

Addenda #7 – June 2025
Continuation of the Revolution

➤ *A History of Protests*

In *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels laid out the theory and history of class warfare, pitting the working class (proletariat) against the property-owning ruling class (bourgeois). Marx said all of existing society was a “history of class struggles”, with the classes in constant opposition and continually fighting against each other. Marx gave several historical examples of these struggles, noting that these “open fights” ideally end in a revolutionary “reconstitution” of society.

The way to win this class struggle, according to Marx, was to abolish private property rights of the ruling class only. This would lead to an end of the capitalist society, which according to Marx and Engels is responsible for the inequalities between the classes. Over the past 177 years since *The Communist Manifesto* was written, there have been a number of periods during which supporters of Marxism have attempted to initiate the revolutionary “reconstitution” of society.

The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.

Ch. IV, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, 1847

The counterculture movement of the 1960’s and early 1970’s was responsible for significant change in society, and protests were commonly used to affect these changes. Protests of the civil rights movement, women’s rights, and the Vietnam War were common, and frequently turned violent. There were great societal changes, but capitalism remained the dominant economic system. Student activists who participated in demonstrations and protests in this era eventually became part of the society they once protested against. The majority went on to get married, raise families, advance in their careers and become satisfied with the lives they were living. The idealism and beliefs about affecting positive change and creating a better world faded, as their happiness and contentment with their own lives grew stronger. But still, there were economic and financial challenges that threatened the happiness, success and quality of life for many. Student protests of the 60s and 70s collapsed and in the 1980s, students advocated for change behind-the-scenes, in peaceful but more effective ways.

Frustrated by a decade of low economic growth, high inflation, high interest rates, foreign policy failures and energy crises, Americans elected a new president in 1980, and the country embraced a new movement towards conservatism. Over the decade that followed, the United States experienced an economic expansion often referred to as “the Reagan Boom.” After a brief recession at the beginning of the decade, the 1990’s saw a continuation of economic growth fueled by low energy prices, and job growth created from the rise of the internet and widespread use of personal computers.

The sudden end of the internet boom known as the “dot-com bubble” collapse, was followed by the September 11 terror attacks, the housing bubble collapse, the financial crisis and “Great Recession.” The decade of the 2000s was one of the worst for the U.S. economy since the Great Depression. During this “lost decade”, American workers suffered through a period of zero job growth and falling incomes. If the decade of the 2000s was the “lost decade” for American workers and families, the 2010s was even worse. Recovery from the Great Recession was one of the slowest economic recoveries on record and Americans still struggled to find jobs, increase their wages and rebuild the personal wealth they lost.

The complacency of the previous two decades was shattered and class warfare suddenly resurfaced. The “Occupy Wall Street” movement beginning in September 2011 brought the progressive left together once again to challenge the power of capitalism. Reigniting the fight against economic inequality, the “99 percenters” raged against big banks, corporate greed and political corruption in the U.S., Canada and Europe and received support from labor unions, the Hollywood elite and prominent Democrat politicians. Although the Occupy movement lasted five years, it lacked significant funding and an organized agenda. As a movement, Occupy was never effective enough to spark any true institutional changes.

Environmental protests began with the first Earth Day in 1970 and many positive changes for the planet came from a growing public awareness of what people, corporations and governments had done to our water, land and atmosphere. The Kyoto Protocol, was signed by 84 member nations of the U.N. including the United States in December 1997. This agreement committed countries that signed it to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but due to the terms of ratification, the protocol did not enter into force until 2005. Through the years, there were many organized protests, but it wasn’t until 2009 that one of these idealistic protests erupted in violence.

At the 2009 U.N. climate summit in Copenhagen, hundreds of youths dressed in black and wearing balaclavas, hoods and masks threw bricks and fireworks, smashed windows and damaged property until police in riot gear intervened and arrested about 400 rioters. Police identified those arrested as being members of violent anti-government, anti-capitalism militant groups known as “Black Blocs.” The rally to support U.N. leaders meeting to discuss how to fight climate change, was just an excuse for anarchists to create chaos and violence. Climate protests continued to occur and become more organized. The tactics of “civil disobedience” became the primary method of demonstrators, who changed from marching peacefully and singing songs, to sabotage and vandalizing public and private property.

