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REVOLUTION NUMBER ONE

If you're not afraid of the truth...

This is Bob Avakian (BA), revolutionary leader—bringing forward a whole new way, a whole new framework for human emancipation: the new communism. I'm coming to you straight up, bringing truth the powers-that-be don't want you to have—truth you need to know—the truth about the revolution we need: why this revolution is necessary; why and how it is actually possible, and what this revolution is all about. Because: If you don't understand why we need a revolution, and how that revolution could be possible, then you don't know what you need to know.

I'm not talking about some so-called “revolution” that leaves this system of capitalism-imperialism in power, crushing lives and killing spirits on a massive scale.

This is not about just *changing the faces* of the oppressors who are ruling this people-killing, environment-destroying, nuclear-war-threatening system that poses a growing danger to the very existence of human beings everywhere.

And I'm not talking about what goes on now, where *some* get ahead—and a few get big bank and become part of the “business” of exploiting people—while *masses* of people are still held down, exploited, abused and despised.

I'm talking about a *real* revolution—a revolution to actually *overthrow* this system we are now forced to live under, and bring something much better into being—a whole different way to live and to relate to each other, a completely *different* system, working to meet the fundamental needs of the *masses* of people, and to serve their highest interests in putting an end to all oppression and exploitation, everywhere in the world. A revolution, and a radically new society, that really is liberating and uplifting.

And I'm talking about a real revolution *in this time*, not in some far off distant time.

"But," you say, "this could never really happen—we could never really win." Yes, we *could*—and I'm gonna get into *how*, as this goes along.

I'm gonna break all this down and make it come alive, in a series of messages coming to you, so everyone can get it. I'm gonna rip away the camouflage covering up the brutal reality of this so-called "great democracy" and "great system" that we are now forced to live under—and I'm gonna get down on how people need to get out of the bullshit they are into, and get into this revolution—now.

And for any of you "woke" posers and hustlers out there: don't even bother with that nonsense about "who are you" to say all this. I'll tell you who I am: I am someone who is heart and soul, hardcore serious about a revolution where people can get all the way free—someone with a scientific understanding of the need, and the possibility, for this revolution. As serious as this is, I don't have time, and we don't have time, for any of this pitiful, going-nowhere-good garbage about who has a right to say this or that. Everyone has the right, and the responsibility, to learn the truth, and to speak the truth, especially about truly life and death matters, dealing with the whole situation and the whole future of humanity—and everyone has the right and the responsibility to *act* on that truth.

So, those of you who are not afraid of the truth: Get ready for messages coming at you, bringing the reality of what is going on in the biggest and deepest dimensions—and most of all the reality of the revolution we urgently need, the revolution we have a real chance to bring about, right in this country, right in this intense and momentous time we are living in *now*.

To emphasize again a crucial point: The possibility for the forces of revolution to win an all-out fight to put an end to this system **depends, first of all and fundamentally, on bringing forward a revolutionary people, from among the most bitterly oppressed, and all parts of society, first in the thousands, now, and then in the millions, as a powerful revolutionary force, organized from the start and consistently with a country-wide perspective, impacting all of society and changing the terms of how masses of people see things and how every institution has to respond.**

With thousands organized into the ranks of the revolution, now, millions can be won to revolution; and with millions won to revolution, there could be a real possibility for this revolution to win.

In the situation that is continuing to develop in increasingly intense ways, a revolutionary movement with a powerful influence and organized forces among the most oppressed, and in all parts of society, has a real chance to wage, and win, the fight for this emancipating revolution, on the basis of the strategic understanding and approach I have spoken to in these messages.

This is serious—and for anyone who is serious, I urge you once again to go to revcom.us and get into the works I mentioned at the beginning of this message: *Revolution—Building Up The Basis To Go For The Whole Thing, With A Real Chance To Win: Strategic Orientation And Practical Approach*, and a five-part series *Revolution: A Real Chance To Win*.

This is where the forces for revolution come in: bringing out sharply the reality of what is happening, and why, and bringing alive the only positive solution to all this; acting, urgently and decisively, to change the whole alignment, the whole “polarization” in society—rapidly **repolarizing** things in a way that is increasingly favorable for revolution—winning masses of people, from every part of society, to break with this whole system and come over to the side of the revolution.

The forces for revolution must come to the fore in the fight against the fascists—and do so *not* with the aim of preserving, or restoring, the “democratic” form of this murderously oppressive system of capitalism-imperialism, but with the strategic goal of *bringing down this whole system, and bringing something much better into being.*

As the fight is carried forward, to *defeat* the forces seeking to preserve, or restore, this blood-soaked system, in one form or another, it would become possible to win over even greater numbers from different parts of society to join the revolution, including many who had been part of the armed forces and other key institutions of this system.

In my previous message (Number Ten) I emphasized this: An important factor in all this is the contradiction that among the ranks of this system’s armed forces are large numbers who have been drawn from among Black people, Latinos, women and other oppressed people, while that oppression is *built into* the very system of capitalism-imperialism that they are supposed to fight for. This contradiction is an important part of the basis to win over to the revolution many who start out as part of this system’s armed forces, as things develop and the attempts to crush the revolution are defeated, leading to a dynamic that is increasingly favorable for the revolution.

