

Addenda #2 – January 2025

Re: A Clear and Present Danger, Threat #1 – Progressive Democrat Marxism

## Summary

As noted in chapter 1, Karl Marx believed that all of history was a series of class struggles between the *proletariat* (the workers) and the *bourgeoisie* (business owners and managers, the controlling class). Marx and his partner Fredrich Engels wrote the original 23-page pamphlet, *Manifesto of the Communist Party* in 1847. Subsequent editions made corrections and expanded on the topic of class struggle as events like the Revolutions of 1848 occurred in Europe. Engels defined the terms *bourgeoisie* and *proletariat* in the 1888 edition of the Manifesto: *By bourgeoisie is meant the class of modern capitalists, owners of the means of social production and employers of wage labour. By proletariat, the class of modern wage labourers who, having no means of production of their own, are reduced to selling their labour power in order to live.* <sup>[1]</sup>

In the original Manifesto, Marx and Engels write that class struggles from ancient Greece and Rome and Middle Ages feudalism still exist through the Industrial Revolution. They argue that this period of change in technology, manufacturing and economy, established “new classes, new conditions of oppression, new forms of struggle...”

Marx and Engels believed that the working class didn’t realize how exploited, oppressed and mistreated they were. They believed the oppressed needed to be convinced how bad their situation was and organized to overthrow their oppressors; the goal should be to create new and separate societies rather than fight to reform the existing one.

In this sense, *identity politics* began with Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels in 1847.

### identity politics

politics in which groups of people having a particular racial, religious, ethnic, social, or cultural identity tend to promote their own specific interests or concerns without regard to the interests or concerns of any larger political group.

Merriam Webster dictionary

### social construct

an idea that has been created and accepted by the people in a society

Race, Class, Gender and Cultural Identities are all *social constructs*

Merriam Webster dictionary

### Who I Am: The Role of Identity in Modern Politics

“Identity is a modern concept built around the belief that we have inner selves that are not being adequately respected by the society around us. It builds on a universal human need for self-esteem and the affirmation of our inner dignity. It is a master concept that links many political trends in the world today, from nationalism to Islamism to populism.

Identity politics got its start in the United States in the wake of the civil rights movement, feminism, and the movements for LGBT rights, disability rights and others from the mid-

1960s onward. Each of these groups had been marginalized in American society and demanded recognition of its equal dignity. By the 1980s, the left had begun to see inequality in terms of the rights of these distinct groups, rather than broad social classes.” [2]

Stanford Magazine, May 2018

### **multicultural**

relating to, reflecting, or adapted to diverse cultures

Merriam Webster dictionary

### **multiculturalism**

... it is fair to say that proponents of multiculturalism find common ground in rejecting the ideal of the “melting pot” in which members of minority groups are expected to assimilate into the dominant culture. Instead, proponents of multiculturalism endorse an ideal in which members of minority groups can maintain their distinctive collective identities and practices.

Song, Sarah, "Multiculturalism", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2024 Edition) [3]

### **melting pot**

a place where a variety of peoples, cultures, or individuals assimilate into a cohesive whole having one ‘cultural norm’

Merriam Webster dictionary

Observation: According to Stanford University writings (Stanford is rated **the most** progressive college in the United States) “Groups” of people: blacks, Hispanics, women, and LGBTQ+ identifiers, “face barriers in pursuing their social practices”, and are not being adequately respected as individuals if they “assimilate” into and become part of an overall society with singular ‘cultural norms’. Being identified just as an American, or just as a Democrat or just as a Republican is not enough. This prevents people from being recognized *individually* by certain traits and receiving *affirmation* for having those traits.

They must reinforce their individuality by having a separate social identity, in order to maintain their own distinct practices, reaffirm their self-esteem and sense of belonging to something special, feel better about themselves, and to be ‘respected’ by the rest of society.

Note: The author of this article, Sarah Song, is a professor of law, political science and philosophy at the University of California, Berkley. Her “Personal Statement” on her web page says she is, “... a political theorist with a special interest in issues of democracy, citizenship, migration, and inequality.” Song also teaches “feminist theory” for the Gender and Women’s Studies undergraduate program.

Song, who immigrated from South Korea at age six, received a BA from Harvard College, a master’s in philosophy and politics from Oxford, and a PhD in Political Science from Yale. Since UC Berkley is ranked the 2nd most Progressive university in the U.S., Yale is ranked #4 and Harvard is ranked #5, it’s no wonder Sarah Song is far-left in her thinking after being indoctrinated at three of the nation’s most progressive universities. [4]

Black Pride and Gay Pride movements and events are examples of individuals that have joined groups that share their same traits and are celebrating their social identities in an attempt to receive affirmation from others. Interestingly, white men and women are not allowed to have any sense of pride in *their* social identity, as they are the “oppressors” of the “dominant culture”, according to Marx and Engels. White Pride has been given a negative connotation, being symbolic of white nationalists and white supremacists, so you’ll never see a White History Month in the United States.

During the 2024 presidential election, political activists created additional groups to show their support for the candidate they wanted to win the election.

For the Democrat candidate, Kamala Harris, there were rallies and fundraising by Black Women for Kamala, Win With Black Men, Latinas for Harris, “Out for Kamala Harris LGBTQ+ Unity”, Black Gays and Queer Men for Kamala Harris, White Women for Kamala Harris and more. For the Republican candidate, Donald Trump, there were rallies and fundraising by Latinos for Trump, Blacks for Trump, and even an organization named Gays for Trump. Who would have thought...

While most Conservative voters or political commentators made little mention of those groups supporting Harris, Democrats and the liberal media pushed back hard on those minority groups that dared to support Trump. Former President Barak Obama scolded black men saying he finds them not supporting Kamala Harris, a woman of color, by sitting out the election or voting for former President Donald Trump “not acceptable.” Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), a black woman, accused many Hispanic voters of having a “slave mentality” for supporting Trump. After the election, Progressive media outlets ran articles downplaying support minority groups gave to Trump; *No, All Latinos Didn’t Vote for Trump Actually. Here’s the Data* [Ref: The New Republic, November 8, 2024]

The song YMCA by the Village People was played at Trumps Make America Great Again rallies in 2024, and Donald Trump often danced while his supports sang along. The Village People’s decision to perform at President-elect Trumps inaugural ball and rally, even though they did not support him for President, sparked a backlash from the LGBTQ+ community. Lead singer Victor Willis wrote on his Facebook page, “We know this won’t make some of you happy to hear however we believe that music is to be performed without regard to politics.” Longtime fans posted outraged messages, denouncing their decision and vowing to throw away their collections of the group’s music.

What this shows to me is that members of these groups *still* cannot express their individuality outside of what is expected by the leaders of those groups who dictate how they should act. Identity politics today, means the individual must surrender their individuality and submit to the peer pressure of the group they want to be identified with. They must fall in line with, and vote like, everyone in the group is *supposed* to. Doesn’t this still make those within the group that may have different opinions *oppressed*? Did they really achieve respect, self-esteem and affirmation of their individuality, if they went outside the group’s ‘norms’ and are then publicly criticized by their leaders and fellow group

members? Did they really achieve the alleged goal of multiculturalism, “rejecting the ideal of the “melting pot” in which members of minority groups are expected to assimilate into the dominant culture” as defined by Sarah Song? All they have done is to trade in assimilation into the traditional “melting pot” dominant culture, for assimilation into a *social groups* dominant culture.

If identity politics originated with Marx and Engels, how and why did it come to be so prevalent in society today? To answer these questions, I think you have to look behind the previous terms and statements to see where they came from and who inspired or influenced those who brought them to the level of acceptance and use today.

A “social construct” is defined as any category or thing, that has been “made real” (created and accepted) by collective agreement (the people in a society). This definition links to the sociological theory known as *Social constructionism*.

Social Constructionism is the *theory* (not proven *fact*, but theory) that what we believe to be real, such as our understanding of sexuality, gender, race and class are not reality but are instead socially constructed. Example;

In her article "Feminist Perspectives on Sex and Gender" (*The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Summer 2024 Edition) <sup>[5]</sup>, author Mari Mikkola (Professor of feminist philosophy, University of Amsterdam) says that there are different ways to understand or define what a ‘woman’ is, by *sex* or by *gender*. Definition by sex is based on biological and anatomical features. Biologically, women have XX chromosomes and reproductive organs that are capable of menstruation, producing eggs and releasing hormones like progesterone and estrogen into the body. Men have XY chromosomes and have reproductive organs that produce sperm and release testosterone into the body.

Note: Those who refuse to define a woman biologically, always point to people that have been born with other chromosome combinations such as having just one X or a combination like XXY, leading them to have both male and female characteristics. But being born intersex is not a natural occurrence, it is a biological *abnormality* affecting only 0.0018% of all births. The Cleveland Clinic, ranked one of the best hospitals in the world, characterizes people with missing or duplicated chromosomes as having a “genetic *disorder*.” <sup>[6]</sup>

Definition by gender may or may not align with an individual’s biological sex and is based on social and cultural factors, social role, position, behaviour or identity. Based on these parameters, a girl who grows up as a “tomboy”, shunning Barbie dolls and dresses in favor of roughhousing with boys and wearing jeans, qualifies that individual socially and psychologically for having a male gender identity, even if biologically they are a girl. Mari Mikkola notes that gender studies psychologists and feminists “found it useful to distinguish sex and gender. This enabled them to argue that many differences between women and men were socially produced and, therefore, changeable.”

Sorry, but my rational brain just cannot believe the *theory*, that a man can change, become a woman and have all the biological traits of a woman such as menstruation, becoming pregnant and being able to breastfeed like a biological woman can.

