

**What happens when the means of communication are seized by Proletarians and Palestinians?**

## **The Palestinian Media Army will liberate the world**

**Our century of information war will lead to the inevitable victory of the Palestinian Media Army and the liberation of humanity from the rule of capital**

- ▶ **Trump's attacks on immigrants ▶ growing repression**
- ▶ **the genocide in Gaza ▶ the coming collision with China**
- ▶ **How we can fight back and win!**

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▶ **The news is full of terrible events.** In MacArthur Park, in Los Angeles, Trump's masked ICE thugs showed up in military gear and armored vehicles equipped with machine guns. Onlookers who told them to leave had guns pointed at them. Elsewhere in California, an agricultural worker attempting to escape tear gas cannisters during one of Trump's ICE raids fell from a roof and died. He had worked there for 10 years and was the sole support for his family. Other workers, who were citizens, were forced to delete videos of the raid from their cellphones. Another worker, who was also a citizen, was pepper-sprayed and thrown in a cell for 3 days. Children have been left to take care of themselves after their parents were kidnapped by Trump's goons. These raids are designed to **instill fear in the entire community.**

As this unfolds, fully **half the country** has been swindled into believing that Trump was **sent to us by Jesus himself**--while the other half of the country is wondering if anything can **save us** from this **madman**. People are taking an interest in what **Germany** was like in the **1930's**.

▶ **If Trump is a fascist**--then many may ask when the **genocide** starts. But this question answers itself: It started two years ago--when the **Democratic Party** was in power and (following the murders of civilians

by the reactionary Hamas) supplied the bombs and the billions of dollars needed to **carpet bomb Gaza**. Realistic estimates of the dead in Gaza range up to 400 thousand, nearly all civilians--and climbing. Most deaths are due to a lack of food, water and sanitation. **Dogs are eating bodies in the street.** The IDF is starving Gaza the way the **German Nazis** starved the **Warsaw Ghetto**. Dozens of people are shot every day while waiting in lines for the inadequate parcels of food Israel allows into the **world's largest death camp**. Journalists inside Gaza, who have been **documenting the holocaust**, are sending out their **last messages** to the world before they die.

But the truth is bursting through the **wall of censorship**. 43 Israeli reservists have committed suicide after their genocidal duty and -- in an echo of the early stages of the 1960's antiwar movement here in the U.S. -- young people in Israel are beginning to **burn their draft cards**.

▶ In spite of all the terrible things that are happening--and which may happen tomorrow--I remain **optimistic**. My optimism is based on **long-term** and **irreversible trends** in technology and politics.

## **A public information platform will host articles, posts and comments in a democratic way and be a level playing field in the online war of ideas**

▶ For example, in **1450**, a man named **Gutenberg** invented movable type--which greatly improved the **printing press**--making printing hundreds of times cheaper. In the **50 years** that followed, political development in Europe accelerated as **easier access to information** transformed the terrain of the **class struggle**. It is useful to keep that 50 year **timeframe** in mind. Change this big requires **decades**.

▶ Something similar may be **unfolding today**. The internet emerged into public consciousness in **1995**. The web led to **social media** --

**We can be optimistic because, in the long run, nothing will be able to stop transparency from bringing the truth about everything to everyone**

which soon became **enshittified** as greedy corporations turned human attention-minutes into a **commodity** and governments recruited top social media executives into the "**national security**" apparatus in order to keep **the truth buried** -- the **population ignorant** (and fighting one another) -- and **photos of dead Palestinians** shadow banned.

