Capitalism Vs. Everybody: How Batman "Solves" Revolution

Capitalist Realism: the widespread sense that it is now impossible even to imagine a coherent alternative to capitalism.

Nolan's Batman is "unable to imagine a possibility beyond Capitalism."

-Mark Fisher, Gothic Oedipus: Subjectivity and Capitalism in Christopher Nolan's Batman Begins

"The hero Gotham deserves, but not the one it needs right now...a silent guardian, a watchful protector, a Dark Knight."

-Gordon Cole, The Dark Knight

The Challenges to Capitalism

Terrorism  Anarchy  Communism
TERRORISM

TERRORISM: THE UNLAWFUL USE OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION, ESPECIALLY AGAINST CIVILIANS, IN THE PURSUIT OF POLITICAL AIMS

THE CHALLENGE:

"Bruce Wayne in Batman Begins [must] not only best Fear, but identify Justice." - MARK FISHER

"I respect the mind's power over the body. It's why I do what I do." SCARECROW, BATMAN BEGINS

"There's nothing to fear but fear itself." - SCARECROW

THE SOLUTION:

BECOME A TERRORIST, I GUESS.
Anarchy: absence of government and absolute freedom of the individual, regarded as a political ideal.

The Challenge:

"Batman wants to bring down the Joker, while at the same time not stooping to his level of violence."
-Aaron Hatch, The Artifice

"Introduce a little anarchy... and everything becomes chaos. The thing about chaos is it's fair."
-The Joker, The Dark Knight

The Solution:

Lock up the anarchist again, I guess.
COMMUNISM

Communism: a political theory advocating class war leading to a society in which all property is publicly owned and each person is paid according to their abilities and needs.

THE CHALLENGE:

"We take Gotham from the corrupt, the rich, the oppressors who have kept you down with myths of opportunity, and we give it back to you, the people." - Bane, Dark Knight Rises

To prevent "The People's Republic of Gotham City" - Slavoj Žižek, New Statesman

THE SOLUTION:

Blow something up, fake your own death, and move to Europe...I guess.