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They are kept going not by a few men or some wrong-headed policies that can be easily switched out, **but by the system of capitalism-imperialism**. All this cries out NOT for the replacement of some men at the top of that system with some women, but for the overthrow of that system!

Think about it: women have headed up governments all over the world, from India to Germany, from Brazil to Britain (see “Women’s Waves’ of the Past: Know Your History—DON’T Repeat It!”). But has this fundamentally changed the conditions of the masses of women, or the people more generally, in any of these countries? NO! Why? Because no matter who gets put in that position, they have to play and govern by the rules of the system—or the system won’t function and likely they would be forced out before that.

The point is NOT to stop fighting. **The point is to see and wage that fight as part of something larger: making revolution, overthrowing (not reforming) this system, with the aim of emancipating all humanity.**

And the possibility of revolution is *real*. There is a *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America* which would be established as foundational law after the victorious revolution in this country and which clearly states the following in its preamble, as part of the fundamental principles of the new society:

The oppression of women arose together with the emergence of exploitative class divisions among human beings thousands of years ago, has been carried forward and become deeply entrenched in all societies ruled by exploiting classes, and was a marked feature of the imperialist United States of America and its domination and influence in the world. Abolishing and uprooting all this is one of the most important objectives of the New Socialist Republic in North America. This is expressed not only in full legal equality between women and men, but beyond that in the declared orientation and policy of this Republic to overcome all “tradition’s chains” embodied in traditional gender roles and divisions, and all the oppressive relations bound up with this, in every sphere of society, and to enable women, as fully as men, to take part in and contribute to every aspect of the struggle to transform society, and the world, in order to uproot and abolish all relations of oppression and exploitation and emancipate humanity as a whole.

That *Constitution* is the work of Bob Avakian, BA, who has brought forward a *new* communism and who leads the revolution in the U.S. As a critical part of this work, BA has done extensive and trailblazing work on the roots of the oppression of women, and the specific ways it is bound by a thousand threads to this capitalist system we live in today. He has critically drawn on past revolutionary experience, and developed a deeper understanding of what a socialist society must do to carry the fight further, *after revolution has been made*, in order to fully break every chain and emancipate all humanity. **If you are really serious about ending the oppression of women, and of all humanity, then you need to get into the revolution and you need to get into BA.**

Revolution will not be easy. It will involve tremendous effort and real sacrifices, facing twists and turns and solving a lot of complex problems; **but it IS possible.** (See *HOW WE CAN WIN—How We Can Really Make Revolution* from the Revolutionary Communist Party.) We can bring into being a new world, in which *all* of humanity could flourish. Join with those who have already set out on the road to do that!

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