

A Communist Revolution at WDHS¹

Outside of the gyms in the *Michelle Visca Commons*, a lone student (nicknamed “Pablo”) stood above the crowd as teachers tried to shut down an unsanctioned dodgeball tournament.

“Consent of the Governed!,” he yelled out.
“There are more of us than them!”

Little did everyone know, but Pablo was a Leninist (aka Bolshevist, or “One of the majority”).

The Waterdown Communist Revolution had begun . . .

Principles of Bolshevism:

- A person was important as a member of a collective rather than as a distinct individual. For Example, individuals only had the right to freedom of expression if it safeguarded the interests of a collective.
- Party members were not allowed to be religious. Organized religion is banned.
- Insisted on one highly centralized, disciplined, professional Communist Party led by intellectuals to govern the state.
 - Repressive powers of the state could be used in order to force change on a society. Lenin called this the “Dictatorship of the Proletariat” (wage earners, or workers).
- A small group of organized people could wield power over society using superior organizational skills. They could make decisions for the good of the many and ensure the success of the revolution (there was no faith that society itself would achieve the ideals of communism without the leadership of a small group directing it accordingly): The theory of **collective leadership**.



¹ Unlike the Russian Revolution, this one is going to be bloodless . . .
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- **Democratic Centralism:** decisions are taken after discussions, but once the general party line has been formed, discussion on the subject must cease. No member or organizational institution may dissent on a policy after it has been agreed upon by the party's governing body.
- Lenin recognized that these small groups could be problematic and stated that they needed to be watched by the party leadership, who in turn needed to be watched to ensure they were not concentrating too much power.
- All property is owned by the “Soviet” (the people) and administered by the State. There is no private property ownership.
- All aspects of the economy are operated directly by the State.

With all of this in mind, create a new governing structure for Waterdown District High School.



Current model:



The Principal

Vice Principals

Department Heads

Teachers

STUDENT BODY

Cabinet