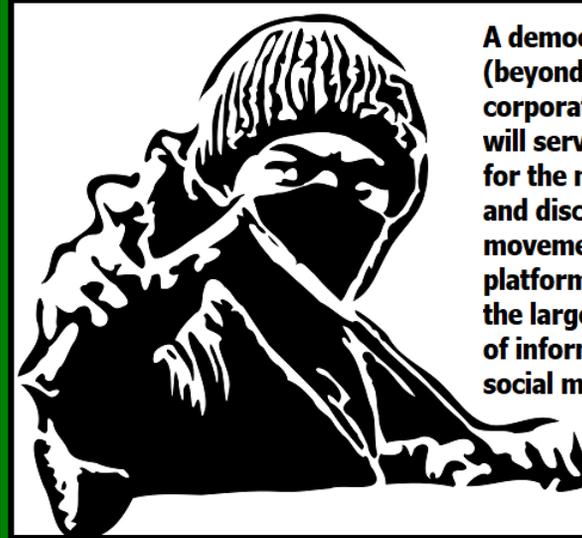
**Truth has a way of emerging. This is nature's fundamental law in humanity's century of information war. Truth will be the hero of our story. Nothing can stop it.**

▶ A new generation of **democratic social media** is gradually emerging however, based on open protocols, open source code and public information -- and will make it vastly more difficult for corporations and governments to censor and manipulate information. This new generation of social media, however, remains in its **infancy**. (For example, platforms on the *ActivityPub* and *AT* protocols, such as *Mastodon* and *BlueSky*, have failed to live up to their initial hype.) We should not, however, underestimate the eventual impact of this new generation. **Benjamin Franklin**, in Paris, witnessed one of the world's first demonstrations of a manned **hot air balloon**. A lady asked him: "But of what use is it?" Franklin replied: "Madam, of what use is a new born baby?"

▶ In a nutshell, technology will make possible--within the next few decades--a **public information platform** that all ordinary people will be able to contribute to and use. This **public platform** will be **beyond the control** of greedy corporations or corrupt governments. Ordinary people will make use of this **public channel** (and the **democratic algorithms** that it will be based on) to **learn the truth** about everything.

▶ On a **level playing field**--the forces of capital will not be able to **hijack your attention** or pay to **hide stories** they don't want you to see. On a level playing field--you will **create** and **command** your own **algorithms**. No one will be able to hide from us the **bodies** of our **brothers** and **sisters** around the world who are **being slaughtered** by

**With a democratic media platform we will reach millions and win !**



A democratic media platform (beyond the control of any corporation or government) will serve as a **central index** for the news, political debate and discussion the solidarity movement needs. Such a platform will also assist in the large-scale organization of information war on all social media platforms.

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our own ruling class. **ALL** the **crimes** of **our ruling class** will become known. **ALL** the **illusions** promoted by our ruling class will be burst.

▶ Many people today, of course, are **skeptical** concerning the potential of social media to connect people to the truth. This skepticism is reasonable considering that billionaires and governments have used social media to **shovel shit down our throats**--keep us stupid--and **incite us** to **hate one another**. Are there any valid reasons to believe that anything could ever be different?

▶ My advice to sceptics is simply to **keep your eyes open**. Important things take time to develop--and often appear to be **impossible**--until they happen and it becomes **obvious** that they were **inevitable**. The ability of large numbers of humans to freely communicate with one another **without interference** from greedy corporations or reactionary governments--will be **rapidly growing** in the **decades ahead**. This will lead to **transparency** and **self-organization** at **scale**--something **completely unknown** to human history.

► As **transparency** spreads--and people learn the **truth** about everything that's been **concealed** from them--their efforts to create **effective social change**--and to wrest control of society from the **moneybags** which **rule everything**--will be much easier.

► The **metabolism**, so to speak, of political change--and the **competition** between political formations--will **speed up**. The **institutions** of the ruling class (and the **restrictions** on the self-activity of the population as a whole) will be **torn down** and replaced with **genuinely democratic** institutions that both **reflect** and **serve** the popular will. Marx described this as the moment when *all that is solid melts into air*.

► With that perspective in mind, let's look at the **various crises** we are facing and see if we can tie them together with everything else that is happening--and with the **road forward** to the liberation of humanity.

