%
- Russia: 23%
- Islamic Countries: 10.7%
- European Union: 7.4%
- **USA: 5.4%**
- Iran: 4.2%

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All International Relations  
are a **ZERO-SUM GAME**

and

National Interests  
are Realized through  
**ROBBERY**

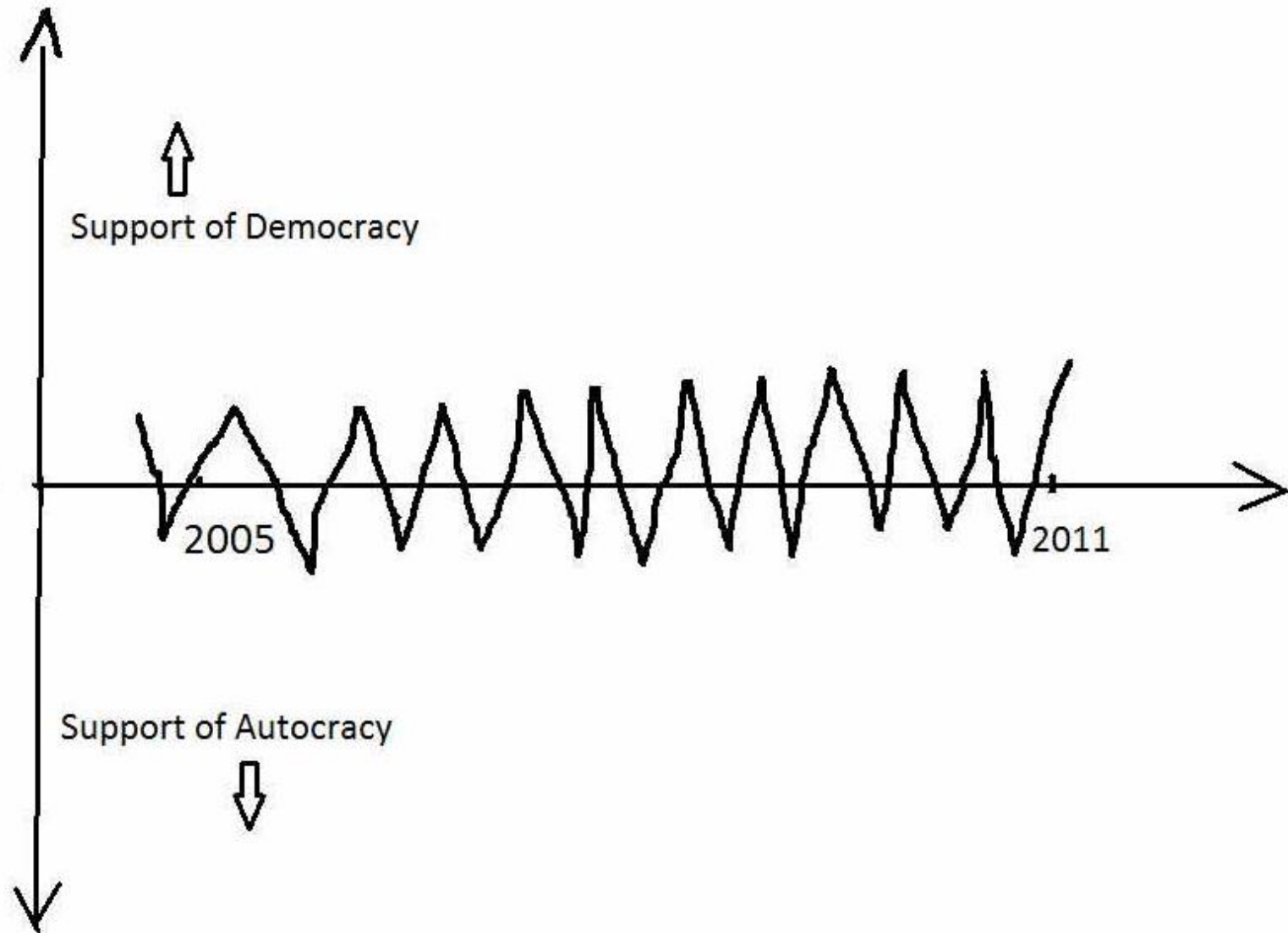
**Zero-Sum Game: 10,000 Years**

**“Positive-Sum” Game: 100 Years**

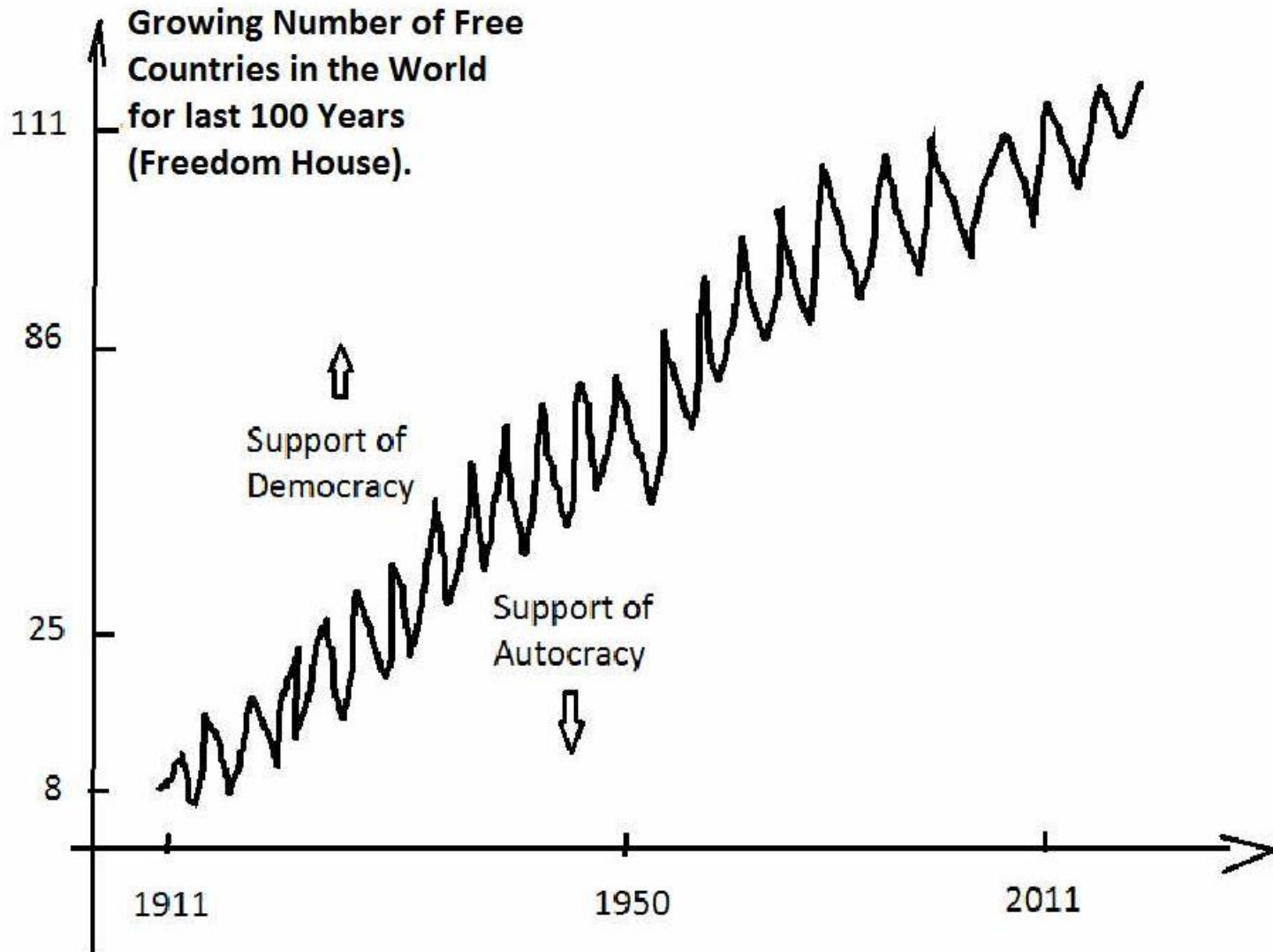
# Provisions of the “Positive Sum” Game

- Collaboration today brings much more money than robbery
- We help you because if you prosper, then we will prosper as well
- We want you to develop and become rich so that you can buy our X-ray machines

# SHORT-TERM RESULTS OF THE US "DOUBLE STANDARD" POLITICS 2005 - 2011



# LONG-TERM RESULTS OF THE US "DOUBLE STANDARD" POLITICS 1911 - 2011



# 6. Agenda for Civil Activists of Western Countries in Support of Reforms

**PEOPLE AGAINST THE  
NEW KIND OF SLAVERY**

# Concluding Document of the Vienna Meeting CSCE (1986)

(26) "...[the participating States] will respect the right of persons to **observe** and **promote** the implementation of CSCE provisions and to associate with others for this purpose..."