Andreas Malm, an associate professor of human ecology at Lund University in Sweden, published a book in 2021 titled, *How to Blow Up a Pipeline*. We need, he argued, to force fossil fuel extraction to stop—with our actions, with our bodies, and by defusing and destroying its tools. “We need, in short, to start blowing up some oil pipelines.” It should come as no surprise that Lund is a member of the Swedish Socialist party, *Socialist Politics*, and expressed his support of the “heroic armed resistance in Gaza” and his “tears of joy” following the Hamas attacks against Israel on 7 October 2023.

➤ 2020 - *The Revolution Reemerges*

In 2020, there were a series of racially involved killings which brought global attention to the group *Black Lives Matter*. BLM was formed by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi following the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin in 2012 and the subsequent acquittal of George Zimmerman in 2013. The publicized intent of *#BlackLivesMatter* was to spread awareness about systemic racism and police brutality, but the real backgrounds of the co-founders were revealed in a July 23, 2015 interview with Jared Ball from *The Real News Network*. Responding to a question from Ball, Cullors replied, “The first thing, I think, is that we actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular, are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super-versed on, sort of, ideological theories.”

The murder of George Floyd by a white police officer in May 2020, triggered a wave of nationwide protests over the next sixteen months, many of them resulting in looting, rioting, arson and property damage. The protests, facilitated by the Black Lives Matter movement, led to more than 14,000 arrests, \$1-2 billion in property damage and 19 deaths. The Major Cities Chiefs Association *Report on the 2020 Protests & Civil Unrest*, reviewed protests in 68 largest municipal and county jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. The report categorized protests as, Peaceful and Lawful, Peaceful but Unlawful and Violent Protests. The report noted that groups and individuals, including professional and paid anarchists, exploited the protests and engaged in and incited violence.

The report turned up evidence of coordinated looting, blowing up ATM machines, and identified groups providing truckloads of helmets, shields, gas masks, fireworks and other weapons to anarchists that infiltrated the protests, that were used against police. The report said that violent protesters often used a front line of peaceful protesters as “human shields” while they assaulted officers with thrown objects, and threw firebombs behind the officers so that they could be trapped between barriers built by the mob and the flames. While BLM and network news media outlets called the protests, “mostly peaceful”, forty-two percent (3,692 of the 8,700 reported protests) involved “unlawful acts of civil disobedience”, including 2,385 incidents of looting and 624 incidents of arson, including 97 police vehicles burned. More than 2,035 law enforcement officers were injured at the protests and riots during the time frame studied. The most common weapon used by the rioters against officers in the reporting cities and counties were thrown projectiles, including rocks, bricks, glass bottles, and frozen water bottles.

The “trained Marxist” Black Lives Matter organizers were clearly responsible for much of the violence at these events. In a January 16, 2018 interview with left-wing radio show *Democracy Now*, Cullors spoke about her relationship with the Labor Community Strategy Center, which has been described as “a radical-left organizing group” that was founded in 1989 by Eric Mann. Cullors described Mann as “an old friend” and her mentor. Eric Mann (an avowed communist revolutionary), was a regional coordinator of the Students for a Democratic Society in the 1960’s, and a member of the radical left-wing domestic terrorist group, the Weather Underground in the 1970’s. (Ref: Addenda #2 – January)

➤ 2025 – *The Revolution Escalates*

When Donald Trump took the oath of office of the president in January 2025, he immediately began implementing his plans for the apprehension and deportation of criminal illegal immigrants, which was part of his 2024 campaign platform. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agents began systematic raids in cities across the country and in the first 100 days of the Trump presidency, federal law enforcement officials arrested 66,463 illegal aliens and deported 65,682 of them. The news release on the ICE website stated that 3 in 4 arrests were criminal illegal aliens, so 49,846 illegals who have previously been accused or convicted of weapon offenses, DUI's, DWI's, assault, sexual assault, rape, pornography and murder. ICE also arrested more than 2,200 known gang members from Tren de Aragua, MS-13, 18th Street and other gangs.