## **Instability has replaced "Pax Americana"**

*"Trump may be one of those figures in history who appears from time to time to mark the end of an era and to force it to give up its pretenses. It doesn't necessarily mean that he knows this, or that he is considering any great alternative. It could just be an accident."*

-- Henry Kissinger

► The **fundamental reason** (it appears to me) that a madman like Trump commands the U.S. government is that the so-called **Pax Americana** has ended. The **ruling class** in the U.S. has **lost confidence** in its ability to **contain China**, has lost confidence in its ability to maintain **global primacy**. And, for this reason, U.S. imperialism appears to be executing something of a **retreat** from its former global ambitions--which have been revealed to be **unsustainable**.

► Pax Americana, it appears, will eventually be replaced by **Pax Sinica**. But between Pax Americana and Pax Sinica lies a period of chaos and **instability**. Many have speculated that the war in Ukraine--and the genocide and ethnic cleansing in Palestine--will eventually be

joined by armed conflict between the U.S. and China in **East Asia**. Historically, one great power usually replaces another as the dominant world power in the **context of war**. This does not mean, however, that war between the U.S. and China is inevitable.

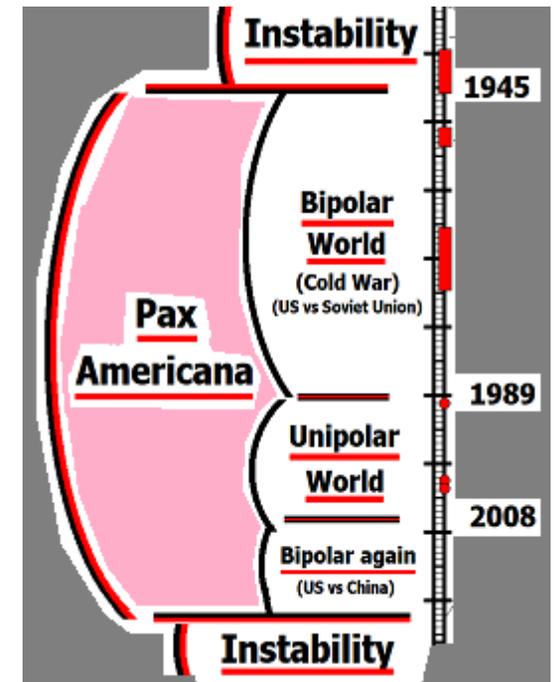
► The ruling class within the U.S., it appears to me, recognizes that some kind of **fundamental restructuring** has become necessary--in order to replace the **unsustainable alliance system** that U.S.

imperialism established after **defeating fascist Germany** and **Japan** in the second world war. **China** has **re-emerged** as a great power after colonial humiliation and recovery. Other countries are also emerging. And technology is developing. The **dollar** will eventually lose its place as the **world's reserve currency**. When this happens--the value of **capitalist investments** and **capital markets** will be **gravely impacted**.

► What happens when different sections of our ruling class cannot **reconcile** their differences--and **agree** on a path forward? Historically, in these kinds of situations -- **a man steps forward** who promises our ruling class that he can "fix everything" -- and our ruling class, essentially, agrees to put the guy in charge for a while--to see if he can **protect their investments**. Trump is that man. Interestingly enough, *Karl Marx* wrote a book about this kind of man.

## **Trump was described by Marx in 1852**

► Trump's ascent to power is an example of what Karl Marx called "Bonapartism". Marx wrote a book about this in 1852 (*"The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte"*) about the nephew of Napoleon who



became a Trump-like dictator in France following the defeat of the **1848 revolutions** in Europe [Note 1].

From time to time, the ruling class in a country is **unable to rule** in the **usual way**. It may be divided, at loggerheads with itself, exhausted by internal or external battles, or simply too cowardly or shortsighted to do what it needs to do. In these circumstances, the ruling class may **delegate** an **unusual amount of power** to an **individual**. This individual may have an unusual amount of **independence** from the ruling class--and exploit the antagonisms between the ruling and oppressed classes--using these antagonisms as vehicles for personal maneuver.

