

Blueprint for a Slow Revolution

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Paraphrasing Michael Bakunin:

The inconceivable must become the usual, the impossible possible and the possible and usual unthinkable.

It is a war for **reality**, fought with heat-seeking memes, advanced algorithms, the first crude uses of artificial intelligence.

Ideas are the new currency; those who control the flow of information dictate priorities, command power and influence.

The monolithic ubiquity of capitalism. Vast and unassailable, insinuating itself into every crack and cranny, polluting and contaminating everything it touches.

Goodbye: rule of law, rain forests, affordable healthcare, independent judiciary, gender parity, collective bargaining, diversity, art, culture, wise women, science, spirituality, clean air, renewable energy, safe streets, fresh food, potable water, bald eagles & swift foxes.

Unless...

You say you want a Revolution? Something to Occupy yourselves with? What's your time frame?

Do you have the patience and courage to achieve your aims *via* stealth and cunning? In short, are you in this for the **long haul**?

A call for human agents, infiltrators, Fifth Columnists, saboteurs.

Seizing the reins of power over the next twenty-thirty years, supplanting and discrediting the **technocrats** and **drones** currently in charge.

A workforce made up of (potentially) tens of thousands of **Bradley Mannings** or **Eddie Snowdens**, moles operating under *deep cover*, eager to do their part, ready and willing to serve the Cause.

Deliberately steering capitalism toward rocky shoals, shifting its ponderous bulk in small increments, all but undetectable to the naked eye. Humanizing an economic system that places little value on **life** or **liberty**, throwing ourselves into the works, if necessary, like Charlie Chaplin in "Modern Times", refusing to allow the indifferent gears to grind on relentlessly.

Instead of mindless marches and sloganeering, subject the System to "death by a thousand cuts" by identifying and facilitating the very reforms that will bring us closer to that just and harmonious society we all **claim** to desire:

mandatory term limits equitable distribution of resources
universal education

proportional representation election spending reforms
sustainable growth

environmental stewardship religious tolerance
freedom of information

guaranteed income subsidized low-income housing
transparency in governance

reduced military spending decentralized administration
corporate responsibility

Peel off those **balACLAVAS**, take down your tents and temporary barricades. You are only offering yourselves up to be slaughtered like the Communards...or rendered irrelevant by the latest celebrity wedding or comic book movie.

There is no nobility in **futility**.

Action and/or violence without any expectation of change is nihilism. (Nihilism = Defeatism)

Are you prepared to sacrifice short-term agendas,
meaningless gestures and ridiculous posturing in favor of
the bigger picture?

Time to grow up, get a job, establish a legitimate identity.

Rise through the ranks, achieve a position of authority.
Wait for the call.

The insurgency attacks from *within*--become the rats
scuttling between the walls, undermining the foundations,
working ceaselessly, secretly. Cells and cadres; discreet
signals on compromised streets.

Soon...soon...

The Machine needs cogs.

Do not be a cog.

The Machine is vulnerable.

Act like you can be trusted.

The Machine can be reprogrammed.

We'll teach it **poetry**, and how to **dance**.