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Top: July 2007. An oil pipeline in Nigeria burned strong for 45 days and 45 nights, blanketing the village with ash and torching fields.

Center: June 2008. Child laborers in India carrying stones.

Bottom: May 2008. People detained for deportation at the U.S. border with Mexico.

## A Revolutionary Resolution:

# It Is Not Enough to “Do Good” in a Bad World... We Must Bring Into Being a **Whole Better World**

As you start the new year, scan the globe.

Start in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where U.S. drones rain death down on families in wars that grind on, seemingly without end.

Move down to the Congo, where political forces and militias—set up by and serving competing capitalist entities and governments—systematically rape women and girls so brutally that they can no longer hold their bladders or their bowels.

Look at the razing of the planet’s forests, the extermination of its species and the poisoning of its waters and air by corporations and militaries competing for dominance.

Cast your eyes into the concrete and broken-glass ghettos of the U.S., where Black and Latino youth as young as ten or twelve years old are daily brutalized by police.

Turn to the southern border of the U.S. where immigrants live in the shadows and in fear of being locked up and deported for nothing more than crossing the border in search of the means to survive.

Look to Washington, DC—the pulsing heart of the so-called beacon of “freedom” and “democracy”—and witness the ever-narrowing range of political discourse with its open fascists at the one end and an aggressively repressive and compromising-with-fascists president at the other.

In view of all this, we at *Revolution* newspaper will not be updating you on who was the best dressed in 2010, filling you in on the latest celebrity break-up, or predicting the 2011 trend-setting iPhone app. Nor will we be offering tips on how to take off the inches gained through the holidays or whether it is okay to exchange the gifts you got. We won’t EVEN be focusing on those admittedly much better resolutions about being a “better person” and “doing good” in this messed-up world.

Instead, we call your attention to something much less reported on and much less known, but also much bigger-hearted, much more global-minded, much more impactful than any of that. It is also something that we resolve—and hope you will join with us in resolving—to turn into something that cannot be ignored in 2011.

## A movement for revolution is struggling to be born...

It is this system that has got us in the situation we’re in today, and keeps us there. And it is through revolution to get rid of this system that we ourselves can bring a much better system into being. The ultimate goal of this revolution is communism: A world where people work and struggle together for the common good...Where everyone contributes whatever they can to society and gets back what they need to live a life worthy of human beings...Where there are no more divisions among people in which some rule over and oppress others, robbing them not only of the means to a decent life but also of knowledge and a means for really understanding, and acting to change, the world.

This revolution is both necessary and possible. This is the truth that is covered up and lied about, but we have the facts and the analysis to back this up.

This capitalist-imperialist system is in crisis...This system is bankrupt...This system is rotten to the core...This system is based on ruthless exploitation...This system commits so many monstrous crimes, and causes so much unnecessary suffering. We do not need to be sacrificing even more to “rescue” this system. This system needs to be swept aside...its crimes against humanity stopped cold...its institutions dismantled, and replaced by ones that empower people to build a new society free of exploitation and oppression.

It is true: now is not yet the time, in this country, to go all-out to seize the power away from those who rule over us and to bring a new power, serving our interests, into being. **But now IS the time to be WORKING FOR REVOLUTION—to be stepping up resistance while building a movement for revolution—to prepare for the time when it WILL be possible to go all out to seize the power.**

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