



Nooshin Farhid No, in my view, affirmation of some form of sexual satisfaction leads to reification of the form, something that already has happened with the 'gay" movement: gay marriages, pink money, and so forth. It is already bad enough that heterosexuality has reified into marriage and consequently the "family". We should not be complicit in extending this reification.

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Nooshin Farhid Yes but there are many unconventional ways of satisfying sexual desire, ways which are literally doubled every year.

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Nooshin Farhid That is what I said to them; the state, its representatives and its adjuncts, nor any other institution have any right to intervene or interfere in any way, including by moralizing in the private, consensual relationship between adult citizens.

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Nooshin Farhid But you go of course much further and believe that there should not be any positive determinations, in the demands you put forward. This is indicative of the kind of difference of opinion we have.

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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Nooshin Farhid} This is why you agreed with me when I was asking them not to go into such details of positive determinations, such as $ (1.5)$ demanding the state to check all the minute details, this is totally wrong: To put the most oppressive organ ie. the bourgeois state in charge of the most intimate part of a woman should be, to say the least, completely repugnant and unacceptable.

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Nooshin Farhid Your last email is fantastic in style but it also is literally fantastic: its subject is fantasy. I have clearly mentioned the terms "adult" and "consensual", I do not want to affirm any kind of sexual practice. We, should consider these matters as personal, and leave it at

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 $\textbf{Nooshin Farhid} \ \text{More and more I am convinced that it is fundamentally}$ impossible to put you in the loop for the tactical decisions. Perhaps because of your childhood religious background, for you, devotion and loyalty to your ideology is of utmost importance. The situation requires someone who is capable of coping with the ephemeral.

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 $\textbf{Nooshin Farhid} \ \textbf{I} \ \textbf{must} \ \textbf{admit} \ \textbf{it} \ \textbf{is harder} \ \textbf{to} \ \textbf{keep this dialogue} \ \textbf{with you}$ than I thought, partly due to your deficiency of sentiment that makes you so impatient in this multifaceted discussion.

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Nooshin Farhid OK, but in order to explain my position seriously I need to discuss a number of concepts in depth; these are the concepts of capital and its logic; contradictions between the capital and many capitals; state and the two main ways it maintains its hegemony; brute force and consent; and finally Ideology.



Nooshin Farhid This is really unbelievable. You compare what I have said to you with what you have said to me. Remember that for me ideology is always a negative concept and therefore when you consider my position as ideological this is another insult.

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Nooshin Farhid Yes, I agree that every aspect of reality is totally theory impregnated, but you speak of reality as if that is completely given, in a theoretical sense. But my approach to theory is in terms of an analytical understanding of the reality of the present day economic crisis.

Nooshin Farhid Both quotations are from the "dialectic of enlightenment" by Adorno and Horkheimer.

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Nooshin Farhid Ok, here are the quotations I was referring to: (a) "The metamorphoses of criticism into affirmation do not leave the theoretical content untouched, for its truth evaporates", (b) "Just as prohibition has always offered access to the poisonous product, so the obstruction of the theoretical faculty paves the way for political error and madness.

vis-à-vis

Nooshin Farhid I do not understand the term 'negative attitude' and 'theory handicap' that you attribute to me; as a matter of fact I believe that theory need not be a straitjacket, proper dialectical, critical, theory is the antidote to any rigid thinking.

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Nooshin Farhid I did not say this. I said that their analysis is not as comprehensive as it should be, but you even went further and said that it is pure jargon.

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Nooshin Farhid The main point is that what I said was not tactical. It may be considered as tactically sound or not, but that is just incidental. I, however, couched what I said very explicitly as a tactical advice. So it was not surprising that you misunderstood me because you just thought I meant what I said. So the whole thing was my fault.

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Nooshin Farhid But, I have started with those two quotations as they seem so fresh and relevant, not only to our discussion, but to the whole of our strategy and I thought this clears up some doubts as to the theory's usefulness.

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Nooshin Farhid Your recollection of what I said is fundamentally wrong, it is evident that your reading of these quotations is caused by the ambivalent nature of any theory that hinges on multiple points of view.

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Nooshin Farhid No, it is not correct; you said that this is not a comprehensive decision.

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Nooshin Farhid Please try to understand what you do. When a third person is involved, you have always attacked me ferociously in order to defend others, as though I am a complete stranger attacking a dear friend of yours.

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Nooshin Farhid But the sad and tragic thing is that you meant the insults that you heaped against me: and for what? Just to defend their argument; that I am a defender of this reactionary idea, you have said this a number of times before, or I lack any sound judgment.

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Nooshin Farhid Of course, there was no justification for me for saying rude words, no matter how much you had provoked me. So I apologize profusely for saying unmeant rude words to you.

