

## **1. Why is the question, “For whom?”, the most important and key issue every revolutionary faces?**

We come from the different corners of the city and the countryside united for a single revolutionary cause. But, what is our cause? No other cause but to liberate the people from imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. Each of us is aware of the concrete conditions of the Filipino people. We have joined a revolutionary organization and are participating in the revolutionary movement to contribute to the achievement of the people for national liberation and democracy.

The question “For whom” is a matter of basic revolutionary standpoint. Are we for the broad masses, the more than seventy million Filipinos who are exploited and oppressed? Or are we for the few foreign imperialists, local comprador bourgeois and the landlords who exploit and oppress? If we clearly answer the question “For whom?” all endeavors, thinking and work can focus for the service of the people and to the overall effort to weaken and destroy the enemy.

As revolutionaries, our thoughts, feelings and actions are fully focused on achieving genuine freedom of our nation and democracy for the broad masses of Filipino people. Our every moment, every action, the revolutionary’s response to the question “For whom?” is only one: for the oppressed and exploited masses. This is the core of the revolutionary standpoint.

## **2. Why must one be always considerate about the interests and welfare of the people and commit whole-hearted service to them?**

We can wholeheartedly serve the people if we always consider the welfare of the people at the forefront of ourselves and the suffering of the overwhelming majority in our heart and by having a deep contempt against the enemies. We must always strive to make sure that the basic standpoint on basic issues and on actions is always for advancing the interests of the people and in weakening the enemy at all times. We must be diligent in learning the problems and conditions of the masses and firmly linking and uniting with them and to raise their consciousness and advance the building of their power and organization, and the victory of their struggles.

Wholehearted service to the people also means eradicating individualism and eradicating narrow-mindedness and self-interest in favor of the general interests or interests of the majority. Whenever individualism prevails a person always prioritizes benefits, the desire of oneself or of the smaller group and will set aside or subordinate the interest of the majority. Individualism not only serves one’s own ego but also the interests of the reactionaries who maintain and benefit from the exploitative and oppressive system.

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## **4. Why do we need to conduct self-remolding as revolutionaries?**

As revolutionaries, we have a duty to focus our minds, emotions and actions to the real basic interests of the Filipino people. But we all still possess ideas, habits and practices widespread in the current rotten society. We grew up in a society dominated by oppressors

and exploiters. Until now, we are continually influenced by the rotten ideas of the current society. Thus it is every revolutionary's duty to conduct self-remolding.

We change ourselves through active revolutionary work and conscious struggle against wrong ideas, habits and behavior. By continuing to do revolutionary tasks and always cautious of our own weaknesses and mistakes we can mold ourselves in the midst of the storm of struggle against the enemies of the Filipino people. We shall become stronger and become more efficient in advancing the revolution.

Self-remolding cannot be accomplished in just a few hours or several days. This is a long and complex struggle. A continuous struggle and rejection of the remaining influences of the rotten system is needed. Thus, we become more efficient in revolutionary work and we can forge our determination to strive for the advancement of the peoples' democratic revolution until victory.

We conduct self-remolding so we can cultivate the fundamental revolutionary attitude to further effectively serve the masses and fruitfully contribute to the revolution. Every revolutionary should be:

- whole-heartedly serving the masses and always striving to be close to the masses
- always ready and have no fear for sacrifice and death
- serious, rigorous and diligent in studying and performance of duties
- always striving for unity and warm with fellow revolutionaries
- open to receiving criticisms and ready to rectify weaknesses and mistakes
- internationalist

## **5. How do revolutionaries value duties and tasks for the revolution?**

The revolutionary values their tasks and duties and the revolution to the fullest. They know that revolutionary tasks and duties are part of the great mission to liberate the people from the clutches of exploitation and oppression. The revolutionary values their tasks and duties to the fullest by upholding the revolutionary interest of the Filipino people.

What are the signs that a revolutionary values their tasks and duties to the fullest? They are serious and diligent in attending to their work. They always characterize enthusiasm and eagerness to take action. They are always ready to accept any task necessary for the advancement the revolution.

The revolutionary is serious in their work. For them, their primary priority is always attending to revolutionary activities and duties. They lay claim to neat and orderly work, not careless and reckless action. They attend and look for ways to solve problems and perform work in the best way.

The revolutionaries are enthusiastic and energetic in their actions. The revolutionary's mind and action is always forward thinking because every movement and every step is a contribution to the bright future. They never feel demoralized, depressed or lose confidence in the midst of facing problems and difficulties in the struggle. They always maintain highly militant and fighting spirit, jump to take all the time and opportunity for the struggle. The

revolutionary has the mark of initiative. They take their own initiative, not only in the performance of their own tasks and duties, but also any other that they see and are capable of handling immediately.

The revolutionary is always ready to fulfill their tasks and duties. They accept every task directed to them without measuring the value and or the difficulty and sacrifice necessary to fulfill them. They do not pick and choose the work because they do not seek fame or convenience for themselves.

## **6. What is the correct view to hardship, sacrifice and death?**

The revolutionary has recognition that hardship, sacrifice and death are an inevitable part of the liberation of the people. It is a natural part of the violent struggle between the people and the ruling classes. It is also a natural part of the revolution to overthrow the dominance of U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. They are not only natural, they are necessary in order to fight for and protect the interests of the people and the revolution. These are investments needed in order to wipe out oppression and exploitation, and to establish a genuine free democratic society.