Many of Marx's descriptions of **Louis Bonaparte** sound like a description of **Trump**--including details of the casual, **circus-like atmosphere** in which he fired his ministers. Marx summed up Bonaparte by saying: *"the despotism of a genius is more bearable than the despotism of an idiot"*.

History gives us many examples of **Bonapartist** leaders: **Bismark** in Germany, **Stalin** in the Soviet Union, and **FDR** here in the U.S. Some Bonapartists--like Bismark or FDR--were successful in what they set out to do. Others--like the fascists **Hitler** and **Mussolini**--turned out to be **disastrously bad gambles** for the German and Italian ruling classes. The Bonaparte in Marx's book ended up ruling France like a king for 20 years before finally leading France into a disastrous war.

## **The REAL priorities of our ruling class**

► This helps us better understand Trump's attacks on immigrants, the rule of law, and anyone who speaks out. Things such as "**freedom of speech**", "**democratic rights**", and **social programs** were **always limited** in capitalist society--but were **quite useful** during the period of Pax Americana in order for U.S. imperialism to win **mass support** (internationally and internally) in its **cold war rivalry** against Soviet imperialism and its allies.

But now, as US imperialism enters a period of **crisis**--our ruling class may consider these things to be "expensive luxuries" that need to be **suspended**. Sometimes our ruling class has a powerful need to make us feel **afraid**. If ever there was a time to **weigh our options**--it is now.

[Note 1] More at <http://communism.org/node/4055>

We can understand the **real priorities** of our ruling class by what they allow Trump to get away with. For example, Trump got himself **spanked** when he started to fuck with the **bond market**. The real priorities of our ruling class are probably something like this:

- Building up an army of **fascist thugs** and **stormtroopers** (such as ICE, etc) to suppress popular resistance
- Further developing the tactics of **divide-and-rule** so that different sections of the workers and oppressed are constantly exhausted from **fighting one another**
- Keeping the working class **ignorant** and **powerless** and **preventing** the formation of **independent political trends** that represent the interests of workers and the oppressed
- Continuing the **genocide in Gaza**
- Preparing for **war** with **China**
- **Protecting** and **expanding** the **profits** of the biggest corporations and the **stability** of the capitalist economic and political system

## **Help Wanted -- the Palestinian Media Army needs a consensus on the path forward**

My conclusion is that the activists who build and use the **public information platform** we need to bring the **truth** (about **Palestine** and about **everything important**) to wider sections of activists and the working class will become known as the **Palestinian Media Army**.

I have **a lot of ideas** related to how such a platform, and such a media army, can be created and--in particular--the nature of the **common public database** and **digital infrastructure** that will allow thousands of activists to work together and **coordinate their activity** on a public platform that uses **democratic algorithms** and represents a **level playing field** in the online war of ideas. I need to hear from activists who have dedication, unshakable integrity and the ability to **ask important questions** in the context of a public forum. Contact me today at:

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14 billion years ago - big bang  
 4.5 billion years ago - earth is formed  
 65 million years ago - dinosaurs wiped out

2 million years ago - fire / stone tools  
 200 thousand years - modern humans/ speech  
 matriarchal culture = equality, sincerity, respect