But liberals and the Progressive Left didn't care that accused and convicted criminals were being taken off the streets of American cities, protecting American citizens. Instead, they screamed that ICE raids were causing "fear and panic" and doing damage to the economy because migrant workers picking crops, fast food workers and construction workers are being removed from the work force. Translation: California and other sanctuary states rely on cheap immigrant labor to provide goods and services to the wealthy elites that live there, and we can't allow them to be inconvenienced by any disruption of those goods and services. Democrat politicians of southern states fought federal government efforts under Abraham Lincoln to free the slaves, because of the effects that would have on the agricultural economy of the south. They're *still* playing 'plantation politics' 160 years later.

On Friday morning, June 6, ICE agents were making targeted arrests of illegal immigrants in downtown Los Angeles, as well as raiding several businesses that were involved in providing documentation to illegal immigrants. Protestors attacked federal ICE and law enforcement officers on LA streets, slashed tires, vandalized buildings and surrounded and attempted to break into the Federal Building. Democrat politicians "villainized and demonized" ICE law enforcement, further emboldening violence by the protestors.

➤ *Anarchists Take Over*

Protestors picked up where they left off the following day, continuing to assault federal agents, L.A. Police and California Highway Patrol officers with rocks, bricks, commercial grade fireworks and Molotov cocktails. Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass continued to ramp up the violent rhetoric, calling for "unity and solidarity" and claiming the raids were "political retribution" against the Democrat residents of the city. Demonstrators followed up her calls for resisting ICE immigration actions by blocking the freeway, setting self-driving taxis on fire, and vandalizing and looting buildings. President Trump resorted to federalizing and deploying 1,700 members of the California National Guard and activating 700 U.S. Marines to secure and protect federal agents and property. Once again, politicians and mainstream media called what was going on in Los Angeles, "spontaneous outrage" and "mostly peaceful protests", reminiscent of the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020.

But it wasn't only the descriptions of the protests that seemed familiar. Individuals wearing balaclavas and masks were responsible for the violence that resulted from the protests. LA Police Chief Jim McDonald stated in a press conference, "'When I look at the people who are out there doing the violence, that's not the people that we see here in the day who are out there legitimately exercising their 1st Amendment rights. These are people who are all hooded up — they've got a hoodie on, they've got face masks on. They're people that do this all the time," he said. "They get away with whatever they can. Go out there from one civil unrest situation to another, using the same or similar tactics frequently. And they are connected. Some would call them anarchists..." Just like the Copenhagen rioting in 2009 and the Black Lives Matter rioting in 2020, the L.A. riots of 2025 are a rallying point for well-funded, well-coordinated professional Marxist agitators who want to continue the attempt to create chaos and create "societal change."

➤ *Leaders of the Revolution Today*

> L.A. Mayor Karen Bass – Bass was a participant in the Venceremos Brigade, formed by officials of the Republic of Cuba and the Students for a Democratic Society, a left-wing student activist group, in the late 1960's. An October 1975 edition of the communist *Daily World* newspaper described Bass as the "leader of the Venceremos Brigade in southern California." Bass, who made several trips to Cuba, often praised Fidel Castro and called his death in 2016, "a great loss to the people of Cuba."

> Unión del Barrio – Unión del Barrio (UdB) is an independent political organization which advocates for "immigrant rights" and social justice. UdB members patrol the streets of California cities, identifying and trying to disrupt ICE raids on illegal immigrants. Ron Gochez, the leader of Unión del Barrio, has openly called for a revolution aimed at reclaiming land from what he describes as "white racist people." At a 2007 La Raza rally at UCLA, Gochez laid out the agenda of Unión del Barrio. "... The land where we now stand is stolen, occupied Mexico... these frail, racist white people want to keep us out of this country... but this is not just about Mexico. This is a global struggle against imperialism and capitalism. At the forefront of this revolutionary movement is La Raza."

