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Writing Guidelines for Authors

The Editorial Board of *The Socialist* welcomes quality articles from authors with diverse democratic socialist political viewpoints, activist orientations, personal backgrounds and educational and professional experience. Although *The Socialist's* articles include those by professional writers, the Editorial Board encourages everyone to consider submitting material for publication consideration.

The Socialist seeks the widest variety of writing styles. However, good current-event and political writing does generally follow a few simple but effective guidelines. For less experienced writers, here are some tips that can assist you during the writing process.

- *The Socialist* boasts an inquisitive, thoughtful and humanitarian readership, both within and outside of the Socialist Party USA. Regardless of your personal writing style, your readers expect that the marriage between technique and style will promote effective communication.
- Authors should ensure effective paragraph structure and coherence. Authors should seek clear and concise writing, avoiding cliché, and jargon.
- Supporting citations are required for factual, scientific or first-hand information. If a term might be misunderstood or of a special technical sort, provide a definition. Always spell out terms that will be later referred to by acronyms.
(E.g. "The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a weak replacement for a single-payer Medicare for all plan. Supporters of the ACA, for example, stress the massive cost savings provided by a publicly managed single-payer health care system.")
- When editing, check for improper grammatical usage, word overuse and punctuation. (These easily plague copy if you make many revisions over time.) Remember that spell checkers don't catch non-spelling errors, and not every grammar checker can be completely trusted. If your style is strongly idiomatic, these checkers may be of marginal use in finding lurking errors.

A helpful summary of writing considerations may be found at Article Teller - <http://www.articleteller.com/how-to-write-an-article>.

Regardless of your personal writing preferences, it is crucial that you inquire with the editor concerning specific guidelines for *The Socialist* and the Webzine. The editor can also provide writers with information on the types of content, topics and style considerations that appeal particularly to *The Socialist's* readership. Our editors are practiced in providing new authors with technical support and encouragement.

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