

Protest against the pension “reform” in Russia

On September 22 a new wave of protest against the pension “reform” took place in Russia. Hundreds of thousands of people participated in these actions in dozens of cities and towns. The main organizer of this All-Russian Day of protest was the Communist Party of Russian Federation, but practically all Left-wing organizations took part in it.

Participants protested against the plans of the authorities to raise the age of retiring which was established by the Soviet Government almost a century ago. The authorities plan to raise it by 5 years – from 55 to 60 years for women and from 60 to 65 for men. According to objective analytics approximately a half of Russian men and a quarter of women simply will not live till this age.

The majority of population understands that, so this “reform”, which was supported by Mr. Putin personally, is very unpopular among the Russian citizens. The official sociological polls show that almost 80 per cent of our population have negative opinion on this “reform”. As a result of a public support of it by Mr. Putin the third of the people said that their attitude to him became worse.

Thanks to mass protests the authorities had to partially soften this predatory reform, but the struggle still continues.

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