

A “Wave”—of Hype and Delusion? Or What Humanity Needs: an ACTUAL Revolution!

To all those who have come out to the Women’s March angry and anguished about what is happening to women and to all the billions of people all over the planet...

You are being played. This march will take you nowhere—at least nowhere good. We do not need a “wave” that will end up washing our anger and desire to fight back into the confines of the very system that causes the problems in the first place. ***We need an actual revolution.***

All over the world, women aspire to break free from the shackles of male domination. They increasingly demand to be treated as full human beings in every sphere. Yet they are being slammed back on every front, and misled and misdirected by those claiming to stand for them.

It is no wonder that women dress as “handmaids” to protest when:

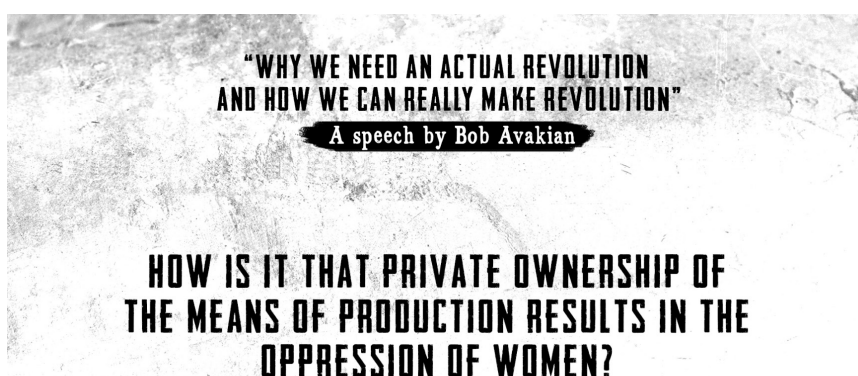
- the most fundamental right of a woman to decide if and when she will bear a child is being actively repressed by governments worldwide, with the U.S. Supreme Court increasingly infested with justices who intend to overturn this basic right;
- one in three women will be victims of sexual or physical assault at some point in their lives;
- tens of millions of women and children are bought and sold in the multi-billion dollar global enterprise of sex trafficking;
- hundreds of millions of women are trapped in virtual slave labor, working in sweatshops or in fields, or as maids, where sexual harassment and assault is the price of survival; other hundreds of millions in better jobs, or more professional situations and the arts, or in schools likewise face discrimination, harassment, abuse and assault, as has been graphically brought out in the past year;
- social relations between men and women in every sphere, from the home to the culture as a whole, are saturated with putrid male supremacy and “guy culture”;
- Dark Age religious fundamentalists with their even more openly repressive attacks on women have increasingly metastasized into the ruling cliques in a number of major countries—with the Trump/Pence fascist regime as a prime example.

But everywhere—including at the “Women’s March”—we are deluged with triumphalist bullshit in the face of this intensifying horror. Women’s March 2019 proclaims with great pride that “The 2017 Women’s March inspired hundreds of women to run, millions more to vote, and dozens to win elected office”; and that “The 2019 Women’s March marks two years of resistance to the Trump Presidency, two years of training new activists, and two years of building power, and this time we are coming back with an agenda.”

This idea that if you just get involved in working inside the system you can make a difference is a very old worn-out scam, but it gets refashioned every time people rise up, every time they hunger for change. It is the number one way to deceive and confuse people into thinking that this system can be made to work for the good of the masses of people.

It cannot. The oppression of women is stitched into the fabric of capitalism-imperialism, and you cannot fundamentally eliminate the one without getting rid of the other. Go to www.revcom.us to find out *why* this is so. These horrors, among many more, are completely unnecessary at this stage in history.

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At one of the Q&A sessions for the speech, Bob Avakian gets into WHY you cannot eliminate the oppression of women without revolution. Watch this clip and the whole speech, and listen to all the Q&As online at: www.revcom.us

Q&A with Bob Avakian