All this will make for an extremely complicated situation, but one which holds not just the possibility of things becoming even more terrible than “normal life” under this system but *also* the potential to wrench something profoundly *positive* out of all this—an *actual, emancipating revolution*—IF the revolutionaries, and rapidly growing numbers of people organized into the ranks of the revolution, firmly grasp this possibility, and act boldly, with scientifically-grounded determination, to seize on this rare situation.

REVOLUTION NUMBER TWO

When has the USA been a "great country"?

This is Bob Avakian (BA) back again—going deeper into why we need a revolution.

Let’s start with this big question: When has the USA been a “great country”?

The answer: NEVER.

Some people may not like my saying this—they feel stung by this truth. So, let’s look at the reality.

This “Republic” to which we are supposed to pledge allegiance was founded on slavery and genocidal robbery: keeping millions of Black people in chains for generations... killing off huge numbers of Native Americans and stealing their land... waging a war that ripped off half of Mexico, greatly expanding slavery.

So, was this a great country all during that time—when millions of people were enslaved—owned by bloodsuckers who constantly whipped the slaves to make them work harder under horrific conditions, slave-owners who raped masses of enslaved women? Was this country great *then*?!

Was it great when, for generations after slavery was formally ended, Black people as a whole were segregated, discriminated against, and continually terrorized, with repeated massacres of Black people and thousands of Black people lynched? Was it great when, all during that time, LGBT people were “illegal,” when women were legally treated as inferior to men—and men could legally *rape* their wives? Was it a great country *then*?!

Or is it great, *now*, when people are everyday denied basic rights? When the police kill *a thousand people every year*, especially people of color, and in the 60 years since Civil Rights Acts were passed, segregation and discrimination has remained as bad, or worse, as it ever was, and **thousands of Black people have been killed by police—even greater**

numbers than all those who were lynched during all the years of Ku Klux Klan terror after the Civil War!

Has this country ever been great, when, right from the beginning and down to today, the whole thing has literally been built on the broken bodies, the blood and bones, of millions and now billions of people, worldwide—cruelly exploited, used and abused, by this system—with all this backed up by murder on a massive scale carried out by the police and the armed forces of this country?

No, this country has never been great. It has always been a horror for masses of people.

And, if you don't know all this is true, then you don't know what you need to know—and the biggest reason you don't know it is because the powers-that-be don't *want* you to know it, and instead they want you caught up believing the lie that, as they constantly tell you, this is the greatest country in the world and their system is the greatest system that could ever be.

Next, I'll be coming back with more about the whole rotten system that rules in this country and dominates the world—the system of *capitalism-imperialism*—and the revolution we need to sweep this system off the face of the earth.

The other section of the ruling class, represented by the Democratic Party, is trying to maintain the “democratic” form through which this system exercises political power—an actual *dictatorship*—over the masses of people in this country, in order to maintain its system of brutal exploitation and murderous oppression, backed up by mass slaughter, which this ruling class continues to carry out all over the world.

The presidential election this year, 2024, will be a sharp focus of the fight between these ruling class parties—Democrats and Republicans—a fight that is very likely to break all out of the bounds of the “normal way” they exercise power *over* the people, and keep their whole system going.

This could lead to armed clashes between the opposing sections of the ruling class, which could even develop into large-scale military confrontation—a new kind of civil war. In any case, this kind of profound crisis within the ruling system *is bound to affect every part of society, and every major institution of this system, including its armed forces*—with the real potential for *major splits* in those institutions.

The fascists in this country as a whole are not as great in numbers as those who are *opposed* to the fascists, but these fascists are driven by an irrational fanaticism, fueled by the notion that this country will not be worth living in, if they do not take extreme measures to reverse the way things are going. They also have a lot of *initiative* because *a major section of the ruling class* is made up of fascists, who dominate very important institutions, including the Supreme Court, and they are also willing to act outside of the “normal procedures” of this system and mobilize violent fanatics to achieve their goals.

At the same time, among the majority of people who are opposed to this fascism, too many are still going along with “the way things have always been,” clinging to the hope that “somehow things will work out as they always have”—while many are also weighed down by the belief that nothing can be done to change the very negative direction of things. The Democratic Party is deathly afraid of mobilizing masses of people in the way that would be necessary to decisively defeat the fascists, because the Democrats fear that this could lead to things “getting all out of control,” threatening their whole system.

REVOLUTION NUMBER ELEVEN

The 2024 elections, a deepening crisis, the possibility for revolution

I'm back to talk more about revolution: **how, in the situation that is now rapidly intensifying, a revolution involving millions of people could actually succeed.**

In my last message (Number Ten) I spoke to the basic approach and some basic principles to guide revolutionary fighting forces in taking on and defeating the powerful armed forces of repression of this system, as the conditions that make this possible are brought into being. And I called attention to the fact that at revcom.us there is the very important statement, *Revolution—Building Up The Basis To Go For The Whole Thing, With A Real Chance To Win: Strategic Orientation And Practical Approach*, and a five-part series *Revolution: A Real Chance To Win*, where I go more extensively and in depth into the strategic approach that could make it possible for this revolution to actually win.

Here, I am going to get further into the relation between the overall developing situation and the possibility for a revolution to have a real chance to win.

