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***STRATEGIC ORIENTATION
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THE BOB AVAKIAN INTERVIEWS

A Major Work for This Time

**SOMETHING TERRIBLE, OR
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EMANCIPATING:**

**Profound Crisis, Deepening Divisions,
The Looming Possibility Of Civil War—
And The Revolution That Is Urgently
Needed**

*A Necessary Foundation,
A Basic Roadmap For This Revolution*
**by Bob Avakian, Revolutionary Leader,
Author of the New Communism**

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Along with *The RNL Show*, REVCOM.US is the resource for both timely articles from Bob Avakian as well as his full body of work. Every week revcom.us applies the scientific method of the new communism to analyze events in the world providing essential guidance to preparing for revolution on a nationwide basis.

10 Popularizing the strategy is an important part of **carrying out the strategy**. The strategic orientation and practical approach outlined here needs to be boldly put forward and broadly popularized, among masses of people, *now* and *throughout the process of carrying out the three prepares*: making clear that this is aimed at achieving the profoundly, and urgently, needed revolution, fundamentally through the mobilization of millions and millions of people around this basic demand: **to dismantle the existing system and institutions of government—to be replaced by the implementation of the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America***.

Popularizing this, now and in an ongoing way, throughout the period of working to achieve these objectives, will strengthen the basis for masses of people to see, concretely, that there is a definite strategic orientation and practical approach to bringing about the necessary revolution, and what their role can be, and needs to be, in all this. It will strengthen the basis to engage in more focused struggle with people about the possibility—as well as the urgent need, and the truly emancipating potential—of this revolution.

ACTIVELY CARRY OUT THIS STRATEGIC ORIENTATION AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO SEIZE ON THIS RARE TIME WHEN REVOLUTION IS MORE POSSIBLE!

BUILD UP THE ORGANIZED FORCE OF THOUSANDS, AND THEN MILLIONS, OF REVOLUTIONARY EMANCIPATORS OF HUMANITY PREPARED TO GO FOR THE WHOLE THING!

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BUILDING UP THE BASIS TO GO FOR THE WHOLE THING, WITH A REAL CHANCE TO WIN: STRATEGIC ORIENTATION AND PRACTICAL APPROACH

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.

“Fundamentally, people cannot imagine this because they are not approaching things with a scientific outlook and method.”(Bob Avakian, revolutionary leader, author and architect of a *whole new framework for human emancipation: the new communism*).

We Are Serious: We Are Working for a Real Revolution and a Whole New, Emancipating Way to Live.

We are applying the scientific analysis and the strategic approach in the major work by Bob Avakian, “Something Terrible, Or Something Truly Emancipating,” which can be found at revcom.us. Here is the heart of what is brought to light in that work.

First of all: *We live under a system—the system of capitalism-imperialism* (capitalism is an economic and political system of exploitation and oppression, and imperialism refers to the *worldwide nature* of this system). **It is this system which is the basic cause of the tremendous suffering that people, all over the world, are subjected to; and this system poses a growing threat to the very existence of humanity, in the way that this system is rapidly destroying the global environment, and**

in the danger of war between the U.S. and its rivals in Russia and China—all nuclear-armed capitalist-imperialist powers.

All this is reality, and no one can escape this reality. Either we radically change it, in a positive way, or everything will be changed in a very negative way. Changing it in a positive way means making revolution—a real revolution, to overthrow this system of capitalism-imperialism and replace it with a radically different and emancipating system, a whole new way of organizing society.

And this is crucially important: This is a “rare time” when a revolution to overthrow this system of capitalism-imperialism, and bring something much better into being, is not only urgently necessary but is *more possible*—and this “rare time” must not be squandered (wasted, thrown away) but must be *actively seized on* to build up the basis and the forces for revolution, and then carry the revolution through.