Although today's medical “professionals” claim transgender women absolutely can do all of the above, but they cannot do it without radical surgical intervention, a uterus transplant or several months of hormone therapy to enable breast development and stimulate breastmilk. In 2018, a 30-year old man became the first transgender woman to breastfeed her baby. The woman had been receiving feminising hormonal treatments for several years before she started the lactation treatment, including spironolactone (puberty blocker to block natural occurring testosterone in his biological male body), progesterone and oestrogen (sex hormones to promote breast development), and domperidone (anti-nausea drug, used to promote breast milk production). After three months of treatment, the trans woman was able to produce 227 grams of breast milk per day. [7]

Notes:

1. The Food and Drug Administration stated in 2004 that domperidone is not approved for this purpose and has warned breastfeeding women not to use this product because of safety concerns. It still has not been approved for this use today. Trans women using this drug must get it from Canada or other countries. [8]
2. The trans woman was able to produce 227 grams or 8 ounces of breastmilk per day. With each passing week, the trans woman had us supplement that with more and more formula to give the baby the nutrition it needed.
3. There are no long-term studies showing what effects, if any, there are from feeding infant children breast milk containing these drugs, long-term effects that include health risks or brain development.

Trans-activists do not care about any potential near-or-long-term effects processes to achieve menstruation, and breastfeeding may involve for the trans woman taking these drugs or the infant ingesting them. They only want to be able to point to the short-term outcome and claim trans women can menstruate and can breastfeed. Even if these outcomes do not come as God and nature intended, trans-activists can claim that men can change into women and that gender identities can replace biological sex.

Where did all this social constructionism or constructivism originate from anyway?

The first theory of constructivism emerged as a “political” theory in the 1840’s, through the works of... Karl Marx! This theory gained more recognition and prominence in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, because of sociologists like Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann.

Berger and Luckmann co-authored the book, *The Social Construction of Reality: A Treatise in the Sociology of Knowledge*, in 1966. That is certainly a book that you won’t find on my bookshelf, but I’m sure that anyone who is an intellectual or academic has read this and engages their coworkers in endless discussion about it. [9]

Luckmann was educated at the University of Vienna, which by the end of the 1880s was a center of research into socialism, where several socialists and Marxists were tenured professors. He went on to study at The New School for Social Research in New York City, where one of his professors was Alfred Schutz. Luckmann was granted a professorship at the University of Frankfurt in 1965. [10]

Berger received a BA at Wagner College and earned an MA and PhD at The New School, where he first met Berger and began the collaboration on the book. How were these two men influenced?

The New School for Social Research was founded in New York City in 1919 by progressive New York educators, most of whom came from Columbia University. <sup>[11]</sup> (ranked #9) Alfred Schutz received his law degree at the University of Vienna and eventually moved to the United States where he became a faculty member at The New School. Schutz was strongly influenced by Maximilian Weber while at the University of Vienna. Weber wrote several books on sociology and was regarded as one of the founding fathers of sociology, along side... Karl Marx.

Again, when I try to determine the validity of any statement, theory or opinion, especially when it is political or social, I research what the source was and how that source may have been influenced to believe what they do. Back in the day, I had a Social Studies teacher in Middle School that required us to write out a chart for each new topic we studied, *Who, What, Why, When, Where, How*. It was part of our homework assignment to produce this chart for grading. I never lost this habit and use it today to analyze topics to understand them and find out the ‘story behind the story’.

The theories of identity politics, social constructs and multiculturalism have roots in Marxism and Socialism. They go all the way back to Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels, who influenced many people who then influenced many other people, some of whom came up with these theories and then taught them to generations of youth. With the infiltration of tenured professors into public universities over the past five decades, it’s no wonder that new generations have strong opinions against capitalism, a high favorability of socialism and support the “group platform” of identity politics.

These opinions have only increased in strength and popularity through successive decades, as high school graduates attend colleges and universities that are increasingly progressive and where tenured professors, adjunct professors, teaching assistants and counselors engage students and each other daily in a never ending dialogue of progressive terms and theories. There are clear differences between the generations on almost every social, economic and political subject. First, let’s look at how generations are divided, and then look into the differences that define them.

#### 1. Demographics:

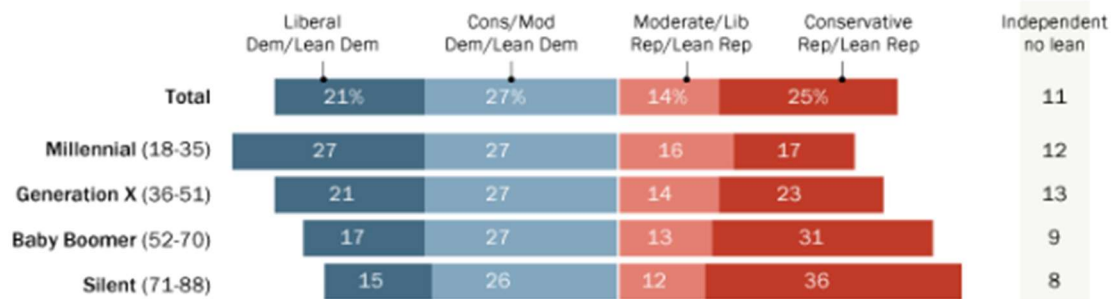
<u>Generation:</u>	<u>Birth Range:</u>	<u>Current Ages:</u>	<u>Population as of 2023:</u>	
Silent	1928 to 1945	79 to age 96	13.01 million	4.92%
Baby Boomer	1946 to 1964	60 to age 78	70.09 million	20.61%
Generation X	1965 to 1980	44 to age 58	65.35 million	19.22%
Millennial	1981 to 1996	28 to age 43	72.70 million	21.38%
Generation Z	1997 to 2012	12 to age 27	69.31 million	20.38%



## 2. Political Ideology

### Sharp differences in partisan, ideological identification between younger and older generations

% of each generation who are ...



