Three Strikes...

by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA

The book by Michelle Alexander,

The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration
in the Age of Colorblindness, has
shined a bright and much needed light
on the reality of profound injustice at
the very core of this country.

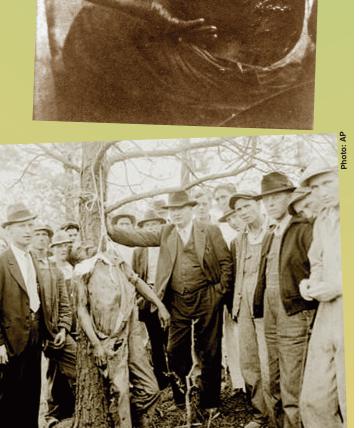
And this brings me back to a very basic point:

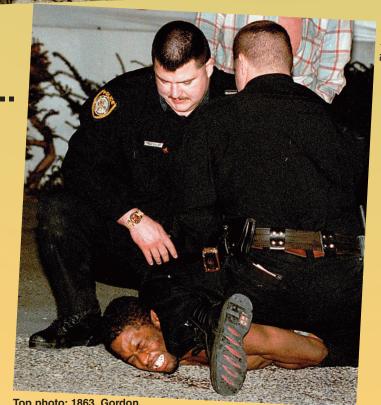
This system, in this country, in the whole history of its treatment of Black people, what has it been?

First, Slavery... Then, Jim Crow—segregation and Ku Klux Klan terror...
And now, The New Jim Crow—police brutality and murder, wholesale criminalization and mass incarceration, and legalized discrimination yet again.

That's it for this system:

Three strikes and you're out!





Top photo: 1863, Gordon, an escaped slave from Mississippi. Middle photo: 1936, the lynching of 45-year-old Lint Shaw, Royston, Georgia. Bottom photo: 1997, Martinsburg, West Virginia.