

# 2007 the Year in Struggle



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Washington, DC, November 16.



Jena, Louisiana, September 20.

The battle to Free the Jena 6—six Black high school youths persecuted for resisting racism—is shining a light on the reality of oppression today for Black people in America: On September 20, tens of thousands of people came from across the country to Jena, Louisiana to demand that the Jena 6 be freed. Nothing like this mobilization—has been seen in a long, long time. The battle to free these youth must continue and grow.

### 500,000 Copies of Revolution Special Issue Distributed

At a moment when people are urgently looking for and need genuinely revolutionary leadership, over 3,000 people participated in distributing over 500,000 copies of a special issue of *Revolution* about Bob Avakian: “The Crossroads We Face, The Leadership We Need.” This introduction to the leadership, body of work, and method and approach of RCP Chairman Bob Avakian spoke directly to the “conventional wisdom” which says that revolutionary change, socialism and communism are impossible.



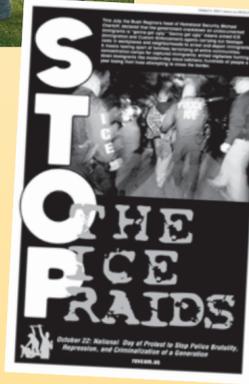
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### May First Immigrants Rights Marches

On May 1st, tens of thousands of immigrants demonstrated across the country, demanding an end to the government raids and deportations and legalization for million of undocumented immigrants. In Los Angeles, the LAPD viciously attacked an afternoon immigration rally at MacArthur Park. On May 17, a multinational group of thousands of people returned to MacArthur Park in defiance.



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**Anti-War Resistance:** January 27 saw anti-war protest of tens of thousands of people in Washington, DC; and on the weekend of March 16-18 tens of thousands marched in cities around the U.S. and the world to mark the fourth anniversary of the U.S. war on Iraq. High school and college students organized a national day of strikes against the war on February 15 and walkouts on March 20. On March 17, 20,000 converged for a march on the Pentagon demanding an immediate end to the war.

700 Students walk out at Lowell High School, San Francisco, February 15.



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Washington, DC, January 11

### Doctors Speak Out Against Complicity with Torture

In September, the prestigious British medical journal *The Lancet* published an open letter from 266 medical doctors, calling out the “U.S. medical establishment” for complicity in the torture and murder of prisoners in Guantánamo and elsewhere.

**The Call to Wear Orange:** In June, World Can't Wait launched a nationwide campaign calling for people to wear orange, with the challenge: “If you want the war to end, if you want the Bush regime driven out, if you’ve had enough of the torture and police-state laws: Declare It Now: Wear Orange!”

Photo: Ted Stein

### Attacks on Academic Freedom and Critical Thinking:

Radical professor Ward Churchill was fired from the University of Colorado in August, and in September DePaul Professor Norman Finkelstein stepped down after being denied tenure; both had faced vicious right-wing attacks on their scholarship and viewpoints. In October, David Horowitz launched an offensive on areas of academia that promote criticism of the “official narrative” of the U.S., with his Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week” (IFAW). On many campuses there was organized opposition.

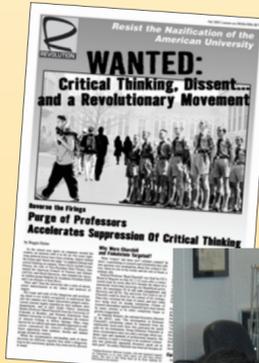


Photo: Activist Student Union at De Paul



June 11, Students sit-in at De Paul University.



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### The Oppression of Black People and the Revolutionary Struggle to End All Oppression

From a series of excerpts from writings and talks by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.



### New Series on Venezuela

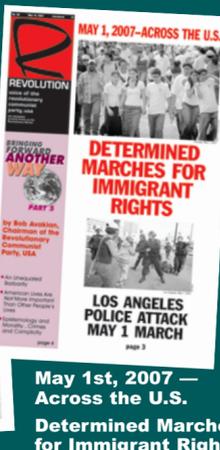
Hugo Chavez Has an Oil Strategy...But Can This Lead to Liberation?

This article by Maoist political economist Raymond Lotta is part of a fuller analysis being developed by a writing group about Hugo Chavez and what has been happening in Venezuela since Chavez came to power in 1998.



### U.S. Imperialism, Islamic Fundamentalism...and the Need for Another Way

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May 1st, 2007— Across the U.S. Determined Marches for Immigrant Rights



The Untold Story of the San Diego Fires

### Revolution Newspaper's Six-Month Expansion and \$500,000 Fund Drive:

In July, *Revolution* launched a drive to raise funds to greatly expand the newspaper's reach and influence and to improve the ability to send reporters to hotbeds of struggle and key stories around the world. From the fund drive broadsheet: “At a moment when much of humanity finds itself in a living hell, when the horror of the U.S. occupation of Iraq threatens to escalate into a war against Iran, and when the future of the planet itself is threatened, *Revolution* newspaper must be out there much more boldly and much more broadly—exposing what is going on, revealing why, and pointing to a revolutionary solution in the interests of the vast majority of humanity.”



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