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Based on merged Pew Research Center surveys conducted in 2016.

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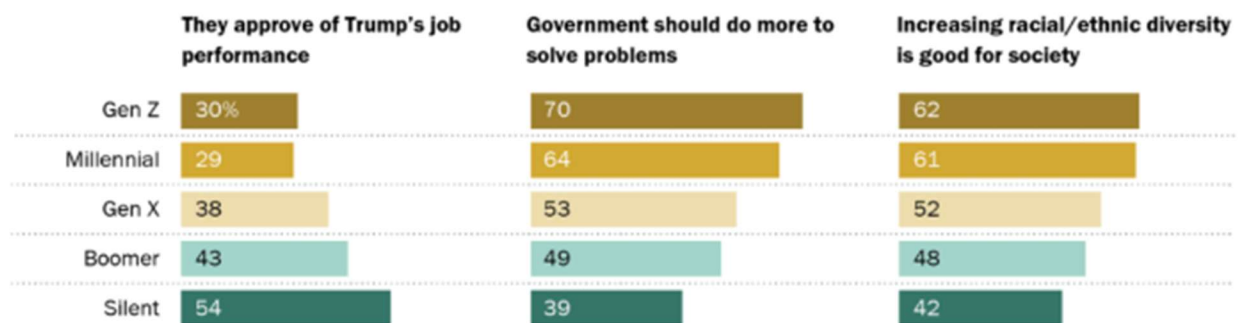
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Observation: Each new generation becomes more Liberal (Democrat supporting) and less Conservative (Republican supporting). Why is that?

Let's look at another comparison between generations related to political ideology, specifically on how they view 'diversity' of society, the role of government and the approval rating of Donald Trump's first term in office.

### Gen Z and Millennials differ from older generations in views on Trump, role of government and growing diversity in U.S.

% saying ...



Source: Surveys of U.S. adults ages 18 and older conducted Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2018, and U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 conducted Sept. 17-Nov. 25, 2018.

"Generation Z Looks a Lot Like Millennials on Key Social and Political Issues"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

[13]

Observation: Each new generation more firmly rejects the idea of "personal responsibility" for their own outcomes and problems, instead believing that government should assume the responsibility for solving the problems of individuals and society. Why is that?

Each new generation more strongly believes that more “diversity” is good for society and is more favorable to unchecked immigration into the U.S. and more opposed to enforcing immigration laws and deporting illegal immigrants, even if they commit criminal acts against U.S. citizens. Why is that?

Each new generation also has stronger feelings that Donald Trump did not do a good job during his first term in office, despite the overwhelming economic, employment, poverty, inflation and consumer debt data, immigration and foreign policy results showing that things were better under his administration as opposed to under the Biden-Harris administration. Why is that?

I would argue that the education system has been slowly infiltrated by radical socialist and Marxist teaching, beginning at the college level and now filtering down into K-12 education, as students radicalized in college have now become K-12 public school teachers. Radical Progressivism in the media and politics has also ‘ramped up’ over the past decade and is much more accessible via the internet to today’s youth.

A teacher in a New York State High School can be as young as age 25, with an M.A.T degree, teacher certification and one year’s experience as a Teaching Assistant. This would be a member of either Generation Z or the Millennial generation. And what are *their* beliefs and political ideology leanings as shown by those Pew Research surveys?

How did this perceived belief about the Trump administration verses impressions about the Biden-Harris administration, work during the 2024 Presidential election.

I’ve used Fox News Voter Analysis as a more balanced source of voter analysis in the 2024 presidential election. <sup>[14]</sup> Some people may beg to differ on this, but Fox political analysts were so much closer to the end results with their commentary in the weeks leading up to the election than the other legacy media outlets and especially more accurate than blatant left-wing outlets like CNN and MSNBC. These biased “news” outlets and national polls were claiming that the race was close or that Kamala Harris was leading Trump just weeks before the election. Those political analysts also claimed Harris was leading in the “battleground” states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin and Arizona, all of which went to Joe Biden in 2020.

When the votes were tabulated, Donald Trump won each of those battleground states and defeated Kamala Harris by 2.3 million votes. Trump also received 3 million more votes than he did in 2020 while Harris received 6.3 million fewer votes than Biden did in 2020. Donald Trump also won 312 Electoral College votes, six more than he received in 2020, 42 more than the threshold to win the election and more than any other Republican candidate had received since the 1988 Presidential Election.

That’s how wrong the left Legacy Media got it.

Here is what Fox News/Associated Press analysis of 2024 voters showed ...



