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This Country Must Change: Essays on the Necessity of Revolution in the USA is a welcome addition to the growing literature emerging today that calls for radical change to the world in which we live. Unlike some, *This Country Must Change*, as the subtitle emphasizes, calls not for reformist change from a political administration, but instead for a truly radical and revolutionary change that would implement a new world for all of us.

One of the goals of this text is to produce a revolutionary document that can be read easily by the average American. While numerous texts in recent years have been released calling for radical social change, many of these, though brilliant, are more readily accessible to an academic audience than to the average person toiling and suffering because of the very policies the texts bemoan. *This Country Must Change* is written in contrast to this, emphasizing language choices and sentence structures that those who are not already indoctrinated into a movement or have not read the tomes of radical literature could engage with. While many books start by claiming that they hope their work will be accessible to a wider audience, many do not succeed in this mission; this one does.

This success may in part emerge out of the editor's choice of asking on-the-ground activists rather than detached academics to write the majority of the chapters included. In this way, Rosebraugh and the various authors seem to take Marx's claim that "Philosophers have only interpreted the world, the point is to change it" seriously. The activist-authors included do an excellent job of interspersing their personal experience as activists, and sometimes prisoners, with historical narratives, evidence of successes, occasional theory, and calls for further action. This combina-

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