A Clear and Present Danger -

"A risk or threat to safety or other public interests that is serious and imminent" Merriam-Webster Dictionary

I believe there are three distinct threats to our individual liberties and freedom today. Progressive Democrat Marxism, the United Nations global Agenda 21, AND, **The Great Reset.**

Question:

Have you ever looked at something that, when taken at face value, appears to be a reasonable and just idea, but it leaves you with a sense of unease? An idea or a cause that makes you feel like there's something more to the story, something just under the surface that just doesn't feel right. Something that you just can't seem to put your finger on?

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

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1. Preface

"The history of all hitherto existing human society is the history of class struggles." (All "quotes" in italics are taken from the Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels unless identified otherwise)

Karl Marx believed that with the coming of 'capitalism' in all societies, two basic 'classes' are in opposition with each other: the bourgeoisie (owners of the means of production) and the proletariat (the workers).

Marx believed that eventually the proletariat would come to realize how bad their situation is; because of a capitalist economy, the working class is <u>exploited</u>, <u>oppressed</u>, and suffers <u>injustice</u> at the hands of the business owners and those in power. ^[1]

The whole premise of "social justice", is that there is a 'systematic <u>oppression</u>' of black people "deeply embedded in the fabric of U.S. society" (systemic racism)

This theory of systemic racism ignores all legislation passed in the United States since the founding of the country:

- The 13th Amendment, 1865 abolished slavery
- Civil Rights Act of 1866 granted citizenship to all those born in the United States
- The 14th Amendment 1868 forbid state governments from denying rights of citizenship to people of color (P.O.C.)
- The 15th Amendment in 1870 banned states from denying the right to vote based on color, race or previous condition of servitude
- The Civil Rights Act, 1871 empowered the federal government to use force against people or organizations (KKK) conspiring against the Constitutional rights of P.O.C.
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned labor discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and ended racial desegregation in public facilities, public education and federally funded programs.
- The Voting Rights Act of 1965 addressed the many ways that Southern Democrat states found top prevent P.O.C. from voting.
- The Civil Rights Act of 1968 banned discrimination in housing against P.O.C.

A total of eight pieces of legislation have been signed into law in the United States to address inequalities in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. ^[2] Within eighty-four years of the signing of the Constitution, five pieces of legislation gave additional rights to, or prevented the usurping of rights of "people of color."

Progressives and "revisionist historians" like Howard Zinn and Nikole Hanna-Jones refuse to acknowledge this fact. Instead, they quote illegitimate sources, misrepresent and falsify facts to create a false narrative about the founding of this country being based on oppression, slavery, and exploitation; exactly what Marx wanted to convince the proletariat of. [3] [4] [5] [6]

Marx believed that the workers would eventually start a revolution, overthrow the system that <u>exploits</u> and <u>oppresses</u> them, and <u>destroy capitalism</u>. This revolution would be led by 'enlightened leaders' who "understood the class structure of society" and would unite the working class by "raising awareness" and "class consciousness".

In other words, the enlightened elites (woke intellectuals) would inform us just how 'exploited' we are, show us how *our* 'class' has been 'oppressed', and the 'economic inequality' that we live under. These enlightened leaders would then organize the class opposition against those who are in power and control, lead a violent revolution against capitalism and the overthrowing of society.

Marx and Engels expressed their beliefs that the "nuclear family" enslaves the wife (patriarchy is the real source of female *oppression* and *gender inequality*) in order to work for the husband (*enslaved*) and bear him children to inherit the family's wealth, thereby continuing a chain of private property ownership, including wealth, (maintaining social class *inequality*) which is what Capitalism is based on, in Marx's mind. ^[7]

Capitalism would have to be dismantled.

In order to achieve the overthrow of capitalism, the traditional nuclear family would have to be dismantled.

And all that the family 'stood for' in Marx and Engels view, would also have to be dismantled, be abolished.

The workers would then assume control of the new society and economy.