Demographic Or “Group”	Percentage of Poll	Supported Harris	Supported Trump	Supported other
Sex/Gender				
Men	45%	43%	<b>55%</b>	1%
Women	54%	<b>52%</b>	46%	1%
Nonbinary/Other	1%	<b>73%</b>	21%	4%
Age/Generation				
18-29 (Gen Z)	16%	<b>51%</b>	47%	2%
30-44 (Millennial)	25%	<b>50%</b>	47%	2%
45-64 (Gen X)	32%	46%	<b>52%</b>	1%
65+ (Boomers)	27%	48%	<b>51%</b>	1%
Race/ethnicity				
White	75%	43%	<b>56%</b>	1%
Black (African American)	10%	<b>83%</b>	16%	1%
Hispanic (Latino)	10%	<b>55%</b>	43%	2%
Other	5%	<b>55%</b>	41%	2%
Education Level				
High School or less	24%	39%	<b>59%</b>	1%
Some College (AA/AS)	32%	45%	<b>53%</b>	1%
College Graduate	28%	<b>52%</b>	46%	2%
Postgraduate study	17%	<b>61%</b>	38%	1%
Household Income				
Under \$25,000	12%	<b>50%</b>	48%	1%
\$25,000 to \$99,999	57%	46%	<b>53%</b>	1%
\$100,000 or more	30%	<b>52%</b>	46%	1%

#### Observations:

1. Support by sex was to me, inconclusive. Did women support Harris only because of her strong support of abortion, or because they are more likely to identify as liberal Democrats? Both are true today. When Gender (a protected identity group) is surveyed, support always goes to the Progressive Democrat candidate.
  2. Support by generational group reinforces everything I have noted in this dissertation of mine. Millennial and Gen Z voters, most recently influenced by radical High School and College teachers, supported the Progressive Democrat candidate. Gen Z and Boomer voters, who have life experience under their belts, voted for the Conservative Republican candidate.
  3. Support by race and ethnicity also was predictable. Protected identity groups, blacks, Hispanics and others (Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, other foreigners) strongly supported the Progressive Democrat candidate.
  4. Support by income groups was also predictable. Lower income households, receiving government benefits, and high-income households, with college educated parental units, supported the Progressive Democrat candidate. Democrats have always courted the vote of low-income households with promises of more social welfare programs in order to win votes. Low-income households are just another protected identity group.
- Other notable statistics from the survey showed Harris supporters were overwhelmingly: liberal or very liberal, urban dwellers, rarely attended religious services and were not

Catholics, Protestants or evangelical Christians, did not own or have guns in their household and have never served in the military.

All of these characteristics are much stronger in Millennials' and Gen-Zers than in the generations before them.

My conclusion from this chart is that identity politics played a part in each groups support of the Progressive Democrat candidate in the 2024 presidential election.

Let's look at another comparison between generations, specifically how they view Capitalism vs. Socialism.



*This year's study showed increased favorability of the term 'socialism' (49%) among Gen Z compared to 2019 (40%) Opinions of capitalism declined slightly from 2019 to 2020 among all Americans (58% to 55%), with Gen Z (ages 8-23) slightly up (49% to 52%) and Millennials (ages 24-39) down (50% to 43%). 35% of Millennials and 31% of Gen Z support the gradual elimination of the capitalist system in favor of a more socialist system.*  
[15]

Observation: If you analyze the statement logically, it tells you that in 2020, an additional number of Generation Z had graduated high school and were attending college, and that their college experience was influenced by what they were taught by left-wing professors in classes. They came out more in favor of socialism and less in favor of capitalism. Their views on society were more left leaning. They were more inclined to believe in "systemic racism", social justice and climate change. In 2025, they are newly graduated teachers educating (influencing) young and impressionable minds in our local K-12 schools. Millennials, on the other hand, had been in the workforce for several years and a majority of them have had the full experience of getting married, raising children, paying taxes and struggling to pay bills. They were finding it more and more difficult to provide for themselves and /or their families, realizing that maybe capitalism was not working for them as well as they thought it should.

Obviously, there are many reasons why this could be true, including lack of discipline and motivation to do well in school, poor career path choices (more on that later) and making poor choices as adults. In many cases, it's not the capitalist system that has let people down, it is they, who have let themselves down.

*It [the study] also showed growing concern for Donald Trump as president, especially among younger generations of Americans, with 34% of Gen Z and 35% of Millennials seeing him as the greatest threat to world peace, up 8% and 7% from 2019, respectively. This sentiment held true regarding his handling of the pandemic as well, with 39% of Gen Z and 32% of Millennials believing Trump is more responsible for COVID-19 becoming a pandemic than Xi Jinping of China.*

Observation: As I noted previously, the education system has been slowly infiltrated by radical socialist and progressive teaching, beginning at the college level and now filtering down into K-12 education, as students indoctrinated in college have now become K-12 public school teachers. Radical Progressivism in the media and politics has also 'ramped up' over the past decade and is much more accessible via the internet to today's youth. In 2020, Gen Z members were between the age of 8 and 23, many having just started or completed their college education. More than ***one-third*** of those surveyed believed the statements of Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and the 'Legacy Media' that Donald Trump was "a threat to this country" and that "Maga forces [Conservative Republicans] are determined to take this country backwards." Those claims were ramped up in the 2024 race to state that Donald Trump was "an existential threat to Democracy" and if reelected, would "rule as a dictator".