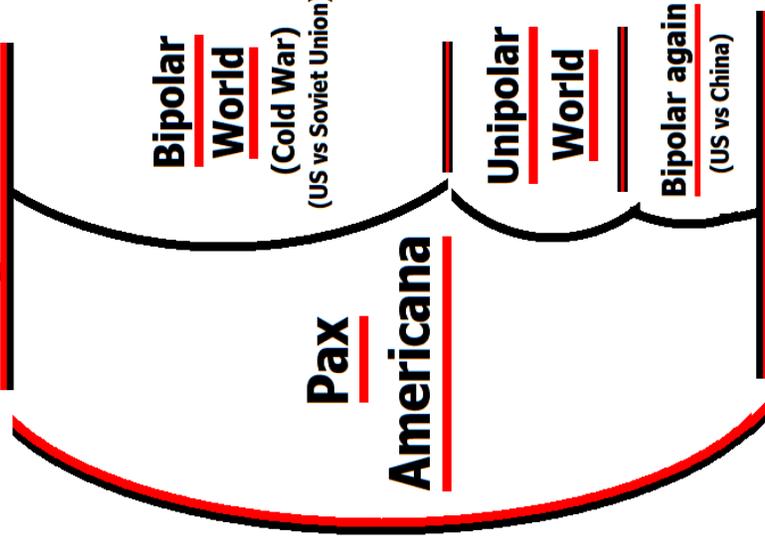
12 thousand years ago - agriculture/ herding /  
 villages / religion = tribal culture + science /  
 5 thousand years ago - copper/bronze tools  
 cities - taxes - debt - money - writing - math /  
 humans (slaves and wives) become property  
 class society and patriarchal culture ( coercion,  
 manipulation, hierarchy, violence and fear )  
 and religion ( ideological weapon of class rule )

3 thousand years ago - bronze age collapse/ iron tools  
 2 thousand years ago - height of Roman empire

500 years ago - European countries begin  
 the rape and pillage of the rest of the world  
 200+ years - coal/steam/industrial revolution  
 1789-93 - French Revolution introduces nation-states  
 and gives birth to the modern world  
 1848 - Democratic Revolutions in Europe  
 (Communist Manifesto)  
 1871 - Paris Commune (crushed after 3 months)  
 (first attempt by working class to take power)  
 1914 - first world war  
 1917 - Russian Revolution (suffocated after 1920)  
 (second attempt by working class to take power)

"The past is not dead.  
 It is not even past."  
 -- Faulkner

# Instability



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1929 - Smoot-Harley tariffs / Great Depression  
 1933 - Hitler put in power - FDR creates  
 New Deal / modern Democratic Party  
 Japan invades Manchuria/China  
 Germany invades Poland  
 1945 Hiroshima - WW2 ends / Cold War begins  
 1947 - India wins independence from Britain  
 1948 - Israel (imperialist colony) created  
 1949 - Mao defeats US puppet in China  
 1950-53 - First Sino-American War (Korea)  
 1954 - Dien Bien Phu - French defeated  
 1959/61 - Worst famine in history (China)  
 1963 - JFK removal enables Vietnam escalation  
 1968 - radicalization of antiwar / civil rights  
 movements

US-China alliance  
 Personal Computers

**1989-91**  
 First Gulf War  
 Berlin Wall falls,  
 Soviet Union breaks up  
 Tiananmen massacre (China)  
 internet/web  
 social media

Afghan War  
 Second Gulf War

**2008** Financial Crisis  
 2011 - Arab Democratic Revolts  
 (reflected in the US as Occupy Movement)

2022 - Putin  
 invades Ukraine  
 Genocide in Gaza

**2025** / Trump / risk of / financial crisis /  
 / constitutional crisis / martial law /  
 / fascism / world war / civil war / revolution

As our century of  
 information war unfolds:

Global warming  
 hits hard

Robots + AI help  
 manufacturing

New generation of social media  
 based on "open" model dominates

## What comes next

Period of transition from U.S.  
 primacy to primacy of China

Palestinian people gain  
 national and democratic rights

Emergence of universal democratic information  
 platform based on democratic algorithms and  
 beyond corporate or governmental control

Upsurge in popular and working class  
 movements as political consciousness  
 and organization accelerates

Rule of capital  
 likely to be  
 overthrown

## Jeffrey Epstein was protected by the same ruling class that is carrying out the genocide in Gaza

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Jeffrey Epstein was notorious for his sexual exploitation or trafficking of hundreds of young women (many of whom were underage). Epstein got away with his crimes for so long because he was **protected by powerful people**, including intelligence agencies. Credible reports suggest he may have been involved in weapons trafficking, money laundering, and blackmail and influence operations--and had been given extremely large amounts of money by people closely bound to ruling circles in Israel.