"The immediate aim of the Communists is the same as that of all other proletarian parties: formation of the proletariat **into a class**, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat."

2. Targeted Casualty: The nuclear family

"Abolition of the family!.... On what foundation is the present family, the bourgeois family, based? On capital, on private gain... The [bourgeois] family will vanish as a matter of course when its complement vanishes, and both will vanish with the vanishing of capital."

Counterculture youth of the 60's rejected the traditional standards of their parents; their political views, religious views, materialism, views on (lack of) women's rights, family values and sexual values.

"If it feels good, do it" became a popular expression. Being able to have sex without fear of pregnancy, or the pressure of having to get married first, was made possible by the invention of 'the pill'.

The "Second-wave feminism" of the 1960's provoked much discussion about women's *oppression*, the nature of "*gender*" and the role of "the family".

According to 60's feminist Kate Millett, "Women have been placed in the position of minority status [oppressed] throughout history." [8]

"Why are we here today?" she [Millett] asked, "To make revolution" they answered. "What kind of revolution?" she asked, "The cultural revolution" ... The back and forth went on, including vows to "destroy the family", "destroy the American Patriarch", and "destroy monogamy." These twelve women were "privileged graduates of esteemed institutions"... they planned to accomplish their goals by "promoting promiscuity, eroticism, prostitution..." [9] [10]

Feminists pushed "Free love"; living openly with a partner with out the 'bonds of marriage' starting in the 1960's. Free love was defined as;

- The practice of sexual relations without romantic *commitment* between or among partners.
- The practice of sexual intercourse without the restraints of <u>marriage</u> or <u>commitment</u>.

It should come as no surprise then, that marriage rates in the United States have trended drastically downward following the "second-wave" feminist "cultural revolution."

In 1946, statistics of the "greatest generation" showed a marriage rate of 16.4 per 1,000 population were married and living together.

By 2018 the marriage rate had declined to 6.5 per 1,000 population.

In 1960 the average age of marriage for women was age 20, with fewer than 5% of women between the ages of 30 and 34 had never been married.

By 2016 the average age of marriage for women had risen to age 27, and one in three women between the ages of 30 and 34 had never been married.

Women were being convinced that married life was less important, less fulfilling, than remaining single and pursuing their own "dreams." The divorce rate among married couples skyrocketed from below 10% to 35%. *Commitment* to marriage had been undermined.

Even worse are the statistics on birthrates for single-parent households. In the three decades following the 1960's "sexual revolution", the number of births to married couples per 1,000 married women fell by almost 50%. [11]

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, 25% of all children (nearly 19 million) were living in single parent households; more than three times the rate of all developed nations. Single parents are far more likely to have a lower level of educational attainment. More than 30% of single parent led households live in poverty and 46% of all families receiving public assistance, are single parent households.

Second-wave feminism began the process of undermining the nuclear family in the 1960's, destroying the commitment to marriage and relationships, and destroying monogamy. Just like Marx wanted to happen.

3. Targeted Casualty: Parental Rights / The children

"But, you say, we destroy the most hallowed of relations, when we replace home education by social.... The Communists have not invented the intervention of society in education; they do but seek to alter the character of that intervention, and to rescue education from the influence of the ruling class."

"The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions."

There has been a concerted effort by teachers unions, school boards, federal, state and local governments to remove the influence, teaching, mentoring and caregiving of children by their parents, and transition it to schools and teachers.

President Biden confirmed his support for this in remarks he made at the Teacher of the Year event at the White House last May; "You have heard me say it many times about our children, but it is true," They're all <u>our</u> children. And the reason you are the teachers of the year is because you recognize that.... They're not <u>somebody else's</u> children. They're like yours when they're in the classroom." [12]

Teachers' unions, state teacher licensing boards and progressive school board members across the country have pushed Progressive curriculum into K-12 schools, including Critical Race Theory, Black Lives Matter, and "gender ideology" curriculums.

