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**Change the System for It Cannot be Fixed  
Keeping it Real  
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A system based upon economic exploitation, privilege, and greed will ultimately implode.

The political and economic system of the United States is in some respects similar to a human body. If one constantly engages in unhealthy and damaging activities pertaining to the body, the body's physical demise is considerably hastened. Unless habits are broken and *fundamental* changes are made, the body will quite simply stop functioning and cease to exist. This scenario can and should be applied to the *body-politic* of this nation.

Paul Krugman in his March 21st, 2009 article in *The New York Times* titled, *Despair Over Financial Policy*, correctly asserted, regarding the intrinsically flawed so-called Geithner financial plan, that among other things, "The Obama administration is now completely wedded to the idea that there's nothing *fundamentally* wrong with the financial system – that what we're facing is the equivalent of a run on an essentially sound bank...So it's just horrifying that Obama – and yes, the buck stops there – has decided to base his financial plan on the *fantasy* that a bit of financial *hocus-pocus* will turn the clock back to 2006."

Unfortunately this "hocus-pocus" mentality also extends to the apparent plans of the Obama regime in terms of how it will repress the civil unrest that will inevitably result from the collective outrage on the part of many Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow peoples who have witnessed the criminal bailout to the tune of trillions of dollars (by the U.S. Government) of the corporate banksters and the like, while everyday people

systematically and increasingly sink into the mire of unemployment, loss of their homes, the *ongoing* wars in Iran and Afghanistan, *no* universal single payer health care, continued massive incarceration rates, and racial & social conflict and disintegration affecting the masses of people in this nation and throughout the world. It should be borne in mind that the hocus-pocus of repression has never, for very long, successfully held the masses of people in check.

The Obama regime's *financial* smoke and mirror tactics are certainly bad enough, but the consideration of, and documented preparations for, repressing civil unrest in *this* nation by the U.S. Government that Obama nominally heads are, no matter how distasteful to think about, downright sinister.

The March 18th, 2009 article by Michel Chossudovsky titled, *Preparing For Civil Unrest* though chilling and uncomfortable bears reading and serious analysis. This is not about mere financial "hocus-pocus" and smoke and mirror tactics. This is about the brutal repression of even any semblance of democracy or civil liberties in this nation. Not being aware of this reality will *not* make it go away.

Due to the over-all *ongoing complicity* of and by the majority of the U.S. corporate media to obfuscate reality, far too few people *at this point in time* recognize the economic, social, and political *gravity* of where we are at this juncture in history. Playing the proverbial ostrich with our heads stuck deeply in the sand serves only to hasten our demise.

True history teaches us that only we the people - collectively - will bring about fundamental / systemic change. The lessons of history, combined with a huge dose of common sense, need to be thoroughly studied, digested, and understood. Malcolm X aptly noted that "Of all our studies, history is best qualified to reward all research..."

We must change the system collectively to serve the interests of everyday people in this nation and around the world, for the present system is in fact politically, ethically, and increasingly economically *bankrupt*. It cannot be fixed. It must be thoroughly, creatively and systemically / fundamentally changed.

Onward...

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