

Addenda #20 – September 2026

Re: Why the younger generation has turned to Socialism/Marxism

Ref: Addenda #11 – October 2025, July 2026 Update, Addenda #18 – July 2026

This week, four Democratic members of Congress did something that took real guts. They wrote their own resolution calling out the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and condemning the DSA's platform as incompatible with American values.

No Labels, September 4, 2026

House votes to condemn socialism, with 8 Democrats joining Republicans

CBS News, September 1, 2026

Washington — The House on Tuesday adopted a resolution to denounce socialism "in all its forms" in a political messaging exercise ahead of the November elections.

The House adopted the resolution in a 220 to 192 to 2 vote, with eight Democrats voting with all Republicans in favor. Two Democrats voted present.

Republicans put House Resolution, H.R. 1490 on the floor of the House of Representatives for a symbolic vote to condemn socialism and rejecting socialism in all forms on September 2, 2026. The purpose of forcing a vote on the resolution, was to make the American public aware of where the two parties, and their representatives stood on the issue of socialism and the ever increasing number of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and Justice Democrats candidates on the ballot this November.

Reference: A Clear and Present Danger – Threat #1: Progressive Democrat Marxism; Addenda #11 – Update June 2026

The resolution passed on party lines as expected, but eight Democrats had the courage to vote YEA with the Republicans. 192 Democrats voted NAY, refusing to condemn socialism, while 2 Democrats refused to vote on the resolution at all and 11 more were “absent” so their votes couldn’t be counted against them. The previous day, four House Democrats offered an alternative to the Republican resolution, directly criticizing the DSA and its policies. The authors of the Democrat alternative list how socialism *has failed* in nations that have instituted it and criticized DSA positions like abolishing capitalism and abolishing the armed forces. The Democrat resolution called the DSA’s ideology “incompatible with American values and the United States Constitution.”

Note: The Democrat resolution did *not* contain a call to vote on the SAVE America Act, calling for proof of citizenship in order to register to vote in U.S. elections, which the Republican resolution included.

I’ve written extensively on how socialism has affected people in the countries it has been instituted in before (Addenda #18 – July 2026) so I won’t go into that subject again. The fact that so many young people believe socialism will solve all the problems of the world still baffles me and led me to some serious consideration as to why this is so.

In *The Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels proposed a revolution of the “oppressed working class” (the proletariat) in order to overthrow the owner/ruling capitalist class (the bourgeoisie) and remake society. Proletarian collectivism, ownership and control of the means of production by the working class, was the ultimate goal of the Marxist revolution. Marx and Engels admitted that the majority of the working class didn’t realize *they* were being oppressed, so it was the job of Marxists to “educate” the proles that they were oppressed. Fast forward to the progressive, socialist/Marxist Democrat party of today which constantly portrays all ‘groups’; Blacks, Hispanics, women and LGBTQ+ as being victims of bias, hate and discrimination.

I have made mention that outcomes depend on individual choices, just as much as what class of people individuals are born into. Children born into wealthy families, are vilified for having “wealth privilege” over poorer Americans, just as White people are vilified for having “white privilege” which automatically lifts them above people of color. To some extent this is true, but there are uncountable numbers of cases where individuals were born into poor families and become successful, as well as people of color were born into single parent families and became self-sufficient and successful. So much of an individual’s success depends on the influence of the culture and parents they are born with. Thomas Sowell has written several books on this subject, including *Discrimination and Disparities* and *Wealth, Poverty and Politics*, that show the typical narrative the left spins about this is *not* factual.

By the liberal traditional narrative, I should have had not only ‘white privilege’ by being born into a white, middle class family, but also ‘wealth privilege’ because my father advanced to the upper management in a regional bank corporation, making a comfortable living for our family and leaving an inheritance for myself and my siblings. Yet as an adolescent, I put only as much effort into my education as was required to pass and graduate from high school. This attitude continued into my secondary education, which, much to my father’s dismay, was only graduating from community college with an associate’s degree. I was more interested in working a minimum wage retail job, earning enough money to afford my own apartment and party with my friends on the weekend. It wasn’t until years later that I realized my education choices led to a dead-end, minimum wage job that offered me no real choices for advancement and no opportunities for being hired into higher paying jobs.

At that point, I took the initiative to apply for an electrical apprenticeship program with New York State, was accepted into the program and went through four years of schooling and work in the field. After that period I received my Journeyman certification and went on to continue self-study as well as attending other classes that were available for increasing my knowledge and value to my employers. I advanced from worker to foreman and eventually a position as an estimator and project manager, earning a good salary and benefits. I literally pulled my own self up from a lower wage retail job, commensurate with my education experience and became part of my companies management system with good pay and benefits. I did not play “the victim” and complain about my low paying job. Instead, I studied my profession and increased my value to my employer, who continued to promote

me and increase my wage and benefits. I may have started out with white privilege and financial privilege, but in the end, it was my own determination and effort that got me to where I ended up.

