Fascists stand for and are determined to intensify, to grotesque and hideous dimensions, every dimension of oppression and exploitation and all the horrors perpetrated by the system of capitalism-imperialism. Communists, and in particular the advocates of the new communism, are determined to put an end to all these horrors, and potentially even worse horrors, through the overthrow of the system of capitalism-imperialism and the abolition of all relations of exploitation and oppression, throughout the world.

Look at the 5 STOPS—fascists and communists, and in particular the advocates of the new communism, are on diametrically opposed sides of these crucial dividing lines: The fascists are determined to fortify and extend to even more monstrous proportions, and with potentially catastrophic consequences for humanity, all the horrors embodied in those 5 STOPS, while the communists, and in particular the advocates of the new communism, stand for and fight for precisely a STOP to all this.

Fascists base themselves on and actively promote blind adherence to hateful prejudice, willful ignorance and aggressive paranoia, in opposition to rational thinking and discourse, science and the scientific method. Communists, and in particular the advocates of the new communism, base themselves on and seek to apply the most consistent scientific method, including the importance of learning from and critically assimilating the insights, criticisms, etc. of others who disagree with or even ardently oppose them.
As pointed out in *Communism and Jeffersonian Democracy*, it is not that people calling
themselves communists have never acted in opposition to the basic principles of communism,
and it is not that there have been no shortcomings and errors, even some grievous errors, in the
history of the communist movement and socialist society; but a scientific approach and analysis
shows that this has not been the main trend and character of the communist movement and
socialist society led by communists; and the notion of communism as representing a “totalitarian
nightmare” is fundamentally in conflict with reality and is on the contrary the invention and
distortion of functionaries, enforcers and intellectual camp followers of the exploitative and
oppressive system of capitalism and imperialism, which the communist revolution aims to
overthrow and advance human society beyond, through the abolition of all
exploitation and oppression. (If anyone
is sincerely interested in actually understanding what is represented by
the “theory” of “totalitarianism,” and
in particular the use of this “theory” to
distort and slander what is represented
by communism, in *Democracy: Can’t We Do Better Than That?* they
can find a systematic discussion,
dissection and refutation of the basic thesis and methods in *The Origins of Totalitarianism* by Hannah Arendt, whose work is the most celebrated embodiment of this “theory” of “totalitarianism” and its use to distort and slander what is represented by communism.)

And, once again, there is the further, qualitative development of communism with the *new communism* which I have brought forward—which involves a scientific analysis and synthesis of the historical experience, positive and negative, of the communist movement and the first great wave of communist-led revolution and socialist society, and the significance of which is highlighted and concentrated in particular in the first of the Six Resolutions of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

*Go to www.revcom.us to read the Six Resolutions of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.*