So we know that Unión del Barrio is a revolutionary organization leading the fight against capitalism and imperialism, the same revolution supported by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. But who is UdB founder Ron Gochez? After receiving his master's in education from UCLA, Gochez became a teacher in the L.A. public school system. According to the California Teachers Association website, "Ron Gochez embodies dedication to education, social justice and community empowerment. As a teacher at LA's Maya Angelou High School and advisor to the MEChA club, he has mentored thousands of students, fostering pride in their cultural heritage and active citizenship." So, Gochez is indoctrinating impressionable young adults with his anti-capitalism, anti-imperialism, anti-police, anti-Zionist, anti-*frail, racist white people* views. Gochez and hundreds of other similar educators in the Los Angeles Unified School District, will continue to "mentor" thousands more students to continue this "revolutionary movement" and keep "identity politics" alive.

> The Party for Socialism and Liberation – The Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) is a radical-left socialist political party with ties to the Chinese Communist Party, based in San Francisco, California. In addition to running presidential candidates in the 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 elections, PSL operates online news magazines, newspapers and a website promoting radical-left ideology. PSL has publicly supported Communist dictators such as Vladimir Lenin and Mao Zedong, has been active in anti-police protests since 2020 and has participated in a number of pro-Palestine protests in 2024.

On August 2011, a document was posted on the PSL website titled, *For the defense of China against counterrevolution, imperialist intervention and dismemberment*. The opening paragraph of the document said, “The Chinese [Cultural] Revolution of 1925 to 1949 was one of the greatest events and achievements in the history of the working-class struggle for emancipation.” This revolution led by the Chinese Communist Party, that PSL praised resulted in political persecution, repression of the Chinese people and eventually Mao’s “Great Leap Forward” agricultural policy, which was responsible for the worst manmade famine in human history, in which an estimated 40 million people died of hunger.

The Mission Statement of the PSL begins with, “The Party for Socialism and Liberation believes that the only solution to the deepening crisis of capitalism is the socialist transformation of society... The idea that the capitalists’ grip on society and their increasingly repressive state can be abolished through any means other than a revolutionary overturn is an illusion.”

> The ANSWER Coalition – The *Act Now to Stop War and End Racism* or ANSWER Coalition, based in Washington DC, is a coalition of radical-left activists that leads campaigns against American foreign policy. The ANSWER coalition led nationwide demonstrations and protests against the US involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq following 9/11 and multiple demonstrations in support of Palestine and against U.S. aid to Israel. Their current cause is mobilization and funding of the “anti-ICE” protests in Los Angeles.

> Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) – CHIRLA is a left-wing immigrants’ rights group based in Los Angeles. CHIRLA received almost \$34 million dollars in federal grants from the Biden administration which help bankroll its demonstrations and protests.

These are just a few of the groups involved in the protests and rioting in Los Angeles, which have since spread to cities across the country. Make no mistake, the participation by these groups have nothing to do with protesting against ICE rounding up illegal immigrants. These groups are taking advantage of the initial protest and attempting to use it to continue the revolutionary overturn of our capitalist society. A recent video shot by a Fox 11 News crew caught two women handing out dozens of boxes full of full-face shields to demonstrators from the back of a pickup truck, while a masked driver waited for them to finish unloading the goods. The “bionic shields” which retail for up to \$60 each, were still wrapped in plastic inside the boxes, seeming to indicate they were recently purchased. The news crew also had shots of riot shields and gas masks being handed out to protestors.



According to an Instagram post, the "F**k ICE" packages, which include goggles, facemasks, gloves and phone numbers for "jail support", are being assembled and distributed by a nonprofit called Operation Healthy Hearts. The left-wing NGO issued a statement in response saying the PPE "aid" packages they're handing out with "F**k ICE" on them is not being done to fuel violence, it's being done for "public health and harm reduction."

