

Truth is Revolutionary

Thinking people choose to guide their political awareness and activity by one of two basic assumptions: coercion, force, slavery and oppression are acceptable or they are not. Human society is either driven by mutual aid or some form of predation. Examples of both abound throughout history and among personal relationships. One is sustainable and beneficial and facilitates the flowering of all things good and the other drags our world towards demise, destroying life and making it miserable instead of joyous and creative.

Amerika or Empire or Predator or whatever you want to call it, is the quintessential enslaver of this Earth. It's Hitler's dream come true. A white, ultra capitalist/Christian power dominates and acts as Naziesque enforcer. To some, this is a good thing and they develop elaborate systems to justify it and obfuscate the truth. To them, slavery is freedom and war is peace. Every second of all of our lives is bombarded with their propaganda, mixed with threats and countless examples of what can happen to you, if you don't go along with the program. The world gets bombs and we get bars. Their object is to kill hope of a better world, while reveling in obscene wealth and the "thrill" of oppressing humanity. I'm talking about the men behind the curtains – the policymakers. They may even have bought into the propaganda that they are doing the opposite – helping humanity. Paul Wolfowitz, recently appointed to the U.S. dominated World Bank, claims this group is interested in "ending poverty" when in fact, it does the opposite.

This makes for a deeply pathological society. The murder of tens of thousands, even millions of people is outside judicial prosecution, as committed under the aegis of the State, as is the theft of hundreds of billions of dollars by them and their corporate sponsors. Street crime, on the other hand, is viciously prosecuted to the point where we now have 25% of the world's prisoner population -2.2 million souls - warehoused in dreadful torture chambers, where rape, violence and disease are pandemic. It's domestic oppression of the highest order. Abu Ghraib and Cook County Jail have similar objectives and tactics. They're meant to keep the poor people down! The punishment industry is ground zero in the war, here in the States. The most oppressed are also the most knowledgeable and insightful and that's why I work closely with them. I want to learn and disseminate the truth – to do my part.

Prisoners are classified as slaves, sanctioned by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which we've been told was meant to abolish slavery! This is the implementation of policy to neutralize the threat from the oppressed communities. Young Blacks have had their very existence criminalized. One third of *all* Black men in their twenties are either incarcerated, on probation or on parole. In some cities, this figure is well over 50%. Even the staid incarceration experts in the universities call it a "frenzy to incarcerate." It's a holocaust situation and most non-Black people don't even know or care. That's demented. A similar situation is forced upon others who aren't willing to be brainwashed and plugged obediently into the system, such as Native Americans, Spanish speaking people and young

people. But, there is no such thing as “white people” and we too are human beings who should demand our own self-respect and not whore ourselves out to such hideous bullies. We’re oppressed too, as wage-slaves, taxpayers and drones. A vacuous, hedonistic, materialist culture is a shameful price to pay for acquiescence.

Arrest, prosecution and incarceration are specifically very arbitrary, yet as policy, very effective in “maintaining order.” With a million laws on the books, every single law-abiding person breaks many laws every single day and could be engaged because of them for the rest of their lives, if the authorities so decide to target them. The laws are also heavily weighted as to class and race. Poor people can’t afford a lawyer, so they go to prison. Rich people “pull strings” or hire a slick lawyer to argue or buy their way out. If convicted, these few rich people receive light sentences and they serve them in minimum security prisons. The laws are specifically and virulently racist, as well. Crack cocaine, which the government flooded the Black communities with, as it did heroin earlier, is not only extremely debilitating, but is prosecuted 100 times more harshly than the powder cocaine, affluent whites prefer. Five grams of crack garners the same mandatory sentence as 500 grams of powder.

So, even though there are five times as many white, illegal drug users than Blacks, five times as many Blacks end up in prison because of them. That’s a twenty-five times conviction rate, depending on the color of your skin. A similar situation exists for other “crimes.” Malcolm X once said: “Show me a capitalist and I’ll show you a bloodsucker!” Well, the bloodsuckers have moved their factories from the U.S. first to Mexico and now on to places like China for super sweatshop exploitation, in their never-ending drive to maximize profits, gut unions, reduce wages and benefits, and so forth. As Clinton implemented Reaganomics by gutting welfare, launching NAFTA and doubling the prison populations (after Reagan and Bush Sr. quadrupled them) illegal drugs became a fundamental source of income for those left in the ‘hood. “Lawlessness” is rampant, not unlike the prohibition era of the twenties. Drug dragnets and surveillances focus on the Black community, not colleges or white suburbia, hence the Black community is basically under police occupation, in their destitution. You can see it even in traffic courts, where the vast majority of the defendants are Black or Brown. They’re “guilty” of DWB – driving while black! Prisons and war are about the only “growth industries” left!

Around the world, the U.S. continuously unleashes unrelenting tyranny and genocide upon the people, plants and animals of our planet. Tens of millions of people have been murdered throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas these last several decades by the U.S. military or their trained and supplied local underlings. Billions of our fellow humans suffer at the brink of starvation, while vast amounts of food are fed to cows and otherwise wasted. They even have laws against retrieving thrown away food and providing it to those who need it in this country! With a mere 4 ½% of the world’s population, the U.S. nonetheless usurps 30% of the world’s resources. Yet, tens of millions of people are impoverished here in the U.S. and live in destitution, without medical insurance, decent housing, and so

forth, while the few mega-capitalists graduate from millionaires to billionaires. It’s the “profanity of reality.” Recently, Bechtel, one of the primary corporations pushing this war in Iraq, tried to corner the market on water in the destitute country of Bolivia and only left when the whole country rose in outrage. That’s sick!

