

The Mathsionalist Manifesto

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A spectre is haunting the Maths common room – the spectre of Mathsionalism. For nearly a decade, the banal bureaucrats in the Union, the wannabe corporate sharks from DocSoc, the trite, cheery people elected into the MathSoc leadership year after year, have been slowly eroding away at everything true Mathematicians hold dear viz. the Ivory Towers vision that the Queen’s Tower itself represents at Imperial College. The long wilful neglect of the soul of the true Mathematicians has, in our humble and outraged opinion, amalgamated in the form of that most threatening creature from Joint Maths and Computing, in short, the JMC.

In contrast to the simple, laid-back, True Mathematician, the JMC is sharp-elbowed and go-getting. They have invaded and overrun the Maths department, and are nothing but a strain on our already strained resources. It is impossible to live in a state of tranquillity with such worldly individuals in a tight space that is rightfully ours.

The struggle for survival for room between the True Mathematicians and the JMC within the Maths department itself is indeed a recent one. The infection of the computing department by vile Corporatism has led to a large influx of programmers posing as Mathematicians into our home territory. This already sizeable problem has been hugely aggravated by the complete servitude shown by the Mathsoc leadership to these smart, materialistic intruders. The recent leadership has done nothing but roll over and surrender to the unreasonable demands made by this small but vocal minority. They preach ‘tolerance’ and ‘friendship’, but how can True Mathematicians exercise these qualities when their very way of life - the life that often includes a protracted, abstracted gaze at various squiggles - is being destroyed?

Our so-called leaders have done nothing but denigrate the very people they are supposed to represent by mocking the obscure traditions and other-worldly values of the hard working True Mathematicians. They harp on worriedly about city sponsorship and company employment opportunities so much that they have allowed the Axiom of Choice to creep into our thinking like a foul virus. It is clear that the MathSoc care more about furthering the ambitions of the JMCs than they do about the rest to ‘pause and stare’ that True Mathematicians crave. Clearly, the struggle between the True Mathematicians and the JMC is also a

class struggle between the suppressed working class viz. True Mathematicians and the corporate, corrupt ruling elite that is by dominated the JMC.

In addition to Mathsoc's subservience to Computing, their economic policies do not benefit the True Mathematicians. As echoed in the recent political earthquake that was Brexit, we too send £350 million per year to DocSoc and we get absolutely nothing but oppressive regulations in return. They gather up the money from our prestigious institution only to waste it upon frivolous vanities such as Mathsoc committee hoodies, extravaganzas such as socials with non-pure subjects such as Physics or the end of year dinner, which most True Mathematicians are too skint, in terms of time and money, to attend. The only good thing they provide is free food in the common room, which we, the Mathsionalists, shall provide tenfold. Finally their clear corporate bias and blatant sloppiness is a stain on the most basic decencies of the True Mathematicians. "The committee is a hotbed of hedonism and debauchery" says a prominent committee member of the MathsSoc, who wishes to remain anonymous "but the free brandy at committee meetings is nice".

Furthermore, we face an external organisation that, while not malignant in intention, is nonetheless almost as much of a threat to a happy, spaced-out and united Maths department. We naturally talk of the ICU. This union is completely out of touch with True Mathematicians, and obviously does not give a single digit about the people they are supposed to represent. The Mathsionalists will struggle against the Union with as much ferocity and determination as we do against the JMCs and their lackeys.

To fix the current sorry state of the Mathematics department, urgent social and economic reform is called for, starting with the expulsion of the nefarious JMCs from our common room, and from the Maths department altogether. Furthermore we shall introduce a new programme of collectivised austerity within the department. Under this new reign of Ivory Towers Ideals, we shall cancel all the current degenerate and flippant activities upon which the MathSoc splurges department money. Another crucial policy initiative is the installation of AI facial recognition in Huxley to prevent the intrusion of programmers and other outsiders. Naturally, we will have the JMCs programme the software for us. DocSoc shall also be forced to give back all the money they misappropriated from the simple souls of True Mathematicians. All corporate sponsorship money shall be shared equally amongst the Natural Sciences departments, in order to prevent the profit-minded computer huggers from hoarding our common wealth. In this way that hive of corporate sharkism will finally start contributing to the overall Natural Sciences society.

Mathsionalists will use our newfound wealth to make several crucial improvements to the commonroom of the Mathematics department, such as endless free food, hobs for cooking, a 90 inch TV and a pool table or two. These policies will benefit the masses of True Matheticians in the long term, unlike the current policies, which benefit only the ruling elites.

With regards to our foreign policy, we have one clear and sacrosanct aim: to smash the power of the Unions specifically (and also limited to) Imperial College students union. Without the overbearing influence of the ICU, we shall finally be able to break free from the artificial restraints placed upon our cultural growth and monetary luxury.

A vote for the Mathsionalist Party is the only vote that will actually enact real change. A vote for the chosen successor of the Mathsoc President will merely lead to further suffering and erosion of Mathematical culture and pristine Ivory Tower values in the face of the corporate onslaught.

The Mathsionalists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can only be attained by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Mathsionalistic revolution. True Mathematicians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win.

True Mathematicians of the world unite! Unite as The Mathsionalists!

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