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Counterrevolution: The Global Rise of the Far Right Walden Bello

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Walden Bello's *Counterrevolution* is a bold, sweeping enterprise that seeks to deconstruct the challenge from the far right. Using as case studies Italy in the 1920s, Indonesia in the 1960s, Chile in the 1970s, and contemporary Thailand, India, and the Philippines, Bello lays bare the origins, dynamics, and consequences of counterrevolutionary movements. Reflections on the rise of the right in the United States, Europe, and Brazil round out this remarkable, timely study by one of the premier intellectuals of the South.

Walden Bello is the International Adjunct Professor of Sociology, SUNY Binghamton. He is the recipient of the Right Livelihood Award (aka Alternative Nobel Prize) and the Outstanding Public Scholar Award of the International Studies Association. He is a former member of Congress (Parliament) of the Philippines and the author or co-author of 25 books.

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With this study of counter-revolution in the global south, Walden Bello gives us a knowledgeable and illuminating analysis in parts of the world that usually do not command our attention in the US. He highlights the role of the volatile middle classes in supporting reaction and, even more important, of the failures of democratic reformers. You need to read this book to fully grasp the challenges to democracy in the current political moment.

—Frances Fox Piven, distinguished professor of Sociology at the City University of New York, author of *Regulating the Poor* and *Poor People's Movements* and former president, American Sociological Association

This counterrevolution is taking diverse forms, including national populism as a profoundly racist attack on migrants across the world seeking to escape life-threatening conditions of violence; and neoliberal authoritarianism as an attack against forces of progressive change. No political project or counterrevolutionary force is as important to understand and collectively oppose as the right-wing movement that Walden Bello dissects with such brilliance in this book.

—Henry Veltmeyer, professor, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas

Through mass violence and violent rhetoric, so-called populists are leading counterrevolutions against economic globalization, liberal democracy, and the rule of reason, seeking instead to subordinate their societies to

empowered autocrats. For its global sweep and analytical depth, this thought-provoking book should be required reading for any who wish to understand the deeper political dynamics changing our world.

—Al McCoy, professor of History University of Wisconsin at Madison and author of *In the Shadows of the American Century*

It is hard to think of a more timely book than this one. Written by one of the most brilliant sociologists of the Global South and an internationally acclaimed scholar of globalization, Walden Bello's book offers an extremely sharp analysis of the global (re)emergence of the extreme right. Counterrevolution is a must read for all the democrats of the world.

—Boaventura de Sousa Santos, author of *The End of the Cognitive Empire* and *The Coming of Age of the Epistemologies of the South*

Walden Bello brings his vast political experience and his life-long studies of reactionary regimes to bear on the current global dispensation – the fallout of neoliberalism. Counterrevolution ranges across countries where right-wing organizations have either targeted socialist movements, often based in rural areas, or attacked liberal democracy for its betrayal of egalitarian promises. A tour de force, required reading for all concerned about our political fate wherever we may be.

—Michael Burawoy, professor of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley; former president, American Sociological Association

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