**Four Stages of Revolution**

**I. Incubation Stage (Prodromal)**   
A.  Intellectuals desert the existing system.  Sharp criticism of the authorities occurs and faith in the system is lost.  Growing    incompetence of the ruling classes.   
B.  At least one class is on the rise economically.  It begins to demand participation in govenment and careers open to talent.  Upper classes lock them out and the ranks of aristocracy close.  Class distinctions become more hardened.   
C.  Government experiences serious fiscal and financial problems.

**II.  Symptomatic/Moderate Stage**   
A.  Moderates rise to prominence and challenge the existing authority.   
B.  As authority is challenged, some acts of violence occur   
C.  Government fails to use force effectively.   
D.  Moderates win the day and get power.  The revolution seems to be over.   
E.  Pressure from extremists grows.   
F.  Moderates are overthrown

**III.  Crisis/Radical Stage**   
A.  Reign of terror and virtue/mass executions   
B.  Regicide   
C.  Use of secret police   
D.  Foreign threat to revolution   
E.  Extreme nationalism   
F.  Suppression of pleasure/demand for sacrifice   
I.  Economic Crisis

**IV.Convalescence/Recovery Stage**   
A.  Stability is achieved through some combination of legitimacy and force   
B.  Government resorts to pre-revolution form of government   
C.  Peace is made with neighboring countries.