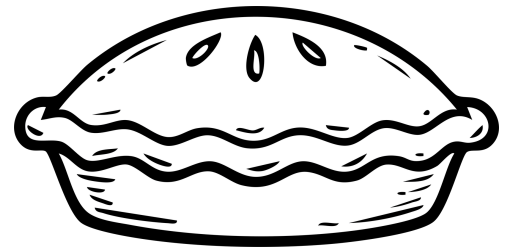


# Don't go for a slice of the American P.I.E.

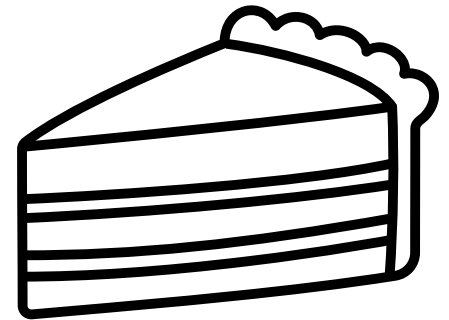
## Parasitic:

A country that benefits from the exploitation of people in other countries. Wealth is concentrated in finance, tech, real estate, and services, while much of the actual production goes on in the poorer countries of the world. And you don't have to think too much about the women in Bangladesh stitching your clothes, or the children in the Congo mining the cobalt that goes in your cell phones, or the schoolgirls in Iran blown apart because the U.S. wants to control the oil reserves and strategic trade routes of that region.



## Imperialist:

When the system of capitalism spreads its tentacles globally, super-exploiting the labor of people in other countries, far beyond the level of exploitation in the "home" country, and backed by massive military violence. A portion of these profits are used to bribe people in the imperialist country in order to maintain social stability. This is blood money.



## Economism:

Focusing mainly on the economic concerns of Americans.

**As Bob Avakian, revolutionary leader and author of the New Communism, put it:**

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In these social democrats today, like the DSA—Democratic Socialists of America—we see once again the attempt to actually build a movement based on imperialist parasitism; that is the heart of their “affordability” appeal. It’s not that the conditions of the masses of people, even in the middle class, let alone the bitterly exploited, should be ignored. It’s not that there are not real problems with that. But to try to base a movement to change society on “affordability” means that the changes you’re seeking are going to be very limited and are ultimately going to be incorporated within this parasitic imperialist system. So this is a fundamental distinction between social-democrats like the DSA, who are basically a part of and seeking to take over the Democratic Party as an instrument of imperialist rule, on the one hand, versus actual socialism and its ultimate aim of communism throughout the world.

The basic and profound truth is that this system of capitalism-imperialism cannot be “reformed”—it cannot somehow be made into a just system acting in the interests of the masses of humanity.

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**The system that is viciously exploiting and murdering people around the world... is the same system that is immiserating so many people in this country.**

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