

“ Here is the heart of the matter: Many people—including someone like Martin Luther King—have argued that attempting to carry out a revolution to overthrow this system is suicidal, particularly for Black people in this country—when, in fact, Black people, and masses of other oppressed and exploited people, profoundly and desperately need this revolution. The reality is that such a revolution *can* succeed, but this is possible, particularly up against powerful ruling forces, like in this country, *only in rare times and circumstances*. And here is a very important truth: **This is one of those rare times and circumstances.**

This rare time must not be wasted, squandered, thrown away. Rather, **revolution must be actively prepared for and vigorously, consistently worked for—now, and in an ongoing way—to build up the scientifically oriented and powerfully organized forces for, and to prepare the ground for, this revolution.** ”

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