Regarding the "mishandling" of COVID-19, in 2020, none of the facts had been uncovered about the real source of the Coronavirus (the Wuhan laboratory), that Dr. Fauci and Democrats lied and covered up NIH funding of the Gain-of-Function research that led to the virus being developed, that government lied about the efficacy of the vaccine, and so on. I'm sure that Baby Boomer and Generation X would probably take this into consideration if that same poll was held today. But I believe that most Millennial and Gen X'ers wouldn't even know that this information exists and would probably discount the sources (Conservative Republicans), continuing to believe it was all Donald Trump's fault.

*Opinions of America's inequality grew markedly from 2019 with 68% of Americans thinking that America's highest earners don't pay their fair share. Among these Americans, 57% of Gen Z and 60% of Millennials favor a complete change of our economic system away from capitalism — a 14% and 8% increase from 2019, respectively.*

Observation: It shouldn't come as any surprise that the members of Gen Z believe socialism is a better solution than capitalism. Again, they've just finished college, many with degrees that make them "feel good" about themselves: African and African Islamic Studies, Chicana/o – Latina/o Studies, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Islamic Studies (there are Islamic and Jewish studies, but no Christian/Catholic studies), Native American

Studies and Sustainability; all degree majors at Stanford University, the Most Progressive U.S. University, but won't get them a job that will enable them to pay their bills and repay their college loans.

The Millennial generation is struggling with housing and day-to-day living costs, so it's no surprise that they don't believe in or trust in capitalism either.

The fact that the top 10% of earners with incomes of \$170,000 or more, paid 75.8% of all taxes collected, or those in the bottom 50% of earners making under \$46,637 paid just 2.3% of all taxes collected in 2021 doesn't matter. <sup>[16]</sup> The narrative created by the left is that the rich pay no or very little taxes and that the Trump tax cuts benefitted only the rich. The mantra of the left is the rich must pay "their fair share."

*"It shocks the conscience that more Americans today believe the U.S. President is a bigger threat to world peace than the most brutal dictators in the world, and that four-in-ten Americans believe that their country is a 'racist' nation," says Marion Smith, Executive Director of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. "This represents a total failure of our education system, not just in schools but also a basic dishonesty in our media and popular culture. When one-in-four Americans want to eliminate capitalism and embrace socialism, we know that we have failed to educate about the historical and moral failings of these ideologies."*

I won't repeat my opinion of public education again. Instead, I want to address a popular belief that "identity politics" and political polarization will phase out as the Baby Boomer generation dies off and is replaced by younger generations who are "more diverse and more multi-cultural." I have read several articles online about this "theory" (theory, not fact) and I don't believe this is a valid theory.

The majority of Baby Boomers attended college between 1964 and 1982, a period of time in which students were being more socially aware about racial injustice but also being "radicalized" by left-wing professors and outside ideological agitators.

While the majority of them went on to get married, have children, buy a house in the suburbs and successfully earn a living, some established political movements that fought against the existing social, political and judicial structure. In the decades that followed, they went on to become teachers, professors, administrators, politicians, lawyers, judges and legacy media news anchors and correspondents. They positioned themselves to change the system from within through their new positions of influence and power. In large part, they were successful as harsh drug laws, sentencing and the death penalty were changed or abolished, special discrimination and protection laws were passed, and college courses became more progressive.

A student who graduated college in the early 1970's would receive their PhD in education by the middle of that decade and go on to become a tenured professor by the mid 1980's. This time period saw campus protests of the war in Vietnam and the racial conditions here at home. The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the Student Nonviolent Coordinating

Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party flourished on college campuses in the late 1960's. In 1969 the SDS made the transformation from protesting to destroying, as a faction split off to create the Weather Underground Organization (WUO). The political goal of the Weather Underground was to revolt and overthrow the "imperialist" U.S. government. In pursuing this goal, they conducted a bombing campaign that targeted government buildings and banks and were labeled a domestic terrorist group by the FBI. <sup>[17]</sup>

*Cathlyn Wilkerson* was a Weather Underground member who was convicted of criminally negligent homicide in the deaths of three people due to an explosion in the townhouse used for her Weather Underground bomb making and storage. Wilkerson was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to bomb and kill and was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List for ten years before surrendering in 1980 and serving three years in prison. <sup>[18]</sup>

*Kathy Boudin* was a founding member of the Students for a Democratic Society and the Weather Underground. (Boudine was also a survivor of the Greenwich Village bomb explosion along with Wilkerson) She was convicted of felony murder and sentenced to 20 years in prison based on her role in the 1981 Brink's robbery. <sup>[19]</sup> Her great-uncle was Louis Boudin, a Russian born Marxist theoretician, member of the Socialist Labor Party of America and frequent candidate for public office on the Socialist Party ticket in the 1900's.

*Bernardine Dohrn* was a Weather Underground leader who wrote in 1975 an article titled "Our Class Struggle", in which she stated: "We are building a communist organization to be part of the forces which build a revolutionary communist party to lead the working class to seize power and build socialism." <sup>[20] [22]</sup> Dohrn, also on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List for several years, eventually surrendered to the authorities in 1980. Several charges from her activities with the Weathermen were dropped due to prosecutorial misconduct and Dorn pled guilty to aggravated battery and jumping bail for which she received probation.