Genuine, empowering, life-affirming education is all but non-existent, even to those who can afford it or know how to access it cheaply. People don’t want to have to open up Pandora’s Box and face reality square in the face. Dealing with the unavoidable conclusions is too scary. Fear, like during Stalin’s tyranny, is almost physically palpable. The militarization of policing, surveillance, the often mandatory heavy sentencing for minor infractions, preventive detention, the massive police presence at demonstrations, the infiltration of activist groups, etc., makes a serious commitment to social justice work dangerous. They isolate activists from citizens and lump all their enemies together as “terrorists” or worse, “anarchists.”

They say the first victims of war are the children and the truth. Recently, it was reported that since the latest U.S. invasion of Iraq (2003), twice as many children there are dying of starvation and preventable diseases. Brutal occupation is now “liberation.” The phony reason of “weapons of mass destruction” has been twisted to mean a benevolent project to bring “Democracy” to these people treated as political children. Yet, Iraq is the cradle of civilization, not post WW II America. This latest “shock and awe” war comes after a devastating, otherworldly, fish-in-a-barrel, infrastructure destroying war in 1991 and twelve years of monstrous sanctions that snuffed out the lives out of several hundred thousand Iraqi children – 6,000 per month, which to the now celebrated former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, was “worth it.” Think of that, a high administration official endorsing massive, decade-long infanticide! Idi Amin has nothing on these mass killers!

The whole world fears and loathes the U.S. with very good reason. They can see the polar ice caps melting and the Amazon “lungs of the Earth” being asphyxiated. They’ve seen the U.S. unleash nuclear war on Japan, Iraq and Serbia, without a hint of remorse. They’ve seen the many U.S.-trained death squad regimes ply their gruesome trade in East Timor, El Salvador, Vietnam, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, the Middle East, throughout Africa etc., etc. They’ve seen brutal dictatorships in the Philippines, Indonesia, throughout South America and everywhere else, propped up, trained and protected by the U.S. – as long as slave labor and cheap goods torrent back to the U.S., not to benefit the American people, but to be plugged into the rip-off, slave system of U.S. capitalism. These realities scream for world revolution! The rest of the world can’t do it by themselves, as long as we keep aiding and abetting the Bushes and Cheney’s of this world. For, even though Vietnam was able to force the U.S. to withdraw in ignominious defeat, the economic system of U.S.-based world capitalism survived, regrouped and expanded. We have a fundamental responsibility as world citizens and it’s only fair that we hold up our end. Cowardice in the face of such cataclysmic danger is the lowest form of life.

The war on the world has indeed come home. September 11th was surprising in its shocking effectiveness juxtaposed against a uniquely politically oblivious general

population (heavily sedated with brainwash and drugs) as well as being one of the few retaliatory actions taken against the U.S. who has generated such suffering and misery in this world. Trillions of dollars spent on “defense” and the U.S. could do nothing for the hour and a half while these spectacular events were unfolding on live t.v.? Yet, they knew everything about these guys in the next day’s newspapers. By sheer coincidence, I suppose, the Patriot Act and plans for the invasion of Iraq, were all prepped and ready to go. Mass psychology and manipulation have been raised to a science by these aggressors and we are being asked to pay for their bloodthirstiness, offer our sons and daughters as their cannon fodder and rat out those around us who are not white enough or who have the courage of genuine morality and attempt to resist the government in some form or other. Even just a free skool type educator like myself, has been under surveillance. I have had some of my group’s meetings infiltrated. Anarchist education is a no-no.

Why take the risk to challenge this seemingly all-powerful State? I’d answer because to do so is the ultimate expression of our humanity, based on truth and justice. Like all other animals, we’re social creatures, who for survival, must band together to fight off predators. It’s empowering to overcome our fear and join others doing the same. It’s an incredible education and very life-affirming. It needs to be done. The whole world is relying on the American people to come out of their stupor and lethargy to throw off these monsters catapulting all of us towards extinction. America has shown it is vulnerable to such a commitment to consciousness and action, as shown by the upheavals of the sixties and early seventies. Outside countries, such as Korea, Vietnam and others have even fought the U.S. to a draw or defeated them, on the battlefield. All previous predatory empires have gone down, especially when the home front people refuse to be their killers and jailors. Our children and their children *demand* that we act!

Understanding and resistance to the Bush regime is increasing. Young people are less likely to be suckered into signing their lives away to the military, as they see so many being killed, maimed &/or otherwise ruined by signing up. As the government steps up their coercive, lie-based offensive against Americans, more people will feel the need to learn the truth. As people like Ward Churchill are being targeted, folks can peck into the internet and see who is being honest about things. It’s a crucial time in history where the fate of the Earth literally hangs in the balance. Depending on our resolve and level of effectiveness to rid humanity of these arch-criminals, rests the fate of life, itself. The truth is revolutionary.

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