“The real problem of poverty is not a problem of “distribution” but of production. The poor are poor not because of something is being withheld from them but because, for whatever reason, they are not producing enough.” Henry Hazlitt; American journalist, economist, and philosopher

I find these claims of white privilege, financial privilege and victimhood amusing, due to my cynicism and sense of humor. For more than six decades, liberals and Democrat politicians have conned people into believing they alone, can lift people up to a better life. Every election cycle, you hear the same empty promises and at the end of their term, they go back to their constituents claiming they just need some more time to “finish the job.” Just four more years and I can finish what I started. The Democrat party has made a practice of dividing Americans by income, race, sex and gender, making members of each “group” victims that blames one other groups, typically white wealthy business owners, for their lack of success and income inequality. When groups couldn’t succeed on their own because they gave neither the determination nor effort needed to do so, they claimed their failures were the fault of the oppressor class. The Democrat party then went on to claim only they could lift the victims up to a better life through the policy of *equity* instead of *equality*. *Equality* means treating everyone the same and providing the same resources or opportunities, while *equity* involves providing whatever level of support the individual needs to ensure they can succeed. If I decided not to give the effort and determination needed to succeed in becoming successful, the government would have done something to ensure I was successful, even if I didn’t work to achieve it.

Since the biggest Democrat liberal of all LBJ declared war on poverty in 1964, we've spent more than \$16 trillion dollars on social welfare programs but have not been able to say the war has been won. As the National Review said on the 60th anniversary of LBJs declaration, “Success has come almost entirely from government transfer payments to poor households, *not* from improvements in the foundational aspects of a flourishing life... Our safety-net programs disincentivize work and marriage, and many low-income children still cannot access quality education due to our government’s policies.”

Ref: How to Actually Triumph Over Poverty; National Review, January 8, 2024

In 1959, 22.4% of all Americans lived in poverty; 18.1% for Whites only and 55.1% for Blacks only. In 1964, when President Lyndon Johnson declared his war, poverty was already on a decades long decline following the end of World War II, to 19.0% for all Americans, 14.9% for Whites and 45.6% for Blacks. President Johnson’s *Great Society* agenda created a huge federal anti-poverty bureaucracy that continues today, including more than 80 federal social welfare programs spending more than \$1 trillion each year to “lift people out of poverty”. Yet since the mid-70s, the rate of poverty has basically stayed the same, fluctuating up or down a few percentage points depending on recessions and recoveries.

Ref: U.S. Census Bureau; Historical Poverty Tables: People and Families - 1959 to 2024, Table 2. Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2024 (1)

“Admittedly, this [federal government spending] has substantially reduced the poverty rate. However, expanding transfer payments to reduce the poverty rate was simply a mathematical achievement. Fundamentally improving the lives of poor families has proved an entirely different task.”

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In those six decades, liberal Democrats have intentionally created a culture of dependency among the poor and working poor. They claimed, “You can't do it without our help,” and their constituents believed it and live their lives accordingly. For decades, large urban cities with high populations of poor people voted only Democrat, in the belief that Democrat politicians would keep giving them “free stuff”; free housing, free food, free healthcare. They kept complaining about their quality of life but as long as Democrats continued to subsidize their life style, they continue returning them to office.

Now, after finally realizing they've been lied to all those years, the people are looking for something different, someone else who WILL fulfill the promises liberal Democrats didn't. That is Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Zohran Mamdani, Justice Democrats and the Democrat Socialists of America. JD and DSA progressive Marxist candidates are primarying incumbent Democrats and winning. More than 250 DSA members now hold public office across 40 states, replacing liberal Democrats in those positions. The Democrat party itself has evolved, moving from liberalism to Marxist socialism, eating its own liberal base in the process. This is proof that both the war on poverty, Democrat social welfare and liberalism have failed and are in the process of being replaced by something far worse.



Democratic Socialists of America: Workers Deserve More platform



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- *Extend full voting rights to all permanent U.S. residents*
 - *Extend full voting rights to incarcerated people and people with criminal convictions*
 - *Establish statehood for Washington D.C.*
 - *Expand and protect voting rights and end voter suppression.*
 - *Abolish the Electoral College*
 - *Replace the President and Supreme Court with an executive and judiciary chosen by and subordinate to Congress*
 - *Expand the House of Representatives*
 - *Abolish the Senate*
 - *Implement proportional representation and ranked choice voting in all elections*
 - *Establish public ownership of the largest corporations and essential industries*
 - *Enact aggressive wealth taxes on the richest individuals and corporations*
 - *Protect, expand, and enforce the rights of all workers to form, join, and strike with their unions*

In other words, abolish the U.S. Constitution and enable a socialist takeover of the United States. Like what happened in Venezuela. And look how well that turned out...

The Venezuelan Collapse: A Warning Against Socialism

<https://realpolitikusa.org/the-venezuelan-collapse-a-warning-against-socialism/>