In this country right now there is a deepening crisis and bitter, profound divisions among the powers-that-be.

A big part of the population, and a major section of the ruling class, represented by the Republican Party, has become *fascist*: based on open and aggressive white supremacy, male supremacy and other oppressive relations—refusing to accept the outcome of elections it does not win, determined to gut and pervert “the rule of law,” trample on people’s rights, and adopt what amounts to an *undisguised* capitalist dictatorship, ready to use violence not only against masses of people but also against its rivals in the ruling class. This fascist section of the ruling class *no longer believes in, and has more or less openly abandoned, what have been the “cohering norms”—the regulating set of beliefs and processes—of this system.*

REVOLUTION NUMBER THREE

USA: #1 imperialist oppressor

This is Bob Avakian (BA) back to get deeper into why we need a revolution.

Besides all the horrors that continually go on in this country, this is a world where, especially in the poorer countries, *more than 150 million children* are brutally exploited—forced to work long, hard hours in near-slave conditions—in mines, sweatshop factories and farms, creating wealth that goes to corporations and other big-scale capitalists in the U.S. and other wealthy countries. A world where for generations, *millions* of children have died *every year* from starvation and disease that could be prevented—something that is completely unnecessary and would not be happening except for the way the system of capitalism-imperialism, and the U.S. above all, dominates the world and forces so many people to live, and die, in horrific conditions.

And there is the massive unjust violence perpetrated by U.S. imperialism all over the world.

Just since World War 2, the military and “intelligence agencies” of this country have carried out invasions and massive bombings, coups, assassinations and other acts of depraved violence—slaughtering millions of civilians in Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other countries, with the widespread destruction forcing millions more from their homes and homelands.

This on top of the atomic bombing by the U.S. of two Japanese cities at the end of World War 2 in 1945, instantly incinerating hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians and subjecting many others to slow agonizing deaths from the effects of radiation.

All this so that the USA can be “Number One”—number one imperialist oppressor, number one in plundering and destroying people and the environment.

The USA is a country in which a woman is assaulted/beaten *every 9 seconds*. It is a country where huge numbers of women are raped and

otherwise sexually assaulted every year; a country where the right to abortion has been ripped away from women, enforcing male supremacist control over their bodies, and their very being—in a very real sense a form of female enslavement. This is a country in which LGBT people are discriminated against, persecuted, bullied, vilified and abused, brutalized and outright murdered.

This is a system—the system of *capitalism-imperialism*—in which more than 40 million women are *enslaved* in international sex trafficking and the so called “sex industry”; where, especially in the poorer countries dominated by imperialist powers, hundreds of millions of women are cruelly exploited as a key part of the “supply chains” of the world economy and the overall capitalist-imperialist system, in which the U.S. has for decades been the dominant power.

And right now, before the whole world—with the support of the whole ruling class of this country, and its major politicians in *both* the Democratic and Republican Parties—the U.S. is fully backing and enabling the genocide being carried out by Israel against the Palestinian people, with tens of thousands of Palestinians killed, the great majority of them children, women and others who are not part of any armed forces opposing Israel, but are completely vulnerable victims of Israel’s ongoing massive slaughter.

Everything the rulers of this country have done, and are doing right now, they do in the name of their so-called “great American democracy.” But we have seen what this “great American democracy” is really all about. Once you see this, how you can allow yourself to believe that anything good can come from going along with all this—and why should any decent person want to be any part of this?

To those who say we don’t need a revolution, let me put this to you: How long can we let them continue to do what they do—to people here, to people all over the world? How long?! Why should we put up with this, when there is a whole other, much better way the world could be?

So I’m calling on everyone who cares about justice; everyone who is not afraid to face the sickening truth about this country and this system; everyone who can’t stand this world the way it is; everyone who

the basis to win over to the revolution many who start out as part of this system’s armed forces, as things develop and the attempts to crush the revolution are defeated, leading to a dynamic that is increasingly favorable for the revolution.

What I have spoken to here is the basic approach and some of the basic factors that can make it possible for the revolution to have a real chance to win, when the necessary conditions have been brought into being.

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For those who *are* serious—and those who are honestly questioning whether all this is real—in the next message I’m going to get further into key dimensions of the developing situation that have to do with how the fight could be waged so that the revolution has a real chance to win.

been conditioned to accept—when millions of people feel deep in their bones that this system has to go and are ready to do what needs to be done to make that happen—*then* it could be possible for fighting forces of the revolution to be organized, trained and deployed to apply *this strategic approach*:

Engage, first, in well-planned actions to counter the violent repressive forces of this system, beginning on a small scale, but carried out throughout the country, in a way that prevents those repressive forces from concentrating massive destructive power against these actions.

Building on these initial actions, continue to gather momentum and accumulate more fighting forces, through winning well-chosen engagements on an increasing scale—gaining experience in combat and “hardening” the revolutionary forces, while resisting and defeating the enemy’s attempts to draw the revolutionary forces into confrontations that would lead to a major defeat or even complete annihilation of the revolution. Adjust quickly to changing circumstances, learn quickly from any setbacks and act decisively to regain and maintain the initiative.

Shift the balance of forces in a direction more favorable for the revolution, through an ongoing process that combines defeating the enemy on an increasing scale and systematically working to disintegrate the enemy’s ranks and win growing numbers to come over to the side of the revolution.