The revolutionary is always ready to face hardship, make sacrifices and even death for the sake of struggle. The revolutionary's sacrifice is significant because it is for the success of the revolution. They know that sooner or later the long-awaited and long-hoped freedom shall be seen within the horizon. In the midst of danger and crisis, the revolutionary's readiness to make sacrifice and face death provides the strength and courage to protect the interests of the people and the revolution.

In times of difficulties and crisis the revolutionary never forgets the bright future at which they aimed their hardships and sacrifices. Any crisis and hardship must never hamper the perspective nor weaken the confidence because they are steps towards genuine freedom and democracy for the people.

The revolutionary has a conscious courage. They avoid unnecessary sacrifices and deaths. They don't just jump into the face of danger for the simple reason that they are ready and willing to die. They value and take care of the safety and well-being of the masses, fellow revolutionaries and of themselves. The revolutionary is ready for hardship, sacrifice and death within the struggle.

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## **8. What is the correct attitude towards victories?**

In the face of victories, it is important to guard against pride and arrogance. Always remain humble and never become intoxicated in victory. Always keep in mind the long road ahead and avoid complacency, rushing or leniency.

## **9. What is the correct view of the masses?**

The masses are the foundation for achieving any revolutionary goal. It is with their inherent intelligence and strength that a society advances and progresses. The masses are the well of power undefeatable by any force hindering change. To achieve freedom, democracy and prosperity, it is a must to rely on and trust the masses. The revolutionary acknowledges and carries a great accountability and responsibility to the masses. It is their duty to uphold the interest of the masses, to foster firm unity with the masses and to encourage them towards the revolutionary change of the nation.

The upholding of revolutionary National Democratic interest of the masses is seen through their diligent and responsible struggle amongst the ranks of the masses. They are patient in explaining and raising the consciousness of the masses. They are tireless in helping the masses to organize and take action to solve their problems and to fight their enemies. The revolutionary is well-known as a genuine servant and one with the masses. They give value and importance even to the small day-to-day needs and problems of the masses.

The revolutionary's upholding of National Democratic interest of the masses is a strong basis to build the firm unity between the revolutionaries who are serving and the masses who are being served. The revolutionary values and gives utmost significance to this unity. They always strive to unite and be close to the masses. They use all the opportunity to be amongst the masses, to work and learn from them. They strictly avoid anything that violates the interest of the masses or any abuse of their kindness. It ruins the unity and separates the revolution from the masses.

#### **10. How do revolutionaries treat fellow revolutionaries?**

A revolutionary is always seeking unity with their fellow revolutionaries. They are loving and thoughtful towards their comrades. The uniting and loving treatment of revolutionaries is important in building and strengthening the unity and strength of the revolutionary ranks.

Revolutionaries have an outstanding treatment uniting and teaching each other. A revolutionary always unites with their comrades, even if they don't know each other very well, or those whom they don't share the same opinions, or those who have made errors but are willing to rectify. Insignificant misunderstandings can easily be set aside or can be overcome because the revolutionary always gives importance to unity. Their understanding of the conditions of their comrades and their effort to work and become a better revolutionary is always a priority.

A revolutionary is thoughtful and loving towards their comrades. They always help every comrades to fulfill their duties and tasks, and in resolving their problems including personal ones. They help and give support to their comrades to forge themselves in the midst of the struggle. The joys and struggles of their comrades are also the joys and struggles of every revolutionary. Harmonious and loving revolutionary team-work is important to the development and stability of unity and strength in a revolutionary column.

## **11. What is the correct view towards criticism and self-criticism?**

Weaknesses and shortcomings are a common occurrence in the flow of a revolutionary. Oftentimes they are results of lack of experience or are products of wrong mindset and undesirable traits still left within us. However, the revolutionary is always ready to overcome them in order to further firmly uphold the National Democratic interests of the people.

The revolutionary is always ready to criticize their own weaknesses and mistakes. They are open to criticisms and whatever is correct and what is good for the people is always placed above everything else. They don't refuse nor do they doubt to rectify their weaknesses and mistakes. They are always ready to remold themselves in order to continue serving the people.

Criticism and self-criticism is an effective process that is needed to correct the mistakes and overcome weakness. It is needed to further strengthen unity within the revolutionary ranks and between revolutionaries and the masses. Through criticism, weaknesses and mistakes can be identified and rooted out. In that way, we learn from our mistakes in order to avoid them in the future.

Criticisms must always be comradely and in accordance to the spirit of "cure the sickness to save the patient". Criticism should not be made into an occasion for personal attacks or revenge. Criticisms should be focused on the most important ideological, political and organizational matters only.

Criticism and self-criticism must be conducted regularly. It ensures that our work is always analyzed, continues to improve our work, maintains and further strengthens our unity, and we are always united and close to the masses. A revolutionary is always ready to criticize their weaknesses and faults.

## **12. What is internationalism?**

At the current stage of imperialism, the people of various nations around the world are also suffering from un-abated oppression and exploitation from the hands of the imperialists. It is very important therefore, for the unity and cooperation of the peoples of different countries to struggle against imperialism and all reactions. This is internationalism.

It is our task as Filipino revolutionaries to liberate our country from US imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. The advancement of the Filipino revolution, especially its victory, helps to weaken imperialism around the world, thus it contributes to the advancement of the struggle of the people in other countries. At the same time, people of other countries who also struggle against imperialism and other reaction also help us as well.

The revolutionary always think of fulfilling their revolutionary work not only for their own country but also for the billions of masses exploited all over the world.