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## **Surplus-Population and the Political Economy of Fear of Death**

What is fear of death? What kind of a fear is it? The so-called fear of death can only be analyzed in its relation to the form of the society one is a member of. Pertaining to Marx's concept of "surplus-population" and his analysis of the capitalist law of population, it is argued that the so-called "fear of death" is in fact fear of life as much as it is fear from *the* dead. Human does not much fear death as much as she fears life and becoming dead while alive. Human's fear of life is twofold: on the one hand she fears becoming a zombie, a piece within the pile of disposable human trash, that is, the surplus-population; on the other hand, she is scared of *the* dead, which is but the product of her own social productive activity, that is, capital, which vampire-like sucks upon living labour.