When politicians push back on Progressive ideology in schools, they are attacked in the media by Progressives. When Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) said "we are putting parents back in charge of their kid's education", House Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) responded by saying support for parental authority in their children's education is "so stupid." When Glenn Younkin ran for governor of Virginia on a campaign of stopping Progressive policies, specifically teaching CRT in grade schools, he was called a liar and vilified in the press. [13] [14]

Parents protesting at school board meetings over "Cisgender identification", suspending students for "misgendering" classmates, and "gender neutral" bathroom policy that led to the sodomy rape of one fourteen year old female student, and the "groping" of another in Virginia high schools, were 'bullied' by "woke" parents who approved of the policies. [15] School boards that did not want to hear parent protests shut down meetings and had parents arrested. [16] [17] [18]

[–] Karl Marx

[&]quot;Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted" – Vladimir Lenin

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) drafted a letter with help from the White House, asking the Department of Justice (DOJ) to "protect schools" from parents, and urging them to be labeled "domestic terrorists" and be arrested. [19] [20] [21] The NSBA eventually apologized for writing the letter, saying "it will not happen again" [22]

The California State Board of Education overhauled its sex education guidance for public school teachers, encouraging them to talk about gender identity with kindergartners, and masturbation with middle-schoolers. [23]

The San Francisco Unified School District now has a policy that parents "don't need to be notified" before teaching children pro-transgender, gender identity lessons. [24]

California governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly bill #1184 in 2021, which prohibits insurance companies from revealing to the policyholder the "sensitive" services of anyone on their policy, including *minor children*, even though the policy owner [parent or guardian] is financially responsible for the services. These "sensitive" services include abortion, sexual assault treatment, drug abuse and mental health treatment, cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, and sex-change operations. Similar legislation has been passed by Progressive politicians in Arizona, Minnesota and Washington. [25]

Newsom also signed Senate bill #107 into law in 2022, making California a "sanctuary state" promoting gender-transition care for any out-of-state children. This in response to states with the common sense to put restrictions on gender-transition "care" of minor children. Children can now come to California to receive gender-affirming surgery and hormone therapy without the knowledge or consent of their parents.

The law overrides any other states criminal or civil charges against care providers or parents bringing children into the state, prohibits cooperation with extradition or arrest warrants, and prohibits insurance companies from releasing information on the minor child's care and treatment, and "allows" the minor child to receive treatment in any California health facility. California can now assume temporary emergency custody of a minor child, even if a parent in the other state has been awarded custody by the courts in that state. [26]
In California, *minor children* can consent to all gender affirming care procedures, except for sex-change surgeries, after the age of 14, without parental notification or approval.

More examples of this concerted effort of indoctrination include; Reports of teachers around the country promoting "nonbinary identities" and concealing "gender changes" from parents, with the approval of administrators. [27] [28] [29] [30] Reports of school districts pushing transgender and LGBTQ curriculum in K-12 schools. Disciplining school age children for not complying with gender policies. [31] [32] [33] [34] [35] The President himself signed an executive order enabling boys who identify as girls to be allowed to access girls' sports, bathrooms and locker rooms. [36]

The LGBTQ and transgender movements of the 2000's, supported by Progressive politicians, continue to undermine the nuclear family and parent's rights and authority over their children. Just as Marx wanted.

4. Targeted Casualty: Individual Rights and Liberties

"We Communists have been reproached with the desire of abolishing the right of personally acquiring property as the fruit of a man's own labour, which property is alleged to be the groundwork of all personal freedom, activity and independence."

Groups and individuals have been "targeted" by the government for numerous reasons over the history of this country, but over the past fourteen years government has ramped up efforts to persecute anyone who opposes Progressive-Marxist policies.

President Barack Obama appointed James Comey director of the FBI, John Brennan director of the CIA, Michael Rogers director of the NSA, and Eric Holder Attorney General. During their time in control of our nation's top security and law enforcement agencies, the practice of surveillance and persecution of individual citizens that held political views in opposition to the Federal government, became common practice.