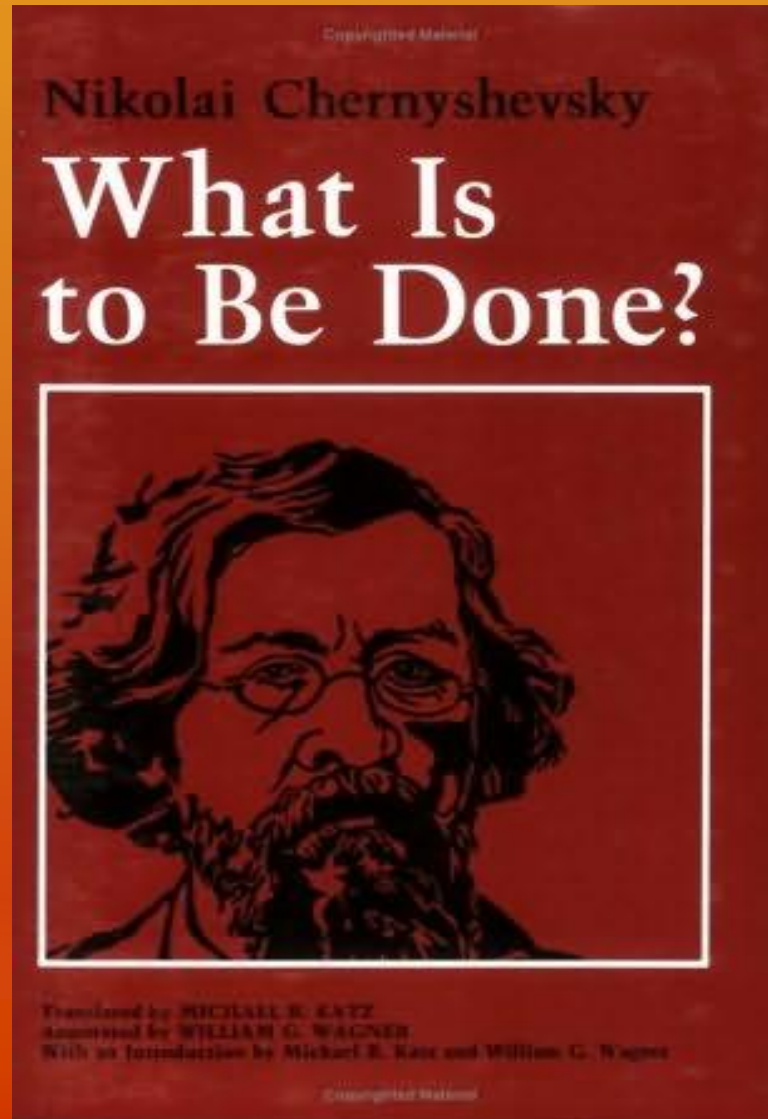
# The Role of Celebrities





**The “End of History”  
is Near!**

# What is to be done? ЧТО ДЕЛАТЬ

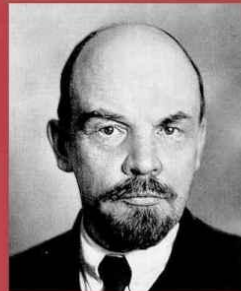