*William Charles Ayers* attended the University of Michigan and Columbia University in the 1960's. He was radicalized by his association with the Students for a Democratic Society and became a leader of the Domestic Terrorist Group, the Weather Underground. Ayers participated in the bombings of the New York City Police Department headquarters in 1970, the U.S. Capitol building in 1971 and the Pentagon in 1972. <sup>[21] [22]</sup> Ayers became a fugitive and married fellow Weather Underground member Bernadine Dorn while they were on the run, surrendering with her in 1980. Charges against Ayers were also dropped due to improper surveillance by the authorities.

Many former Weather Underground members went on to become activists, social workers and teachers, proclaiming the same ideals they held in the 1960's. <sup>[23] [24] [25] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31]</sup>

*Cathlyn Wilkerson* was released from prison became a high-school math teacher and adult education teacher for twenty years, after expressing only "vague remorse" for her activities with the terrorist group.



*Kathy Boudin* was released from prison in 2003, received a Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University, became an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work in 2008 and was appointed a scholar-in-residence at New York University School of Law in 2013.

*Bernardine Dohrn* was hired by Northwestern University School of Law as an adjunct professor in 1991 and remained there until her retirement in 2013. Dohrn acknowledged that she and the Underground "made a lot of mistakes," but neither she nor Ayers would admit regret about the violent actions the group committed.

*William Charles Ayers* earned Masters and Doctorate degrees in education from Columbia University in 1987. He was publicized as a "Distinguished Professor of Education" at the University of Illinois until his retirement in 2010.

Note: Ayers and Dorn adopted Kathy Boudin's son Chesa, after she went to prison for the Brink's robbery. Chesa Boudin graduated from Yale law school in 2011 and was elected San Francisco District Attorney in 2019. After eliminating cash bail, releasing prisoners from jail, a spike in violent crime and refusing to prosecute drug cases as overdose deaths soared, Boudin faced a recall election in 2022 and was removed from office. <sup>[32]</sup>

Ayers, Dorn, Wilkerson, Boudin and hundreds just like them became the role models for a new generation of college students who went on to become teachers, lawyers, judges and politicians themselves. The cycle just keeps repeating itself, with each new cohort of the population becoming more and more radicalized, believing even more in big government, socialism and identity politics. The cycle will not die with the baby boomers: it has been well established in education, politics, law enforcement and the legacy media.

Observation: I find it unconscionable that public universities like Illinois and Columbia can promote a domestic terrorist like Ayers as a "Distinguished Professor of Education." I find it incredulous that a "reformed" convicted murderer like Boudin, could be appointed scholar-in-residence at a school of law, where she continued to fight against mass incarceration, fight for parole reform and social justice. Boudin's 2022 obituary stated that she was born on May 19, a birth date she "proudly shared with Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh."

But then again, how these radicals lived their lives passes as the basis on which to teach today's college students. Public colleges and universities today are so far left, that students can't help but being influenced/indoctrinated by what they are taught during their college years and bring those biases into their adult lives.

To prove the validity of that statement, all you have to do is look at the college protests held against Israel, after Hamas (the leadership of Palestine) invaded Israel last fall and tortured and slaughtered hundreds of Israelis. The subsequent treatment of Jewish students on campus by their classmates and the way that the administrations mishandled the situation, resulted in Congressional Hearings being held to grill administrators about policies of harassment on their campuses, leading to the resignation of the presidents of the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Cornell University and Harvard University.



Observation: If today's youth are more multi-cultural, then they do not identify as Americans, but as whatever nationality, race, sex or gender they are or choose to identify as. Isn't this, the definition of "identity politics"?

➤ *Summary*

There is a popular theory circulating in mainstream media outlets that Baby Boomers are to blame for the rise of identity politics and as they die off, so will "wokeness", political polarization and identity politics. Doug Sosnik, former senior advisor to President Clinton made the rounds of talk shows and podcasts over the past two years to promote this opinion. And to state that when Millennials and Gen Z's take over power, things will be so much better."

"... the point is, we are going to push through this, and we are going to come to the other side. And a lot of it's going to have to do with the baby boomers, and the remnants of the Greatest Generation dying off. And these emerging generations are going to take power, and we're going to change and we're going to get out of this."

"... that's why early the beginning of the next decade, the issues that poll well right now that don't matter in elections like climate control, gun control, abortion, all these social libertarian issues, they're going to be driving the outcome of elections next decade. Because the people that are going to be running this country care about that. And these are the emerging younger generations, but they're not quite at the tipping point yet of taking over."

[33] [34]

Sosnik and others like him are fostering an atmosphere of distrust and resentment against Boomers on the part of Millennials and Gen Z, blaming all the problems in society today on them. Yes, Baby Boomers were the initial source of identity politics, their radicalization starting on college campuses in the 1960's and 70's. They went on to become politicians, law enforcement officials, lawyers, judges, legacy media anchors and political commentators. They also went on to become the educators of future generations, whose thinking was shaped by their ideologies. Law makers and enforcers and legacy media hammered them into submission of that ideology.

Today, more than 28% of Congress is younger than age 49: the transition of power is already occurring. The Congressional Progressive Caucus is composed of nearly 100 progressive members from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. [35] Fifteen caucus members are age 60 or under, thirty-one are age 50 and under and four are age 35 or under. That's one half of Progressive Caucus members are either Generation X or Millennials. The most progressive and left-wing members of Congress, known as the "Squad" were between age 29 and 44 when they were elected to office in 2018.

Thirty-two current state governors are under the age of sixty, members of Generation X. Four of the nine members of the Supreme Court are under the age of sixty, members of Generation X.

More and more, the people in positions of power, influence and education today are of Generation Z and Millennial's, who are even more radicalized as shown in those three studies I referenced. So, my belief is No, identity politics will not die out with the Boomers. It is alive and even more radical than ever with each successive generation. Activists for these identity groups: blacks, Hispanics (Latinex), Asian Americans, MENA (Muslim, Arab and African) LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, non-binary, gender fluid, etc.) have created new levels of discrimination that have whipped up those identity groups and their opponents. This activism has separated Americans as never before.

In addition, I've read several articles written by employers, about the lack of work ethic of Millennials and Generation Z. Employers say they're "entitled" and demanding special provisions, rude, selfish, don't work hard, always on their phones, too sensitive (always being "triggered"), easily offended, don't know how to conduct themselves in a business setting, can't concentrate on the task at hand and always blaming other generations for their problems. I can't tell you the number of times I've approached a retail store checkout, and the employee is on their phone. Then they act like you're bothering them to cash out your purchases. [36] [37] [38]

#### *Democrat Staffers Advocate for 32-Hour Workweek*

Washington Digest, January 17, 2025

*Earlier this week, members of the Congressional Progressive Staff Association drafted a letter to congressional leaders.*

*The letter suggested a reduction of the full-time workweek from the current standard to 32 hours, especially for those employed during high-intensity periods in Washington, D.C., or district-specific projects.*

*The association, representing both House and Senate employees, insists this change would promote a "sustainable approach to work."*

In its "Mission Statement", the Congressional Progressive Staff Association (CPSA) promotes itself as an "organization whose mission is to advance the interests of current and prospective progressive staffers, the wider progressive community, and the progressive movement at large." They claim the progressive movement is "underrepresented in Congress", and they have a whole list of goals which include, "creating a more just society", "elevating traditionally marginalized voices in Congress" and "fighting back" against racism, sexism, gender discrimination, homophobia, classism, ableism, imperialism, and religious discrimination.

The CPSA was formed, no surprise, after the Biden-Harris administration took office in 2021, and claims to represent more than 1,500 Congressional staff members.

The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress has 441 House Members, with an estimated total of 6,868 staffers working directly for House Members: roughly 3,888 working in Washington D.C., and 2,980 working in Members District offices. At an average of 15.15 staffers per House Member, the 97 members of the (Democrat) Congressional Progressive Caucus would have roughly 1,500 staffers working for them, coincidentally the membership of the CPSA.

While House staffers complained that their jobs working for members of Congress were “often demanding and intensive”, reaction by House Republicans and the general public over the proposal for a reduced work week with no reduction in pay was predictable and swift.

*“My advice to these ‘progressive staffers’ is simple: find a new industry. Public service is clearly not meant for you,” – Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)*

*“I’m totally trying this with my boss. Wonder if a [congressman] will pick me up when I get fired.” – willw\_354855*

*“Is this the same group of children who spent well north of one BILLION DOLLARS the last three months pf the 2024 campaign to give us President Donald Trump?” – highcamp7697*

*“The Snowflake work week” – ara53067820*

*“... as a former staffer, “I worked 100 hours a week and loved it.” – Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX)*

*“I wonder how blue-collar Americans would feel about white-collar workers demanding a 32-hour workweek,” – Ritchie Torres (D-NY)*

Coincidentally (??) Democrat Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (Green New Deal, Medicare for All, College For All, Housing For All, Free Child Care and Pre-K For All, etc.) submitted a bill to the Senate a year ago to reduce the standard 40-hour work week to 32-hours, a proposal that would require businesses to offer the 32-hour workweek but preserve employee pay.

*Statement in response to our 32-hour Workweek Letter*  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Congressional Progressive Staff Association, January 17, 2025

*“The Congressional Progressive Staff Association hereby withdraws its recent letter to congressional leadership on a rotating 32-hour workweek.*

*“The letter failed to make two things clear: First, that progressive congressional staff are dedicated to serving the American people no matter how many hours it takes to get the job done. Second, that there are well-known, longstanding workplace issues that deserve Congress’s immediate attention if it wishes to effectively serve the people.*

*“There are myriad ways Congress can address these issues. Right now, a 32-hour workweek for staff will not be one of them. We are ready to continue the urgent task of serving our bosses’ constituents and advancing the causes that put working-class people first.”*

This was just a “trial balloon” by Progressive Democrats to see if they could get away with a work policy that insults the intelligence of hard working people across the country. But even this is divided by age. A 2024 Newsweek commissioned poll of 4,000 voters between the ages of 18 and 34, 74 percent supported a four-day week (with no reduction in pay), saying it would make their workplace more productive.

Nope, identity politics is not, and will not, die off with Boomers. It will only get stronger with each new generation.

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