Operation Chokepoint, 2013 – The Obama administration claimed the program was intended to "root out fraud" by cutting off high risk industries from the banking system, such as drug dealers and pornographers. But the DOJ also targeted legal enterprises that the President despised, including firearm and ammunition dealers. Instead of targeting individual cases, the Obama DOJ targeted whole industries.

By "choking off" their access to the financial system, the administration hoped to put them out of business. [37] [38]

President Trump ended this discriminatory and illegal practice in 2017, and established the "Fair Access Rule" which stated that financial institutions must conduct "risk assessments" on individuals and not whole categories or classes of customers. One week after his inauguration, the Biden administration ended the Fair Access Rule. [39] [40]

IRS scandal, 2013 – The IRS was charged with targeting "specific groups" for extra scrutiny. The targeting involved delaying the processing of applications for certain conservative groups and requesting information from them that was later deemed unnecessary. Newsweek and other Progressive media outlets called the scandal "fake news" and a lie, or explained it away as just "mismanagement". [41] [42]

Unit Director Lois Lerner claimed this was all done by "low level personnel" at one IRS field office, but eventually admitted targeting was wide spread within the agency. The DOJ under President Trump finally closed the case, with an admission by the IRS and an official apology to groups targeted. [42]

NSA Spying 2009-2016 – The NSA (National Security Agency), FBI and CIA had been illegally spying on and collecting data from American citizens for years, but it was revealed that the practice accelerated during the Obama administration, to the point that a new \$1.7 billion 925,000 square foot data storage facility in Utah in 2013. [43] [44]

"The unlawful surveillance appears to have been a massive abuse of the government's foreign-intelligence-collection authority, carried out for the purpose of monitoring the communications of Americans in the United States." [45]

This illegal activity, was carried on by a Progressive administration, in violation of the Constitution of the United States.

"Deep State" conspiracies continue under the Biden administration –

"Enforcement secretly coordinated with the FBI to strip U.S. citizens of their rights to own, use, or even buy firearms, according to internal emails obtained by the *Washington Examiner*." [46]

Deep State Persecution of Donald Trump, 2016 thru 2020 – During the 2016 presidential campaign, government agencies cooperated with the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in an attempt to discredit Trump and his chances in the election.

The "Steele Dossier", commissioned by the Clinton campaign and the DNC, attempted to prove collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia to "fix" the 2016 election, and influence the election results against Clinton.

Falsely reporting the expense of this "opposition research" as legal services, the Clinton campaign and the DNC subsequently paid a civil penalty of \$113,000 to settle litigation. [47]

This unsubstantiated document was accepted as fact, and released to the public. The Progressive media and Democrat politicians embarked on a four year campaign to disparage Trump, claiming he was a "Russian agent". The dossier was subsequently proven to be bogus, and the follow up Muller investigation failed to prove any Russian collusion. [48]

"Crossfire Hurricane" was the code name given for the counterintelligence investigation undertaken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from July 31, 2016, to May 17, 2017, into the alleged Russia collusion.

A key player in the early investigation process was Trump aid Carter Page. In an effort to find incrimination evidence against Trump, the FBI got four FISA court surveillance warrants to spy on Page. Four years later the DOJ finally admitted that two of the warrants were approved based on false and misleading information, misstatements and omissions by FBI officials. [49] Director James Comey, subsequently fired by President Trump said "I was wrong."

Former FBI attorney Kevin Clinesmith pleaded guilty to a false statement offense stemming from his altering of an email in connection with the submission of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act ("FISA") application during the Crossfire Hurricane investigation. (He was sentenced to probation and community service)

Democrats and the Progressive news media still claim there was no election fraud in the 2016 or even 2020 presidential elections.

Deep State Persecution of Donald Trump, 2021 - today – Much was made of support for Trumps candidacy by white supremacist groups during the 2020 campaign.

Trump failed to condemn these extremist groups quickly enough and strongly enough. As a result, the Trump campaign and all his followers, will forever be linked to *white supremacy* and *extremism*.