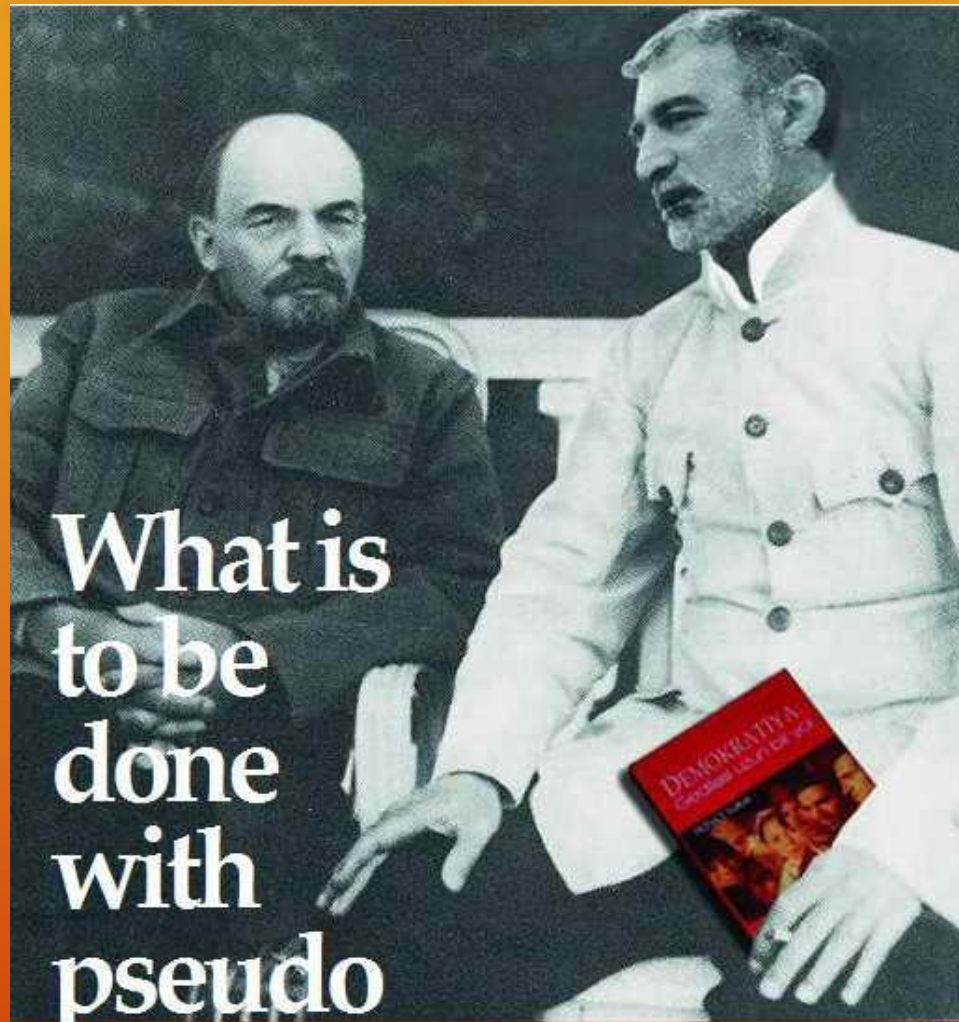
# What Is To Be Done?

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Vladimir Lenin

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