

# People's Climate March: A Call to All Those Who Want to "Change Everything" Capitalism Is Destroying the Planet... We Need Revolution, Nothing Less

On September 21, tens of thousands of people will be converging in New York City for an unprecedented "People's Climate March." An enormous sense of urgency and responsibility for the future of the planet is motivating people to come to the march.

The Revolutionary Communist Party calls on people to join with this effort, to mobilize broadly, and to make this outpouring as powerful as possible.

The climate emergency is impacting the entire planet, and accelerating toward catastrophe. Millions in the poor countries already face an unsustainable environmental hell, and the future of human civilization is in question. Species and critical ecosystems face degradation and collapse.

This is a moment to seize, a moment to begin to wrench the planet off the path of destruction that it is on.

We DO need to "change everything," to "bend the course of history," as the call for the September 21 march declares. **But what will it take to "change everything"?** Can that happen under this system, with *its* economics, *its* politics, and *its* priorities? It cannot. Because this capitalist system is the barrier to where we need to go. **To "change everything" we need revolution, nothing less!**

## The Capitalist-Imperialist System Is the Problem

We need the most scientific understanding of the physical processes of climate change, acidification, accelerating species extinctions, and the many intertwined manifestations of ecological destruction. But we ALSO need the most scientific understanding of why governments, countries, and those sitting in the world's seats of power are not addressing this insane trajectory in the ways that would be needed to actually stop and reverse it.

A global system of ruthless competition for profit among capitalists and among nation-states cannot and will not meet the needs of humanity. It cannot and will not stop waging wars and occupations that result in vast destruction and displacement. Nor can it safeguard the rich diversity of life on this planet.

The problem is bigger than "big oil"... bigger than "the corporations." Capitalism-imperialism is a whole profit-based system that treats people as objects of



Blocking Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC in protest of Keystone XL oil pipeline, March 2014.

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exploitation and the natural world as something to be grabbed and poured into production for profit. Fossil fuels are foundational to the *profitable functioning* of this system. And to its *strategic requirements*: the U.S. military, a military of empire, depends on oil; and great-power control over oil and natural gas and energy provides leverage over the world economy.

To capital, the destruction of Earth's atmosphere, the seas and rivers, the magnificent species populating the earth, are of no consequence in their drive to beat out rivals at the global level.

Capitalism is completely incapable of being a fit caretaker of the planet.

## Revolution Is the Only Viable Solution

The capitalist-imperialist system has brought us to the brink of catastrophe. Only the most radical revolution in human history—that liberates human beings and ends the ravaging of the planet—can cope with the environmental crisis on the scale and with the urgency required.

Bob Avakian has developed a strategy for real revolution and a vision and framework for a radically new state power. Communist revolution is about emancipating all of humanity. It is about enabling humanity to become the caretakers of the planet. The *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America (Draft Proposal)*, available at [revcom.us](http://revcom.us), which is inspired by Bob Avakian's new synthesis of communism, makes as one of the fundamental principles governing the new

society, “protecting, preserving, and enhancing the ecosystems and biodiversity of the planet for current and future generations.”

We need a very different kind of society and economy: with the means and orientation to prioritize the flourishing of human potential and to devote the necessary resources, creativity, and expertise to address the planetary environmental emergency.

It won't be easy. But this is our only chance of achieving a truly sustainable society—and beginning the process of restoring the ecosystems of the planet.

## **This Is Not a Pipe Dream, We Are Building a Movement for Revolution**

People often say the situation is too dire to “wait” for revolution, that we need something more “practical.” Yes, the situation is urgent, critical. But here is the question: Should we deal with this emergency by hoping for capitalism to “come to its senses”—or by putting an end to a system that in its blind and remorseless pursuit of profit has brought us to this precipice?

And we are not waiting! We are standing up and fighting back now. We *are* building a movement for this revolution.

## **Be True to Your Convictions—Don't Back Off**

To all those who care about the planet, and especially those coming out to September 21, we say: Be true to your convictions. Follow through on your principles to save the planet—whatever the obstacles, pressures, and difficulties. Don't lower your sights when you come up against the magnitude of what we are facing, or when the people running this system display their enormous power and ruthlessness.

If you are an activist, don't adapt to the so-called “realities of the system”—that you can't go beyond certain bounds. If you are a scientist, don't water down your findings and their implications because of pressures from industry, government, or academia.

This stand is a basic dividing line at a time when the future of the planet is at stake.

At the same time, the revolution will be there with

you: in the midst of important battles, standing side by side, and bringing our full revolutionary perspective into the swirl.

## **An Invitation**

We invite those of you searching for alternatives to this madness to learn about this revolution... and to become part of the movement for revolution:

- Come to **Revolution Books**, which will be hosting programs on the environmental crisis and encouraging dialogue and debate about the revolutionary way out.
- Check out the website [revcom.us](http://revcom.us), where you can learn about Bob Avakian's new synthesis of communism and the strategy for revolution... learn about how this movement for revolution is being built... and engage the most crucial questions confronting humanity.
- Get into the special issue of *Revolution* newspaper, *State of EMERGENCY: The Plunder of Our Planet, The Environmental Catastrophe, & the Real Revolutionary Solution* on [revcom.us](http://revcom.us).

We bring a passion to save the earth and emancipate world humanity into these protests and this movement.

- We invite people who feel the depth and urgency of the situation and who want to fight to save the planet to join the contingent we are building for September 21. The contingent will radiate with spirit, power, and internationalism that there is a way out, a way forward. Students, people from the oppressed communities, activists, and others will be marching under the slogan **Capitalism Is Destroying the Planet... We Need Revolution, Nothing Less.**

Let's start this dynamic of mutual struggle and engagement now, as we move toward September 21. Let's get an exciting process going; opening up all kinds of discussion, dialogue, and debate; learning from each other; testing out different ideas and perspectives; mobilizing millions. And not stop until we have truly changed the course of everything.

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