Constitution, Law, and Rights –

in capitalist society
and in the future socialist society

Selections from the writings of Bob Avakian
including excerpts from the *Constitution for the
New Socialist Republic in North America (Draft Proposal)*

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Two radically different Constitutions for two radically different worlds…

Bob Avakian has spent decades summing up the positive and negative experience of the communist revolution so far and drawing on a broad range of human experience to develop a new synthesis of communism—a vision and strategy for a new and much better society and world. In the writings selected for this compilation, Bob Avakian brings a sweeping sense of history and the development of human society to his analysis of the economic, philosophic, and political underpinnings of the legal system in today's capitalist society and the role that this legal system plays in reinforcing oppressive and exploitative relations. In comparing and contrasting the concepts of Constitution, law, and rights under both capitalism and socialism, he highlights the profound differences in social content and role.

His vision of the legal system and fundamental rights under socialism draws from, but also represents in significant dimensions a radical rupture with, the past historical experience of socialist states in the legal sphere and reflects his reenvisioning of the character of the future socialist society as being qualitatively more lively and vibrant than ever before.

The *Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in North America (Draft Proposal)* is an expression of the new synthesis of communism developed by Bob Avakian; and the excerpts from this Constitution which are included here are an application of this new synthesis to the sphere of law, the legal system, and the rights of the people.

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For The

New Socialist Republic In North America

(Draft Proposal)

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A sweeping vision and blueprint for a future society

This *Constitution For The New Socialist Republic in North America (Draft Proposal)* is written with the future in mind. It is intended to set forth a basic model, and fundamental principles and guidelines, for the nature and functioning of a vastly different society and government than now exists: the New Socialist Republic in North America, a socialist state which would embody, institutionalize and promote radically different relations and values among people; a socialist state whose final and fundamental aim would be to achieve, together with the revolutionary struggle throughout the world, the emancipation of humanity as a whole and the opening of a whole new epoch in human history–communism–with the final abolition of all exploitative and oppressive relations among human beings and the destructive antagonistic conflicts to which these relations give rise.

In order to bring this new socialist state into being, it would be necessary to thoroughly defeat, dismantle and abolish the capitalist-imperialist state of the USA; and this in turn would only become possible with the development of a profound and acute crisis in society and the emergence of a revolutionary people, in the millions and millions, who have the leadership of a revolutionary communist vanguard and are conscious of the need for revolutionary change and determined to fight for it. To work for this objective–to hasten while awaiting the emergence of these necessary conditions, with the goal of revolution and ultimately communism clearly in mind–is the strategic orientation of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.