When the balance of forces has been shifted *decisively* in favor of the revolution, concentrate forces to finally defeat the remaining forces of the old oppressive system.

In all this, fundamentally rely on masses of people, from many parts of society, for support and defense, communication, intelligence, logistics and supply, while making use of equipment that is taken from the other side in ways that fit the strategic approach outlined here.

An important factor in all this is the contradiction that among the ranks of this system’s armed forces are large numbers who have been drawn from among Black people, Latinos, women and other oppressed people, while that oppression is *built into* the very system of capitalism-imperialism that they are supposed to fight for. This contradiction is an important part of

righteously hates the fact that so many people here, and all around the world, are treated as less than human; everyone who is seriously agonizing about what the future will hold, or whether we will even have a future at all; everyone who has ever thought, or hoped, or dreamed about a better world—and, yes, everyone who says “I just gotta think about myself and do for myself, ‘cause there’s nothing I can do about all this anyway”: I am calling on all of you to rise above the muck, raise your sights to the possibility of a much better world and get with this revolution to make that a reality.

I’ll be coming back soon—getting even deeper into the revolution we need.

REVOLUTION NUMBER FOUR

“Why should I care about Palestine when we’ve got problems here?”

This is Bob Avakian (BA), coming back to get still deeper into the revolution we need.

In previous messages (especially Number Two and Number Three) I have shined a light on some—but only some—of the monstrous crimes perpetrated by the ruling class of this country. And look at what the U.S. government—Biden/the Democrats, the whole ruling class—is doing right now to Palestine: backing and aiding Israel in carrying out the slaughter of tens of thousands of Palestinian people, including huge numbers of *children*.

I know some people say: “Why should I care about things like Palestine, we’ve got enough problems right here that need to be dealt with.”

First of all, you should care because you are a human being. And, the fact is that *things will never be made right—and masses of people will never get out of the hell they are in—as long as this system of capitalism-imperialism continues to rule over people here and to dominate the world.*

The problem for people everywhere is THIS SYSTEM. This system of capitalism-imperialism that is the force behind the slaughter of people in Palestine is the *same system* that is causing so much misery for masses of people in this country. Ripping away basic rights, treating whole groups of people as “second class” and less than human. Maintaining many in desperate conditions and driving many to desperate acts. Poisoning people’s minds with this system’s putrid culture and depraved “values”: “do for self and to hell with everybody else”... “get what you want, any way you can”... “pursue your dreams,” while sleepwalking through the real nightmare. Distracting and demoralizing people with dead-end and deadening pursuits. Terrorizing people with brutality and murder by the police, and mass incarcerating people already denied a decent life. All this while this same system robs people here and everywhere of a future worth living in, or any future at all, with the accelerating destruction of

Well, that’s true, we *couldn’t* win that way—and *we won’t do it that way.*

A big military monster like this has to be taken on in a serious way, with a scientifically-based strategic approach. It has to be done by defeating such a powerful force in stages, and *not* going up against the full military power it will have, especially at the *beginning* of the revolution.

This means fighting only on favorable terms, and at any given time engaging and defeating *parts* of that oppressive military force—delivering repeated blows that cause its machinery of massive violence to break apart, with growing numbers among its ranks coming over to join the revolutionary forces.

Of course, there have to be the conditions that make all this possible. And there *could* be.

In previous messages (Number Eight and Number Nine), I have spoken to the fact that this is a time when there is a deepening crisis and bitter, profound divisions throughout society and among the powers-that-be. Everything that is going on now is heading toward, and could soon become, an all-out crisis in this country, with the very nature of society, and how it is governed, being directly battled out in a way that hasn’t happened since the Civil War in the 1860s. **This is a rare time—a very rare opening—a chance that may come only once in a lifetime—a chance to take advantage of the deep divisions among the ruling oppressors and go after their whole system, with the aim of bringing the whole thing down, and putting something much better in its place.**

And I have emphasized these crucial points: In this developing situation, which is continually becoming more intense, **the forces for the revolution that is urgently needed could grow, quickly, from small numbers to thousands, and then millions, and get in position to go for the whole thing.** And: **With millions won to revolution, there could be a real possibility for this revolution to win.**

With such an organized revolutionary force, it is possible to have *a growing impact on all of society, changing the terms of how masses of people see things, and how every institution has to respond.*

When the revolutionary situation has been ripened, with the system in such deep crisis that it cannot rule in the “normal way” that people have

REVOLUTION NUMBER TEN

A revolution to overthrow this system *could win*

Yes, a revolution, to overthrow this system of capitalism-imperialism, *could win.*

Right in this country, right in this time we are living in.

This revolution will become possible as millions of people are firmly won to understand, and are determined to act on the understanding, that **WE NEED AND WE DEMAND: A WHOLE NEW WAY TO LIVE, A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM.** The time we are living in, now, is one where people *could* be won, in their millions, to see the urgent need for this radical change and actively work to bring it about.

Many people will say: If there are millions of people who are determined to bring this about, why couldn't this happen peacefully, without all the violence and destruction that would be involved in actually fighting to overthrow this system?

