

WHAT FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH?



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October 2010. Youth in line to apply for jobs, Manhattan.

Look at what this system is doing to youth right here in the USA. For millions in the inner cities, if they are not killed at an early age, their likely future is prison (nearly 1 in 8 young Black men is incarcerated, the prisons are overflowing with Blacks and Latinos, and this country has the highest rate of incarceration of women in the world). This system has robbed so many youth of the chance for a decent life and has got far too many living, dying and killing for nothing—nothing good—nothing more than messing up people and murdering each other on the streets of the cities here...or joining the military, being trained

to be murderers on a mass scale, massacring people in countries across the globe. **A system which offers millions and millions of youth no greater purpose, no better fate, than crime and punishment, or to become a mindless killing machine for the system itself—that alone is reason enough to sweep this system from the face of the earth!**

—From “The Revolution We Need...
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Above and right: November 29, 2008, King County, Seattle. Sheriff's deputies beat 15-year-old woman in a holding cell, then drag her up by her hair, in full view of the videotape surveillance camera. The video is viewable online, including here:
<http://www.policebrutality.info/2009/03/15-year-old-girl-brutally-beat-by-cops.html>

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It is a system of capitalism-imperialism...a system in which U.S. imperialism is the most monstrous, most oppressive superpower...a system driven by a relentless chase after profit, which brings horror upon horror, a nightmare seemingly without end, for the vast majority of humanity: poverty and squalor...torture and rape...the wholesale domination and degradation of women everywhere...wars, invasions and occupations...assassinations and massacres... planes, missiles, tanks and troops of the USA bombarding people in faraway lands while they sleep in their homes or go about their daily lives, blasting their little children to pieces, cutting down men and women in the prime of life, or in old age, kicking down their doors and dragging them away in the middle of the night...while here in the USA itself the police harass, brutalize and murder youth in the streets of the inner cities—over and over again—and then they spit out their maddening insults, insisting that this is “justified,” as if these youth are not human beings, have no right to live, deserve no respect and no future.

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Above right: July 2003, Iraq.

Right: September 1998, Los Angeles. Patrolling high school with drug-sniffing dog for random classroom and locker checks.



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Bottom: Chicago classroom.



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And, despite the good intentions of many teachers, the educational system is a bitter insult for many youth and a means of regimentation and indoctrination overall. While, particularly in some “elite” schools, there is some encouragement for students to think in “non-conformist” ways—so long as, in the end, this still conforms to the fundamental needs and interests of the system—on the whole, instead of really enabling people to learn about the world and to pursue the truth wherever it leads, with a spirit of critical thinking and scientific curiosity, education is crafted and twisted to serve the commandments of capital, to justify and perpetuate the oppressive relations in society and the world as a whole, and to reinforce the dominating position of the already powerful. And despite the creative impulses and efforts of many, the dominant culture too is corrupted and molded to lower, not raise, people’s sights, to extol and promote the ways of thinking, and of acting, that keep this system going and keep people believing that nothing better is possible.

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Below: 2010. Tyler Clementi, a gay student at Rutgers University who committed suicide, killed by the deadly culture of this system that “gives force and backing to the most backwards impulses among the people and contributes to a situation where anti-gay jokes, anti-gay bullying, and anti-gay violence are so widespread that gay teen suicides are commonplace.” (From “The Culture That Killed Tyler Clementi” available at revcom.us)



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Above: December 2009, Pakistan. Afghan refugee girls playing.



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October 22, 2010. Downtown Los Angeles.

Young women in the millions are traded like cattle and forced into sexual slavery, shipped across countries and continents, while women everywhere are degraded, demeaned, and brutalized in a thousand ways—beaten and raped in huge numbers, treated as objects of sexual gratification and breeders of children instead of full human beings. The idea of an intimate loving relationship with another human being is made into a sick joke, perverted into a property or commodity relation, weighed down by repressive patriarchal tradition and denied or restricted for people of the same sex.

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A DIALOGUE BETWEEN

CORNEL WEST AND CARL DIX

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00PM



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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE7L40WrxHY>

• Promo for the October 29 event, with clip from last year’s Cornel West-Carl Dix dialogue Part I

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTuMpIWK45Q>