With all the chaos and madness in the world—with this system’s accelerating destruction of the environment and the way it is heightening the danger of nuclear war that could wipe out human life as we know it... with all the craziness in this country, continually disrupting “the normal way things have been”... with one part of society and one governing party (the Republicans) now made up of *fascists* determined to crush any opposition to them and their *blatantly racist, anti-immigrant, women-hating, anti-LGBTQ, environment-plundering program and anti-scientific lunacy*, that they claim will make America “great” again... with the other ruling class party (the Democrats) seeking to maintain this horrific system in the “traditional” form in which it has existed for generations, and has caused so much suffering for the masses of humanity, while the Biden Democratic administration is adopting policies that accelerate the destruction of the environment and acting in ways that heighten the danger of nuclear war... *and, very importantly, with these ruling powers deeply divided among themselves, and those divisions becoming sharper all the time, so that they can no longer rule in a “unified” way—with all this, things that have gone on in more or less the same way for years, and decades, can suddenly and dramatically change, in months or even weeks.*

government and the implementation of the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*. This revolutionary people, of millions, would need to be mobilized and wielded in such a way as to make clear that it is going for a *complete, revolutionary change*—that it *will not back down from this goal and accept anything less*. In this way, it would constitute a powerful pole attracting and drawing forward *even broader* numbers of people from all parts of society—and *it would pose a definite challenge and call to people everywhere in society, including in all the existing institutions of this system, to come over to the side of the revolution.*

This will also strengthen the basis to provide powerful support for, and to continually expand, the organized, disciplined revolutionary force oriented to bring about the victory of the revolution through strategically defeating the unjust violence of the ruling institutions and armed enforcers of this system, as well as fascist thugs and other murderous reactionaries.

9 This overall strategic approach must also be sharply posed *directly against the BEB (Bourgeois Electoral Bullshit) of this capitalist-imperialist system*, and in particular the BEB leading into the 2024 presidential election—all of which serves to keep people chained to this system. Here is a crucially important guideline from Bob Avakian that has special significance now: When conflicts among the different sections of the bourgeois (capitalist) ruling class become so deep and hostile that they are no longer able to rule in the “normal way” they have for generations, “that is a sign of extremely deep and acute cracks and fissures in the entire established order; **and such a situation must be seized by the oppressed not to side with one section of the bourgeoisie against another ... but instead to rise in revolutionary struggle to overthrow the rule of the bourgeoisie altogether.**”

country—and that the fundamental reason why the abolition of this system cannot be achieved peacefully is because of the nature of this system itself, and the fact that those who rule it would never allow their system to be swept away without attempting to violently suppress and crush any such attempt.

A serious, scientific approach to how such a disciplined revolutionary force could actually succeed in defeating the unjust violence of this system's armed enforcers (and others seeking to crush the revolution) is spoken to in a series of articles by Bob Avakian, REVOLUTION: A REAL CHANCE TO WIN, also available at revcom.us. What is put forward in these articles needs to be broadly promoted, discussed and debated, among masses of people.

7 Large parts of the major institutions of armed enforcement of the currently ruling system are made up of people *drawn from the bitterly oppressed* in this country. With the immediate approach of an all-out crisis, an appeal should be made to those who have been part of these institutions to join with the masses of people in the struggle to achieve this fundamental and urgently needed demand: **to dismantle the existing system and institutions of government—to be replaced by the implementation of the Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America.**

To those who have been part of the system of government which is to be abolished and replaced: an offer of amnesty should then be made, except for those who have been the key decision-makers and those who have been responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

8 At the same time, it will be important to continually increase and more powerfully organize the broader ranks of the millions demanding the dismantling of the existing system and institutions of

All this 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 situation, 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—***IF the revolutionaries have been 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 to living this way, and struggling with people to break with all their wrong ways of thinking and get with the revolution.*

And that is what we are determined to do.

Here is how we are working to make this real. And if you can't stand this world the way it is and where it is now headed, then YOU need to become part of working to make this real—to seize on this "rare time" to put an end to this capitalist-imperialist system that we are now forced to live under, with all its madness and destruction, and bring something much better into being, for people everywhere and for future generations.