The answer is this: *The fundamental source of violence in the world is this system of capitalism-imperialism; by far the greatest perpetrators of unjust violence are the ruling classes of the capitalist-imperialist powers, most of all this country; and the fundamental reason why the abolition of this system cannot be achieved peacefully is because of the nature of this system itself.* Yes, every decent person who cares about justice and the future of humanity, could wish that the rulers of this system would simply step down and step aside, and allow a much better way of organizing society to come about. *But that is just never going to happen.*

Even with millions and millions of people mobilized to demand an end to this system, those who rule it would never allow their system to be swept away without attempting to violently crush any such attempt.

But, many people—even many people who would love to see the kind of emancipating radical change I'm talking about—would argue: “That’s just the *point*—we could never deal with ‘all that’—we could never go up against the whole massive machinery of violence of this system.”

the environment and the wars which threaten to go over to all-out conflict between nuclear-armed powers which could wipe out humanity.

All this is why you, why every decent person, should care—and should *act* to do something about this—to do the most meaningful thing that could be done: to be part of the revolution to put an end to this system, and all the misery it imposes on people everywhere.

So, I'm gonna keep coming back with more about Palestine, and what it has to do with this whole system, and the need for a revolution to overthrow this system at the soonest possible time.

REVOLUTION NUMBER FIVE

Israel and Palestine: a terrible ironic twist of history

This is Bob Avakian (BA), coming to you again with more about the big things going on in the world and how this shows the urgent need for a real revolution. Talking about what is happening with Palestine now.

What is happening with Palestine shines a powerful light on what this murderous system of capitalism-imperialism, and those who rule it, are all about, and why their whole system has to go.

The U.S. ruling class has for decades supported Israel's *apartheid oppression* of the Palestinian people, and *this U.S. ruling class is now supporting the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians by Israel.*

What a terrible ironic twist of history: For centuries Jews were subjected to horrendous atrocity, and this reached its most terrible dimensions in the Holocaust, when millions of Jews were murdered by the Nazis during World War 2; but then Israel was founded and has been maintained as a Zionist (Jewish-supremacist) state on the basis of bloody oppression of the Palestinian people! This is why I have made the provocative but profoundly true statement: After the Holocaust, the worst thing that has happened to Jewish people is the state of Israel.

Genocide is the deliberate killing off of a people, in whole or in part—and that is exactly what Israel is doing to the Palestinians in front of the whole world now.

Apartheid is a system that openly treats a whole people as inferior and not deserving of the same rights as the dominant and supposedly “superior” people—a system that forcibly segregates and confines the subjugated people in conditions of poverty and deprivation, continually subjecting them to violent repression.

Apartheid is the white-supremacist system to which the native African people in South Africa were subjected for generations, until the early 1990s. Apartheid is the Jewish-supremacist system which Israel has imposed on the Palestinian people, from the founding of Israel in 1948 until the present time.

together as a “unified” ruling class... when there is not just an urgent need but a real possibility to seize on this situation to overthrow them altogether—if you are *NOT* getting with the revcoms (revolutionary communists) who are working every day for this revolution, if you are not part of working to bring about this revolution, then what the hell are you doing?!

to living this way, and struggling with people to break with all their wrong ways of thinking and get with the revolution.”

(That is from the very important statement *Revolution—Building Up The Basis To Go For The Whole Thing With A Real Chance To Win: Strategic Orientation And Practical Approach*, which can be found at revcom.us.)

That statement goes on to make clear what the basic approach is that we revcoms are applying in building for this revolution, now:

In all that we are doing, all the struggle we are waging, we are applying the overall approach of **Fight the Power, and Transform the People—for Revolution**, with the aim of achieving the **three prepares**: *prepare the ground* (the situation in society), *prepare masses of people*, and *prepare the leadership*, for the all-out revolutionary struggle.

We are uniting with and mobilizing people to stand up against the injustices and outrages constantly perpetrated by this system, defending people from attacks on their rights and their lives, and *waging fierce struggle to break people out of the bullshit ways of thinking and acting that they are caught up in*, winning them to become *revolutionary emancipators of humanity*.

And this is what *you* need to become part of doing, *now*, so this rare opportunity for revolution does not get wasted, thrown away—and instead there is a real chance to break on through and bring into being a truly emancipating alternative to this terrible world that we are now forced to live in, and the even worse future that looms before us, under the domination of this system of capitalism-imperialism.

Next: I’m gonna get right into how we could *win*: how a revolution involving millions of people could actually *defeat* and dismantle the institutions that now violently enforce this oppressive system.

But I will end this message with this:

Especially at a time like this—a time when big things are up in the world, affecting the whole future of humanity... when those big-time exploiters and oppressors who rule over us in this country are bitterly divided among themselves and increasingly unable to hold things

Apartheid is also very much the same as the system in the U.S. itself, for 100 years after the Civil War, especially (but not only) in the southern U.S.: the enforced racial oppression, written right into the law—with systematic segregation and discrimination against Black people, backed up by official terror and Ku Klux Klan lynching.

So, it is not surprising that the U.S. ruling class *supported the apartheid regime in South Africa for almost the entire time it was the ruling system in South Africa*, and now the U.S. is continuing to support the apartheid state of Israel.

