

REVOLUTION

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Because ~~a~~ revolutions ~~are~~ violent, ~~it~~ cannot be controlled, ~~and~~ because ~~it~~ ^{they are} cannot be controlled ~~it~~ is bound to hurt many innocent people and even to take an unpredictable direction. For these reasons revolution should be regarded as the last resort, when nothing else seems to work and when no hope for peaceful gradual change (reform) is left. Those who call themselves 'revolutionaries' usually value the means (the revolution) more than the end. So, when they fail they are bereft of the two, and when they succeed they tend to forget the goal.

Revolution is morally justifiable and politically desirable only when the legal means either do not exist, or are insufficient, to prevent either the extinction of an entire social or ethnic group, or to do away with glaring injustices that prevent a social group from enjoying the natural, economic, or cultural resources of a society. Shorter: revolution is justified only to

escape genocide (a fortiori omnicide) or crippling oppression , exploitation,
or discrimination.