

“WHAT TO THE SLAVE IS YOUR FOURTH OF JULY?”

**July 4th Picnics—
Building the
Revolutionary
Struggle Against
All Forms of
Slavery Today—
And Raising
Funds to Get
the Word Out On
Revolutionary
Leader Bob
Avakian (BA)
Everywhere
Come one! Come all!
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In 1852, the escaped slave and freedom fighter Frederick Douglass gave a powerful, historic speech condemning the hypocrisy of America. Douglass exposed how the vaunted “greatest democracy in the world” had built its wealth on the enslavement of Africans and their descendants, and called for the abolition of this slavery.

Today, 162 years later, chattel slavery is no longer the law of the land (though millions worldwide are still enslaved, in ways that indirectly and often directly feed into and benefit the American empire). Yet today...

From those millions of Black and Latino youth put in a pipeline to prison the hour they are born... to the women who, even if they do not find themselves among the millions and even billions directly trafficked or raped or brutalized or denied the rights to abortion and birth control still suffer the consequences of those practices and like all women must every day walk a gauntlet of potential abuse and danger...

From the immigrants, here and around the world, driven by a desperate need to work to risk their lives in the deserts and oceans to then live in the shadows for the “chance” to be bitterly exploited... to the billions overall, whose very lives are funneled into amassing huge wealth for the imperialists while they themselves scrape for survival...

From those who suffer the horrors of America’s invasions, proxy wars, and drone strikes... to the way in which humanity as a whole faces an environmental catastrophe for which capitalism, in its mad pursuit for profit, has no other recourse but to make it worse...

...for all these, and for those whose hearts beat in empathy with them, America’s July 4th boasts are *still* nothing but mockery and hypocrisy. July 4th this year must NOT be a holiday to celebrate *their* revolution but a time to seize to build for the REVOLUTION we need now, at the earliest possible time, to get rid of their instruments of power and bring in a whole new world, free of all forms of slavery, all exploitation, and all the rotten institutions and ideas that go with the system of capitalism and prop it up.

This July 4th, come to a picnic to raise funds to get the word out on the revolutionary leader Bob Avakian (BA). Bob Avakian has taken the theory of revolutionary communism to a new level and has developed a way to actually overcome this madness. And, BA provides the practical leadership to the vanguard of the revolution we need, the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

In commemoration of Douglass’ speech—and in recognition of the fact that, as BA writes in *Basics*, “**There would be no United States as we know it today without slavery.** That is a simple and basic truth.”—these picnics and other activities will raise two slogans:

**WHAT TO A SLAVE IS YOUR FOURTH OF JULY?
WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT SLAVERY IN ANY FORM!**

Along with the food, fun and culture that will be provided, you will be able to actively engage with why we need a revolution, with what BA has brought forward in relation to that, and with how we actually prepare the ground, prepare the people and prepare the vanguard TO get ready for the time when millions can be led to go for revolution, all-out, with a real chance to win. You will be able to find out about the BA Everywhere campaign, as well as crucially important struggles that are being waged to end the mass incarceration of Black and Latino people, and to end the degradation and oppression of women.

Who should come to these celebrations? EVERYONE WHO HATES THE MODERN-DAY FORMS OF ENSLAVEMENT THAT CHAIN PEOPLE DOWN, AND HUNGERS FOR A BETTER WORLD... EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SEE A *REAL* FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH... EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO HEAR ABOUT REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BRING THAT WORLD, AND THAT FUTURE, INTO BEING!

To find out more about tickets, OR about how you can help: