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Caring the Human lives in the Age of Global Pandemic, Covid-19 From Globalization to Localization: Coronavirus and the Excluded

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Abstract

This paper applies philosophical theories and reflections on global capitalism to a critical reading of the COVID-19 pandemic and global capitalism. It reveals that the key to escaping the prison of fantasy constructed by the symbolic order of capitalism under the attack of the COVID-19 lies in taking sides with the unwanted and infected outcasts. For Žižek, the way to solve the problems of global capitalism is to radically traverse the ideological fantasy by recognizing our unconscious subjection to totalitarian global capitalism. Yet, to make it happen, the subject needs to discover its own repressed negativity in order to identify with the excluded outcasts. Counting on unyielding death drive, the subject can maintain a critical distance from the invitation from the superegoic enjoyment. The critical distance of death drive is to understand and take a step back from the working of

global capitalism. With the death drive, the subject will be able to identify with the disgusting outcasts. It totally embraces the undead outcasts. When the subject itself becomes an excluded undead outcast, the symbolic order exerts no influence on it. When taking the side with the repressed outcasts, the subject feels how violent and oppressive global capitalism is towards the remainder. By applying a Žižekian psychoanalytical approach, I will offer the reader a different perspective on approaching the COVID-19. In doing this, I will outline how the individual can break down the allure of the fantasy constructed by global capitalism's symbolic order and thus make space for a new master.

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