

Definitions of Revolution

“We recognize our old friend, our old mole, who knows so well how to work underground, suddenly to appear: the revolution.”

—Karl Marx

“Revolution is war. Of all the great wars known in history it is the only lawful, rightful, just, and truly great war ... In Russia, this war has been declared and begun.”

—Lenin, 1905

“A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery; it cannot be so refined, so leisurely and gentle, so temperate, kind, courteous, restrained and magnanimous. A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another.”

—Mao Zedong, 1927

Please also see the lyrics to John Lennon's "Revolution" and the Rolling Stones' "Street Fighting Man".