Epstein circulated within the highest ranks of finance, politics, real estate, philanthropy, media, academia and the arts. Epstein had close associations with Bill Clinton, Donald Trump, Ehud Barak (former Prime Minister of Israel), Bill Gates and Prince Andrew.

In spite of being protected by the powerful, Epstein was **exposed by the relentless efforts of his victims, courageous journalists, and popular pressure.**

Epstein was the focus of intense public scrutiny by the time of his second arrest in 2019, because many hoped that the truth about his activities would, at long last, be revealed.

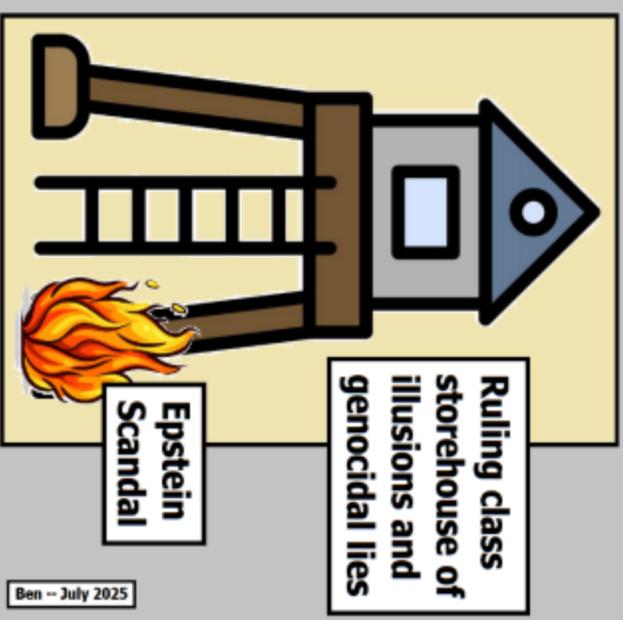
When, soon after, Epstein died in jail amidst a series of bizarre and unexplained coincidences--many came to the conclusion that Epstein was either murdered or pressured to kill himself because he knew too much.

**Epstein's death became the source of thousands of social media memes and jokes.**

In spite of the fact that (1) Trump and Epstein had been the closest friends, and (2) Trump was president when Epstein was arrested and died -- Trump's **army of social media trolls** promised that Trump would reveal the truth about Epstein if he were elected in 2024. But Trump (both because he is personally implicated and because he must protect the ruling class as a whole from a whopper of a scandal) has told his supporters to "forget about it" -- asking them, in effect: "Who are you going to believe--me or your lying eyes?"

Many of Trump's social media trolls are rebelling, and asking for the truth about Epstein to be revealed. They are doing this in order to preserve their own credibility--since their motives are to maintain

Social media has potential to spread the truth about everything like a fire



attention, fame, social media following, and opportunities to make money.

### **Nothing can stop the truth**

The Epstein scandal is a microcosm of the workings of a global system based on oppression and exploitation. The billionaires, political officials and intelligence agencies at the heart of the Epstein story are the same or similar to those involved in **Israel's genocide in Gaza**, counter-revolution in Latin America and **ICE raids in American neighborhoods**. We should not be shocked that a class which immolates children daily in Gaza also traffics and sexually abuses them.

Every great revolution in history has been preceded by similar scandals, in which the criminal and reactionary character of the old ruling class reveals itself, and that class is exposed for what it is: a cancer on the body politic.

The Epstein scandal also gives us a glimpse into the potential of social media to connect people to the truth. Social media today is engineered to keep us **ignorant** and **fighting one another**. In spite of this, however, people are finding ways to use social media to **learn the truth about everything**. And new (and **democratic**) forms of social media will come with time. We are living in the century of information war. In the long run, nothing can stop the truth. ■