It is also no accident that, during the time when apartheid was the ruling system in South Africa, *Israel was a very close ally of South Africa*. Israel provided military and other aid to the South African apartheid regime in its brutal suppression of the African people in that country. Israeli leaders openly praised the South African apartheid regime, celebrating it as a model for Israel’s treatment of the Palestinian people. (If you don’t believe this, or you want to know more about it, go to the website revcom.us and look at the quiz about Israel, and in particular Part 2 of that quiz: “Israel and Comparisons to Apartheid South Africa.”)

Apartheid has been ended in South Africa, but Israel is continuing its apartheid oppression of the Palestinian people—and now it is carrying out the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians, with the full backing of the U.S. ruling class. (And now the government of South Africa—which is no longer based on apartheid—has brought a case before the World Court of the United Nations rightly accusing Israel of genocide against the Palestinian people.)

I know some of you may be thinking: “All these horrors will always go on, and there’s nothing anybody can do that will really change this.” But that’s just wrong, and I’m gonna get into why and how we *can* change this in a fundamental way—through an actual revolution. An important part of being able to make this revolution is understanding what is really happening, and why, especially with really big things going on in the world, what this shows about the nature of the system that we are up against, and how to go about defeating it. What is happening now with the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide against the Palestinian people is one of those big things that holds crucially important lessons. So I’m gonna stay on this a while longer—coming back soon with more important truth about this.

REVOLUTION NUMBER SIX

Taking on the “justifications” for Israel’s genocide of Palestinians

This is Bob Avakian (BA), coming back with more straight talk: bringing out the truth about what is happening in Palestine, and answering the arguments—the lies and distortions—that try to “justify” the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians being perpetrated by Israel, fully backed by the U.S.

Over and over, you hear media mouthpieces of this system (and others) justifying the genocidal actions of Israel by pointing to the attack on Israel by the Palestinian armed force Hamas on October 7 last year (2023), when Hamas killed large numbers of Israeli civilians, including children, and committed other atrocities, while taking hundreds of Israelis hostage.

But the crucial events *did not begin on October 7, 2023*. In establishing the state of Israel, in 1948, Israeli forces systematically destroyed hundreds of Palestinian villages, murdering thousands, raping women in large numbers, driving hundreds of thousands from their homes. And since then, Israel has repeatedly carried out murderous oppression of the Palestinian people, with repeated massacres involving the most depraved acts. So, even though Hamas is not a force for liberation, and its actions on October 7 did involve war crimes, this is nowhere on the same scale as what Israel has done to the Palestinian people for generations, *before* October 7—and it is nowhere close to the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians that Israel is carrying out *now*.

As I have pointed out before—speaking to the horrors to which Jews were subjected at the hands of Hitler and the Nazis, and how the situation now is very different:

This is not the 1930s and World War 2, with the Nazis inflicting horrific atrocities and mass genocide on the Jewish people. The situation is not one where Palestinians are herding helpless Jews into concentration camps and subjecting them to genocide. The actual situation is the **opposite** of that.

exercise power *over* the people, and keep their whole murderous system going.

The *third* condition has to do with what we (the revcoms—revolutionary communists) are doing: working every day to bring forward the thousands now who will be the organized force to lead millions to actually make the revolution that is urgently needed.

And the second condition has to do with *you*: the need for you, others like you, and people from many different parts of society, to become part of *the thousands getting organized, now, for this revolution*, with the aim of *reaching and moving millions* to seize on this rare time for revolution.

It is really important to understand this: **With thousands organized into the ranks of the revolution, millions can be won to revolution; and with millions won to revolution, there could be a real possibility for this revolution to win.**

This takes us back to the three conditions for revolution, and how they are all tied together.

Society is being torn apart. The “stability of daily life”—a stability full of horrors for masses of people—will be repeatedly disrupted and increasingly shattered. Things cannot stay the same as they have been—there will be a radical change one way or the other. Everything that is going on now is heading toward, and could soon become, an all-out crisis in this country, with the very nature of society, and how it is governed, being directly battled out in a way that hasn’t happened since the Civil War in the 1860s.

This could lead to something even more terrible than “normal life” under this system—making life even more unbearable, or even impossible, for the masses of people everywhere. *But* there is also this very important *positive* potential: In this developing situation now, which is continually becoming more intense, **the forces for the revolution that is urgently needed could grow, quickly, from small numbers to thousands, and then millions, and get in position to go for the whole thing.** How? Through the work of those who are won to this revolution “*getting out the message broadly among the people, shining a light on the deeper reality of what is happening and why, bringing out that there IS an alternative*

REVOLUTION NUMBER NINE

The three basic conditions for revolution

This is Bob Avakian (BA) back with more serious talk about revolution—*how we could really make a revolution.*

For a revolution to succeed, especially in a country like this, there must be *three basic conditions.*

1. A crisis in society and government so sharp and deep that those who have ruled over us, for so long, can no longer do so in the “normal” way that people have been conditioned to accept.
2. A revolutionary people in the millions and millions, with their “allegiance” to this system broken, and their determination to fight for a more just society *greater* than their fear of the violent repression of this system. Masses of people who feel in their bones that, no matter what, *we can no longer afford to live under this system, and a radical change is urgently necessary.*
3. An organized revolutionary force—made up of continually growing numbers of people, from among the most oppressed but also from many other parts of society—a force which has the most consistently scientific approach to building for and then carrying out revolution, and which is increasingly looked to by masses of people to lead them to bring about the radical change that is urgently needed.