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Nooshin Farhid Let me tell you categorically that: I do not want to undermine you; I would not be able to undermine you intellectually even if I wanted to do so, and nothing I said in my email is any indication of me trying to undermine you. You have a formidable intellect and I don't even dream of undermining it for the simplest reason that I cannot.



Nooshin Farhid I never have said that you are stupid or brainless. I may have said something, which is by some stretch of meaning, similar to these words, but they were said in the heat of the argument. They were rude words but they were simply words showing my frustration and nothing more: they were not meant to be understood literally.

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Nooshin Farhid I decided not to discuss the matter further. The reason for this is we are both in a very belligerent mood and any communication will make things worse. After your last email followed by your silence I was very angry. I think it would be better for me to hold back my anger and remain silent.

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Nooshin Farhid But equality between men and women, the rights of children, homosexuals, etc. are things we cannot keep quiet about and if Lenin, God, you, whoever, says that national rights and freedom of religion are identical with and comparable to citizen's right such as women 's rights, I cannot accept it.

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Nooshin Farhid Using this quote for your argument is too crude, regarding the methodology of coping with the rights of nationalities and religion within a larger nation state and its application to citizen's rights: Nationalism and religion, are something that we should not encourage, but concede as rights. Hence the negative determination.

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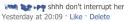
Nooshin Farhid Even if you want to hold religiously onto Lenin's theory of negative determinations, and use his statement to prove the validity of your views, then one can argue that the phrase 'as far as possible' opens up a space to maneuver. You, yourself used the term 'UNLESS'.

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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bullet & \bullet & This is really cryptic... I have no idea what this discussion is about, but it is strangely entertaining. \\ \end{tabular}$ Yesterday at 19:12 · Like · Delete





My guess is that these texts are taken from a duologue (or dialogues) that took place in pre-reveloutionery Iran (or Paris where I think the much of the exiled opposition movement was then based) and that it is between a member of the political leftwing opposition, and a member of the conservative religious opposition who co-operated as an anti-Shah coalition. They may actually be between the future Ayatollah Khomeini (who had a background in poetry and philosophy so the eloquent style of prose would fit) and an other

It is not something I know a great deal about so all this is purely

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Nooshin Farhid Not exactly, Lenin's statement is as follows: a revolutionary movement should eschew all positive determinations as far as possible. What they should put emphasis on, however, should be negative determinations.

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Nooshin Farhid However in your paragraph 19 you insist that you must forbid the state to intervene in the realm of any sexual practice between consensual adults. This is clearly in contradiction to your earlier statement.

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Nooshin Farhid But in paragraph 14 you emphatically say that "the job of a working class revolutionary is not to say what form or content the national aspiration should have. To do so is to fall into the trap of becoming complicit in the bourgeois state..." and as a corollary of your view, you quote Lenin, in the pamphlet "Under the False Flag", regarding "Bourgeois (Liberal) Rights".

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Nooshin Farhid Yes, this does take complete care of paragraph 8 of your note and many more things. But in a manner which is not ad hoc (as paragraph 8 is) because it has a transparent and compelling logic based on equality of citizens and the sanctity of individual choice.

Yesterday at 12:42



Nooshin Farhid For example paragraph 5, despite its wider potency, does not immediately antagonize people. This tactical consideration ${\rm I}$ regard as a fringe benefit not a shortcoming; but in any case this is incidental. I do not know why my statement should be considered as condescending to people.

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Nooshin Farhid It seems that in response to my genuinely thought through e-mail, you decided to answer according to the most stereotypical manner of polemicists. The two most important tools in their tool box are (i)- ignore what has been actually said, and rephrase it, and then attack it. (ii)- draw a caricature of what is said and beat the caricature.

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Nooshin Farhid The other thing that you should remember is the immense asymmetry between the individual and the state. This asymmetry should make us very careful when we want to use the state for the revolutionary purposes. The present day state has an immense power to integrate the dissenting individuals into the establishment and thus pacify and even abuse them.

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Nooshin Farhid I have no illusions about this. The preference for negative determination applies to all aspects of human rights, because positive determination is a two-edged sword. It enhances some rights, but it curtails others. We should not advocate the curtailment of any rights by the state. This is why we should avoid positive determination as much as possible.

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Nooshin Farhid No, I said that you need to suggest some immediate affirmative rights. But even this should be kept to a minimum and be scrutinized for their unintended consequences. Regarding other rights, you are not under any obligation to suggest things which are in danger of abuse by the state or the danger of reification.

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• Once we enter into language the process of reification is inevitable. Reification is what language does.

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Nooshin Farhid There is something else in your last e-mail, which because it is personal, I can only respond to it with a great deal of hesitation. I tried to remember our discussions as an exercise down memory lane about some slight differences of opinion I had with you, most of them perhaps jocular and not serious.