1 A Fundamental Point of Orientation, and Practical Guidance: **Everything depends on bringing forward a revolutionary people, from among the most bitterly oppressed, and all parts of society, first in the thousands 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. Everything must be focused now on actually bringing forward and organizing this revolutionary force.**

Think of the *millions* of people, of all races and genders, who rose up with righteous anger, all over the country, in 2020, when the murder of George Floyd by a heartless pig was just too much—something which was not an “isolated incident” but a concentration of the way the police in this country continually carry out cold-blooded murder of people, especially Black people, Latinos, and Native Americans. This uprising in 2020 was powerful and inspiring (so powerful that even some big-time capitalist exploiters and ruling class politicians had to “take a knee” pretending to be with the massive protests!). But there was a big problem: people were divided and pitted against each other by “identity politics” and misled into a dead-end by *completely unrealistic* demands like “defund” or “abolish” the police—which could never happen under this system. Many became discouraged, disoriented and demoralized, when murder by police kept happening, over and over again, with the fascist Republicans calling for *even more brutal* action by police, while Biden and the Democrats doubled down on *funding* the police and backing them in violently “serving and protecting” *this system of murderous oppression*. The *real lesson* is *not* that nothing can change but that **we need a revolution to get rid of this whole system.**

Think what could be possible if millions were mobilized into the streets again—not just to express their anger, but **with the understanding and determination to do what needs to be done to really put an end to police terror and murder, to white supremacy, male supremacy and gender oppression, and to all the inequality, discrimination, exploitation, plunder and destruction of people and the environment that is built into this system of capitalism-imperialism—to put an end to all this in the only way it can be done: by putting an end to this system itself, and bringing something much better into being.**

2 In the circumstances of all-out crisis, when the whole direction of society is being called into question, there would be different trends and organized forces seeking to take things in different directions. There would be the *fascist Republicans*, aiming to seize

5 As a crucial part of the **three prepares**, the revolutionary communist leadership for the revolution, based on the new communism, must be greatly strengthened, with the Revolutionary Communist Party systematically built up as the overall leadership, with a growing core of strategic commanders of the revolution and the expanding ranks of the Party clearly oriented, prepared and organized to lead the whole revolutionary process.

6 Throughout the period leading to an all-out crisis, *mass organization for defense against unjust attacks on people’s rights and their lives, by oppressive and murderous thugs, in and out of government, must be built up, throughout the country, on the basis of the Points of Attention for the Revolution, which you can also find at revcom.us. This mass organization for defense needs to be developed as part of the overall process of carrying out the three prepares.*

In order to achieve the fundamental goal of sweeping away this system of capitalism-imperialism and replacing it with a new socialist system based on the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*, as things clearly approach an all-out crisis, with millions won to the revolution, it will be necessary and critically important to transform this mass defense organization—and to steel, strengthen and rapidly expand its ranks—so that it is developed as a disciplined revolutionary force, throughout the country, that is oriented, prepared and led to *strategically defeat* the armed enforcers of this system, as well as fascist thugs and other murderous reactionaries, who are attempting to violently crush the revolution.

All this is based on the understanding that ***the fundamental source of violence in the world is the system of capitalism-imperialism; that by far the greatest perpetrators of unjust violence are the ruling classes of the capitalist-imperialist powers, most of all in this***

That Declaration provides a basic summary of fundamental principles and specific goals of the revolution and the new society and way of living we are working for, as set forth in the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*. The Declaration needs to be *very broadly distributed and popularized*, among millions of people, in all parts of the country, now and throughout the development toward a full-out crisis. It needs to be driven home very clearly how the new socialist Constitution provides the foundation, the framework and practical guidelines for a *radically new, emancipating system*, really enabling and empowering the masses of people to move to *abolish inequality and discrimination, oppression and exploitation*, and to provide powerful support for *revolutionary struggles throughout the world* striving for the same goal, while also *moving quickly, systematically and effectively, to address the already acute and fast accelerating environmental crisis, with the aim of bringing into being a world where humanity can truly be fit caretakers of the Earth*.

A major declaration from the Revcoms:

**WE NEED
AND WE DEMAND:
A WHOLE NEW WAY TO LIVE,
A FUNDAMENTALLY
DIFFERENT SYSTEM**

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE... IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY...