Soon, I’m going to be getting directly into how a revolution, involving millions of people, could actually *defeat* and dismantle the institutions that now violently enforce this oppressive system. But right here, we need to get deeper into these three conditions for revolution and how that relates to what is happening now, and what could be possible.

The *first* condition is rapidly developing. As I have said, everything is very likely coming to a head and coming up for grabs very soon, with the presidential election this year a sharp focus of the fight between the dominating ruling class parties—Democrats and Republicans—a fight that is very likely to break all out of the bounds of the “normal way” they

Israel is a nuclear-armed military power, heavily supplied and supported by the dominant imperialist power in the world, the U.S.; and in its relation with the Palestinian people, Israel is the *dominant* nation that has, for generations, imposed apartheid oppression on the Palestinians.

(That is from my statement *Some Basic Truth About Israel And Palestine*, which you can find at revcom.us.)

Here’s another excuse raised by Israel and its supporters to “justify” its mass slaughter of Palestinians: “ Hamas is hiding among the Palestinian population in Gaza, so Israel can’t help killing civilians in going after Hamas.”

This is more bullshit. The fact is that Israel is attacking Gaza with massive (2,000 pound) bombs that are bound to kill huge numbers of civilians, not just Hamas fighters. *More than 2 million Palestinians are packed into the tiny territory of Gaza, confined there under Israeli control*, so is it really surprising that Hamas is “mixed in” among the larger Palestinian population? It is disgusting hypocrisy for Israel to complain that Hamas is mixed in among the overall population in Gaza and to use that as an excuse for slaughtering Palestinian civilians.

“Well, what is Israel supposed to do, just let this attack by Hamas go unanswered, encouraging further attacks? What about Israel’s right to defend itself?” That is another argument raised by Israel and its supporters.

The truth is that Israel, like apartheid South Africa before it, is an *illegitimate* state—and as such, it has no legitimate right to “defend itself”—and its so-called “defense” has repeatedly involved the deliberate killing of civilians, including large numbers of children.

What is Israel supposed to do? **Israel is “supposed” to stop brutally oppressing the Palestinian people.** But Israel, as a racist, Jewish-supremacist (Zionist) state, cannot do that: it cannot do that, because murderous oppression of the Palestinian people has been *built into* the state of Israel from the very beginning, and Israel could not exist *without* brutally oppressing the Palestinian people.

And, since Israel cannot stop brutally oppressing the Palestinian people, Israel—as a racist, Zionist state—must cease to exist.

The real question is: *what is the legitimate way to fight against the state of Israel, and what is a just solution to all this?*

The answer is definitely not to “kill off all the Jews in Israel” or “drive them into the sea.” The answer is the *abolition of the state of Israel*, and in its place *the creation of a revolutionary state in which the government and the laws do not promote any religion and do not favor one people over another, and instead there is equality between Jews and Palestinians.*

The answer is also definitely *not* the “two-state solution” being promoted by the Biden administration. Such a “two-state solution” would really amount to nothing more than a powerful state of Israel continuing to occupy land stolen from the Palestinian people, while the so-called “Palestinian state” created with this “solution” would be a bitter joke—a *puppet* state—merely a patchwork of separated small territories, surrounded and dominated by Israel, with the Palestinian people still subjected to terrible oppression and deprivation.

The answer is that the fight against the state of Israel must be waged on a *revolutionary* basis, with the goal of putting an end to *all* oppressive relations and all inequality among people based on race and nationality, sex and gender, and all relations in which one part of society exploits others. And the urgent need is for a revolutionary force to emerge to lead the struggle *on that basis.*

Next, I’ll be getting into more about the Israeli genocide against the Palestinian people, and especially *the role of the U.S.* in all this—and how this sharply highlights the need for a revolution to overthrow and thoroughly abolish this system.

Then, I’m going to get directly into *how we could actually make this revolution*—right in this most powerful imperialist country, the USA—right in this time.

revcoms (revolutionary communists) are working to organize *now*, so that those thousands can move *millions* for this revolution in this crucial time we are living in.

This is why everything must be focused now, and *is* being focused now, on actually bringing forward and organizing this revolutionary force.

So next, I’m going to get *further* into how it could be possible to seize on this rare time to make this revolution.

Republicans—a fight that is very likely to break all out of the bounds of the “normal way” they exercise power *over* the people, and keep their whole murderous system going.

This kind of deep division—and especially this bitter antagonism among the powers-that-be—has not been seen in this country since the time of the Civil War way back in the 1860s.

This is not a time to be siding with one group of oppressors or another. This is a rare time—a very rare opening—a chance that may come only once in a lifetime—a chance to take advantage of the deep divisions among the ruling oppressors and go after their whole system, with the aim of bringing the whole thing down, and putting something much better in its place.

This rare time must not be squandered—wasted and thrown away. It must be actively and urgently seized on—to bring about a truly emancipating revolution.

