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Malcolm X Speaks in the Era of Trump

As we commemorate our Black Revolutionary Hero, Malcolm X, we as a people best honor him by keeping his revolutionary teachings as core principles of our persistent march to liberation.

Therefore, as we enter this era of a Donald Trump presidency, Malcolm X's words keep us on point in exposing the racist, exploitative and fascist foundation of the U.S. empire and our battle for unity and self-determination.

*The Ballot or the Bullet [Excerpts]
by Malcolm X
April 3, 1964
Cleveland, Ohio*

No, I'm not an American. I'm one of the 22 million black people who are the victims of Americanism. One of the 22 million black people who are the victims of democracy, nothing but disguised hypocrisy. So, I'm not standing here speaking to you as an American, or a patriot, or a flag-saluter, or a flag-waver -- no, not I. I'm speaking as a victim of this American system. And I see America through the eyes of the victim. I don't see any American dream; I see an American nightmare...

"How can you thank a man for giving you what's already yours? How then can you thank him for giving you only part of what's already yours? You haven't even

made progress, if what's being given to you, you should have had already. That's not progress...

Our mothers and fathers invested sweat and blood. Three hundred and ten years we worked in this country without a dime in return -- I mean without a dime in return. You let the white man walk around here talking about how rich this country is, but you never stop to think how it got rich so quick. It got rich because you made it rich....

You take the people who are in this audience right now. They're poor. We're all poor as individuals. Our weekly salary individually amounts to hardly anything. But if you take the salary of everyone in here collectively, it'll fill up a whole lot of baskets. It's a lot of wealth. If you can collect the wages of just these people right here for a year, you'll be rich -- richer than rich. When you look at it like that, think how rich Uncle Sam had to become, not with this handful, but millions of black people. Your and my mother and father, who didn't work an eight-hour shift, but worked from "can't see" in the morning until "can't see" at night, and worked for nothing, making the white man rich, making Uncle Sam rich. This is our investment. This is our contribution, our blood...

We need to expand the civil-rights struggle to a higher level -- to the level of human rights. Whenever you are in a civil-rights struggle, whether you know it or not, you are confining yourself to the jurisdiction of Uncle