**WE DECLARE AND DEMAND:
The Existing Capitalist-Imperialist System
And Institutions Of Government In This Country
Must Be Abolished and Dismantled—
And Replaced By A New, Socialist System
Based On The CONSTITUTION FOR
THE NEW SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IN NORTH AMERICA**

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(or consolidate) power, in order to bring about a *more blatant form* of oppressive and murderous rule, *without the usual disguise* of “democracy, with liberty and justice for all.” There would be those, like the leaders of the Democratic Party, trying to maintain (or restore) this monstrous system of oppression in its more “traditional” form. There would be masses of people in favor of some kind of basic change in a positive direction, but with different ideas about what that would mean. And there would likely be some organized forces claiming to be aiming for some kind of “progressive” change—even some calling themselves “revolutionaries” or “socialists”—when in fact their programs would only reinforce, and keep people locked into, the existing system.

The people who are won, in increasingly greater numbers, to the actual revolution that is urgently needed, must be led to have a clear understanding of the need, and be in position, to wage a powerful struggle to determine the whole direction of things in the midst of such an acute crisis, in order to carry things forward toward the only real positive solution: a truly emancipating revolution.

EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE, FROM HERE FORWARD, MUST BE ORIENTED TO CREATING THE BASIS FOR THIS.

3 We are working every day to win growing numbers of people to understand the urgent need and possibility for revolution and to become an organized force that can *shake up the whole country*—waking people up and *changing the way they think about things*... working continually *to gather forces and build up the organized strength of the revolution*... working to powerfully impact the development of things in such a way that a situation can come about where *there could be an all-out fight for revolution, with a real chance to win*.

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*.

With “Something Terrible, Or Something Truly Emancipating” as the basic guide, and utilizing the YouTube *RNL—Revolution, Nothing Less!—Show* and the website *revcom.us* as key resources, we are organizing people to grapple with why an actual revolution is urgently necessary and more possible now, what such a revolution involves, and what kind of society this is aiming for—involving them in the process of building for revolution, in an organized way, and enabling people in parts of the country where the revolution does not yet have an organized presence to link up with others and become part of this revolution. (This is spoken to further in *Organizing for an Actual Revolution: 7 Key Points*, which can be found at *revcom.us*.)

We are spreading far and wide the inspiring vision of how much better life could be, for the great majority of people, if millions of people got behind this revolution and carried it through—making it possible to restructure all of society on a completely different foundation, with a radically different economic system (*mode of production*) and emancipating relations among people, as spelled out very concretely in the *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America*, written by Bob Avakian.

In an all-around way, and especially in broadly promoting what are truly extraordinary Interviews with Bob Avakian on *The RNL Show*, we are doing the necessary work and waging the necessary struggle so that masses of people know about and get with the leadership we have in Bob Avakian: learning about the inspiring vision and concrete blueprint for a radically different, emancipating society he has brought forward, following the concrete guidance he is providing, taking up and applying the scientific method and approach of the new communism he has

developed, in order to really make revolution and finally get free. Bob Avakian is completely different than the endless stream of bourgeois (capitalist) “leaders” who are put forward, and others who cannot see, or will not look, beyond the confines of this horrific system. He is hard-core for revolution, with a largeness of mind, generosity of spirit, and lively sense of humor—all of which shines through in these Interviews.

Through actively taking part in the tremendous radical upsurge of the 1960s and being strongly influenced by the Black Panther Party and other revolutionary forces in that time—especially what was *at that time a revolutionary, socialist China*—Bob Avakian became a determined revolutionary communist; and he has continued to dedicate his life and devote his efforts to developing a scientifically based theory, strategy and program for revolution whose fundamental goal is freeing people everywhere from every form of oppression. He embodies this rare combination: someone who has been able to develop scientific theory on a world-class level, while at the same time having a deep understanding of and visceral connection with the most oppressed, and a highly developed ability to “break down” complex theory and make it broadly accessible.

A leader like this has never before existed in the history of this country. Having a leader like this is a rare and precious thing for the masses of people who are so terribly oppressed under this system. It is a powerful positive factor for the revolution that is urgently needed, with the goal of ending all oppression and finally bringing about the emancipation of humanity as a whole.

4 We have issued a bold Declaration, **WE NEED AND WE DEMAND: A WHOLE NEW WAY TO LIVE, A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM**, which raises this demand:

The Existing Capitalist-Imperialist System And Institutions Of Government In This Country Must Be Abolished And Dismantled—And Replaced By A New, Socialist System Based On The *CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEW SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IN NORTH AMERICA*.