With everything very likely coming to a head and coming up for grabs soon, the outcome of this rare time can't be left to the brutal enforcers of this system, in one camp or another—or to any force which cannot, or will not, look beyond and lead people beyond the confines of an oppressive system, in one form or another. *There must be—and there can be—an organized force of thousands, in a position to lead millions, to take this where it needs to go—to an actual, emancipating revolution.*

With such an organized revolutionary force, it is possible to have *a growing impact on all of society, changing the terms of how masses of people see things, and how every institution has to respond.*

With thousands organized into the ranks of the revolution, millions can be won to revolution; and with millions won to revolution, there could be a real possibility for this revolution to win.

Too many people say: “Yeah, there are a lot of terrible things going on in the world, but I can't do anything about all that.” Well, no, “you” can't: You, yourself alone, as an *individual* are powerless to do anything about it—but, as part of a larger force of *masses* of people, you *can* play an important part in doing something truly important, something truly historic to change all this—and that is why you need to become part of the *thousands* that we

REVOLUTION NUMBER SEVEN

Why is the U.S. supporting Israel's genocide of Palestinians?

This is Bob Avakian (BA), bringing out more of the truth about what is happening with Palestine: why the U.S. is supporting and aiding Israel's genocidal slaughter of Palestinian people, how this shows once again the barbaric nature of this system of capitalism-imperialism, and the truth that only a real revolution can put an end to all these horrors constantly perpetrated by the rulers of this country and the system that they serve and enforce.

In the face of all the lies, it is crucial to keep coming back to this basic, essential reality: *Here is the entire ruling class of the U.S., and all its major politicians, both Democrat and Republican, fully supporting an apartheid state, Israel, carrying out the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians in front of the whole world.*

And for those of you who think that politicians just act in their own narrow personal interests, think deeper—think about this: Biden has not only been a long-time fanatical backer of Israel, with its terrible crimes against humanity, but now Biden is fully supporting the genocide being carried out by Israel, *even though* this is likely to cost Biden the votes of large numbers of people who are *righteously outraged* by this genocide, and this could end up costing Biden the election. (And don't be fooled by Biden putting on the act of telling Israel to be more careful in killing civilians—Biden has continued to send military aid to Israel, and to provide it with “political and diplomatic cover,” as the bodies of Palestinian civilians massacred by Israel pile up in the tens of thousands.)

Why is Biden, and basically the entire government and ruling class of the U.S., supporting Israel in carrying out genocide against the Palestinian people, before the whole world? Here is the answer to that crucial question:

This is *not* because of “the power of the Jewish lobby”—or because of some ignorant, ridiculous and outrageous notion that “Jews are controlling everything.” It is because *Israel plays a “special role” as a*

heavily armed bastion of support for U.S. imperialism in a strategically important part of the world (the “Middle East”). And Israel has been a key force in the commission of atrocities which have helped to maintain the oppressive rule of U.S. imperialism in many other parts of the world.

(That is from my statement *Some Basic Truths About the U.S.-Supported Israeli War Against Palestine*, which is posted at revcom.us.)

It’s the system! The system of *capitalism-imperialism* that Biden serves. The system he *has* to serve—the system that *anybody and everybody* has to serve if they want to hold office, and especially “high office,” like president, within this system. *That* is why Biden is doing what he’s doing—what all these politicians are doing—above and beyond their more narrow personal interests.

It’s the system! This system of capitalism-imperialism that embodies and enforces white supremacy, patriarchal male supremacy and other brutal oppression—this system resting on ruthless life-stealing exploitation of masses of people in this country and literally billions of people worldwide, including more than 150 million *children*—all enforced with massive violence and destruction, of people and the environment, posing a very real threat to the future and the existence of humanity.

This system **that needs to be overthrown at the soonest possible time, through an actual revolution.**

Next, I’m going to get directly into *why this revolution is possible, in this time, and what we need to be doing, right now, so there will be a real possibility for this revolution to succeed.*

REVOLUTION NUMBER EIGHT

Revolution *could* happen: right here, right in this time

In previous messages I have made clear why we *need* a revolution—why this system of capitalism-imperialism *cannot be reformed*: This is a system that functions, and can *only* function, by viciously exploiting and murderously oppressing masses of people, here and throughout the world—a system that poses an increasing danger to the future and even the very existence of humanity, through its accelerating destruction of the environment and its endless wars which now threaten to go over to all-out war among nuclear-armed powers that could wipe out humanity.

So now, I’m going to get into why the revolution that is urgently needed is *actually possible*.

Many people, if they think about revolution at all, will say that what I am talking about is impossible (or just crazy).

Some people say this because they are “invested” in this system, and don’t want to see a fundamental change.

Some people say this because they are afraid of revolution.

And some people would love to be rid of all the terrible and unnecessary suffering that is actually caused by this system—but they just think the revolution I’m talking about could never happen.

Well, the truth is: it could happen—not just in some far off place and time, but right here and right in this time we are living in.

The basic reason why this revolution is possible now is because those who have ruled this country for so long are bitterly and deeply divided among themselves, while the country as a whole is being torn apart by divisions that can no longer be covered over and things can no longer be held together in the way they have been for generations.

Everything will very likely be coming to a head and coming up for grabs this year, 2024, with the presidential election this year a sharp focus of the fight between the dominating ruling class parties—Democrats and