➤ *Who is Funding Today's Revolution?*

This Marxist revolutionary activity is not going unnoticed by the Department of Homeland Security or the Republican led Congress. Senator Josh Hawley, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism has sent a series of letters to the heads of these organizations which state, "While peaceful protest is a cornerstone of American democracy, these demonstrations have escalated into lawless mob actions. Credible reporting now suggests that your organization has provided logistical support and financial resources to individuals engaged in these disruptive actions. Accordingly, you must immediately cease and desist any further involvement in the organization, funding, or promotion of these unlawful activities," Hawley is demanding the group preserve various documents, including internal communication records, financial documents relating to demonstrations, grant applications, donor lists, media strategies and other records.

"Anti-ICE" protests have now occurred in 23 states and 40 cities across the country. Following the anti-ICE protests the left-wing group Indivisible helped coordinate 'No Kings Day' on Saturday June 14, in which thousands of protests were held across the country to protest the Trump administration. The Indivisible Project was founded in response to the 2016 election of Donald Trump, to "defeat a right-wing takeover of the American government." The organization signed a petition supporting the Green New Deal and has opposed the use of nuclear energy. Indivisibles most prominent allies include the Democratic Socialists of America, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), MoveOn.org, Planned Parenthood, the Working Families Party, and the Tides Foundation.

Source: The Indivisible Project; InfluenceWatch.org

Source: PAC Profile: Indivisible Action; opensecrets.org

Almost 200 other left-wing groups partnered with Indivisible to coordinate and fund the protests including:

- * 18 Democrat-aligned labor unions including the American Federation of Teachers, the Chicago Federation of Teachers, the United Auto Workers, American Postal Workers Union and the Communications Workers of America.

- * 16 Democrat political action committees (PACS) including Activate America, Friends of Bernie Sanders, Progressive Democrats of America and Vote Blue.

* 76 Democrat-aligned political nonprofits, including the ACLU, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, Working Families Organization Inc., Human Rights Campaign, Planned Parenthood Action Fund and lead organizer Indivisible Project.

* 198 groups, all aligned with the Democrat Party, many claiming tax-exempt “nonpartisan” nonprofit tax status, labor unions funding the Democrat party from dues paid by their members.

Ref: The Pearl Project: PUBLIC Protest Industry Database - #NoKings Protest

Ref: Partners; NO Kings website, <https://www.nokings.org/partners>

Indivisible is active across the country recruiting and endorsing progressive candidates for local, state and national elections. Indivisible has also been present at Tesla protests across the nation and provides a “reimbursement [incentive] program” for protestors and activists to show up at the “anti-DOGE” protests. As of 2023, Indivisible has received over \$8 million from George Soros’s Open Society Foundations and its sister organizations. The same George Soros who has funneled tens of millions of dollars into state and local district - attorney campaigns, funding candidates who ran on criminal justice reform, reducing racial disparities in sentencing and ending “mass incarceration”. Chicago DA Kim Foxx, San Francisco DA Chesa Boudin, Los Angeles DA George Gascon, Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner and Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg are the most notable of those receiving substantial funding from Soros and his Open Society group of non-profits.

<https://www.politico.com/story/2016/08/george-soros-criminal-justice-reform-227519>

<https://nypost.com/2021/12/16/how-george-soros-funded-progressive-das-behind-us-crime-surge/>

<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/foundation-to-promote-open-society/>

➤ *Summary*

The “anti-ICE” protests, “No Kings” protests and “anti-DOGE” protests have nothing to do with supporting immigrant rights or protesting President Trumps policies. While these events initially began with small groups of people who held those opinions, the protests have been hijacked by left-wing radical groups who are all about continuing the revolutionary overthrow of our capitalist society that Marx and Engels promoted more than 170 years ago.

The revolution is in its third week as I write this Addenda. The Los Angeles Police Department has made roughly 575 arrests related to protests. According to City Controller Kenneth Mejia, police response, emergency services, cleanup and public property damage resulting from the protests, has cost the city of Los Angeles \$32 million to date. The Presidents decision to nationalize the California National Guard and deploy Marines to support local law enforcement, has prevented additional violence and property destruction, but may cost U.S. taxpayers up to \$134 million.

The president is not backing down from his goal of delivering “the single largest Mass Deportation Program in History” and anarchists will continue using this as an excuse to affect the revolutionary “reconstitution” of society Marx and Engels advocated.