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Nooshin Farhid The respect and understanding that I have for your honesty and integrity, the esteem and love that I have for you is so much that I consider any criticism from you as a gift and not an insult.

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Nooshin Farhid I appreciate, and even can sense, by reading perhaps between the lines of your e-mail, the fact that you have been putting a great deal of restraint on yourself to tone down your criticism of my views. I appreciate this but I would not have minded, I would even have welcomed it, if you had said in your e-mail whatever ...

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this is very Orwellian..... I like it.

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Nooshin Farhid You may not believe this, but I was going to write to you, but an excruciating pain in my neck which has made me immobile since yesterday has sapped my will to do so. I believe that the same pain was partially responsible for my short temper yesterday. I don't say this as an excuse, because the manner of my interjection was inexcusable. I simply am expressing a fact.

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Nooshin Farhid Of course, no one, but you, has given yourself this superior position over the ignorant, biased, blind crowd, to treat them as inferior people who know no better and should be treated differently from you (the enlightened elite who have this privilege beyond all others).

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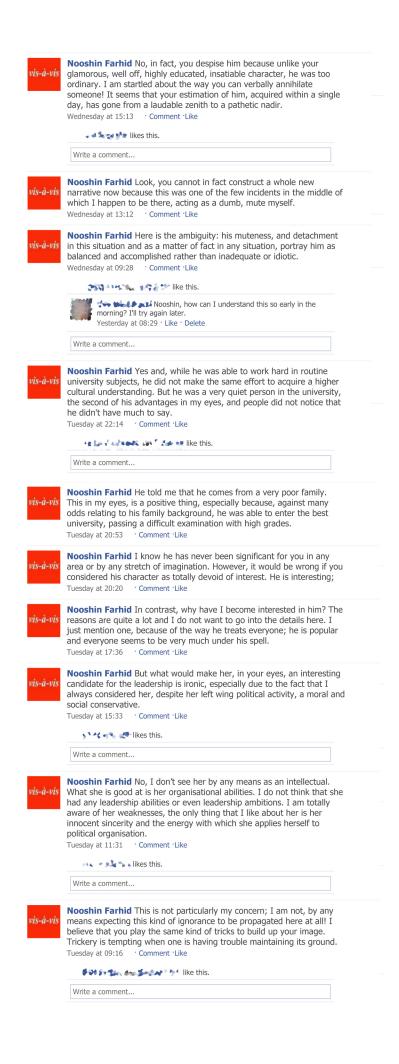
Nooshin Farhid I consider this to be a conceited and deceitful attitude. Time has proven you wrong. We would have been in a much better position now if we had not been detaching ourselves from the world and into a mystical exercise of theory; a pseudo - religion and a shrill utopian faith.

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Nooshin Farhid I understand, but It is sad to think that he has become corrupt; of course it is sad to think that, but I cannot be responsible for what he has done. I have to admit that I am upset that you didn't believe me and don't think you can continue with this if you do not re evaluate all the different options. You don't need to get me involved if you doubt my judgment.

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Nooshin Farhid Regarding the nature of this dichotomy, you construe whether you are completely against or completely for this decision. You The Bloody 9th July 1999, as a person whose thought has so many layers and so many nuances, when debating with me, you suddenly forget a multitude of factors and impute positions to me which are, at least for me, the worst of insults. Monday at 21:51 · Comment ·Like Create a Profile Badge *2.0 *1 ... * * * * * like this. Write a comment... Nooshin Farhid The truth of the matter is that I admire you and I am aware of your strength in dealing with a situation like this. But it is very frustrating for me that when you discuss a serious matter you usually interpret and understand my point of view on the basis of a dichotomy. Monday at 19:28 · Comment ·Like The state of the s Write a comment... Nooshin Farhid But I never understood why you are so oblivious to what I am trying to maintain. I have never considered myself as a high priest that brings the strength of my theoretical knowledge to bear on reality. I don't see myself as a medium conveying theory and ideology to foot soldiers. 12 July at 17:29 🙌 🐕 🐧 🕦 likes this. Nooshin Farhid If you don't mean it and use statements like this simply to hurt your opponent for not being convinced by your argument, then should I take on a condescending attitude and indulge you because $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$ trust you, love you and respect you, even more now than when we first met? 12 July at 15:37 · Comment · Like like this. Area Saras Area yes Yesterday at 21:40 · Like · Delete Nooshin Farhid It was with great sadness and disbelief that I received your surreal email. I say surreal because I do not understand the picture you drew of the circumstances. Nor do I recognise the motives you have imputed to me regarding yesterday's request. Yesterday at 11:37 · Comment ·Like A likes this. Write a comment...

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