Trump was also reviled by Democrats and the Progressive-Marxist press for his Make America Great Again. They equated Making America Great <u>Again</u> as "embracing racism and xenophobia." [50] [51] [52]

CIA Director Brennan made his agencies position on those who support the former president clear following the January 6th protest at the Capitol: "Anyone now seeking national redemption by claiming to no longer support Trump must acknowledge how wrong it was to ignore & enable his corrupt, dishonest, & divisive agenda. Total denunciation of a despot's legacy is necessary to eradicate any remaining malignancy."

ABC Political Director Rick Klein tweeted "Trump will be an ex-president in 13 days. The fact is that getting rid of Trump is the easy part. <u>Cleansing</u> the movement he commands is going to be something else."

In a bit of irony, Democrats refused to condemn violence done by Antifa or Black Lives Matter supporters during riots in 2020 and 2021. In fact, Democrat politicians, Hollywood elites and news media supported the rioters. MSNBC reporter Ali Velshi claimed: "This is mostly a protest, it is not, generally speaking, unruly", while fires raged in the background of his on-scene reporting. CNN reporter Omar Jimenez reported that the Kenosha Wisconsin riots were "Fiery but mostly peaceful protests..." as buildings burned in the background. [53]

An estimated \$2 billion in property damages occurred across the country during those 'mostly peaceful protests' in 2020 and 2021. Democrats and Hollywood elites came to the aid of protestors, contributing tens of millions of dollars to bail funds that got arsonists and looters released from jail. [54] [55] George Soros funded judges and D.A.'s released them back onto the streets.

As things began to turn sour for the Biden administration in 2021 (high inflation, supply chain shortages, and the stock market slump), former president Trump began hinting at running again in 2024. The Biden White House then began a campaign to address alleged "domestic terrorism" in the U.S., focusing on militia extremists and white supremacy.

The DOJ was tasked to address this "persistent and lethal threat." The FBI was at the head of the investigation, exposing an "explosive rise in extremism and White supremacy." Behind the scenes, FBI agents were pressured to "create" domestic terrorist cases and tag individuals as White supremacists in a quota system similar to police having to issue a specified number of tickets. Agents revealed that the "threat" was overblown under the Biden administration, leading to persecution of innocent citizens. [56]

Police departments, national guard and branches of the military conducted "investigations" to root out extremists and those who hold "extremist ideologies" from the forces. Extremist ideology, is more recently defined as having "anti-government views", and being a supporter of Donald Trump (see above). No numbers have been released to "prove" the extent of extremism in law enforcement or the military, but it's logical to assume that many loyal patriots are being forced to resign simply because of their political views. [57] [58] [59] More recently, numerous FBI "whistleblowers" have come forward to offer testimony on the agency's "political bias" and "the weaponization" of the FBI. [60] [61]

In response to whistleblowers exposing the facts, Attorney General Garland issued a memo to all DOJ employees, stating that all communications from whistleblowers to members of Congress, must go through the DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs. [62]

Kinda defeats the whole purpose of making an anonymous, protected disclosure, right? Garlands directive overrides official DOJ policy, which states how and who whistleblowers may make a "protected disclosure" to.

The 118th Congress "Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government" held its first hearing February 9th on oversight of the DOJ and FBI. Former FBI agent Nicole Parker was one of two former FBI agents testifying before the subcommittee. She gave a tearful opening statement about the political bias of the department, and was asked follow up questions by Republican members of the committee.

Democrat members viciously went after other panel members, but did not ask Parker a single question. [63]

They had no interest in hearing or confirming her story...

The subcommittee will hold more public hearings in the future.

5. Targeted Casualty: Religion and Morality

"There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism <u>abolishes</u> eternal truths, it <u>abolishes all religion</u>, <u>and all morality</u>, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience."

Marx described religion as the *opiate of the masses*. What he meant by this, was that it acted like a drug, cushioning the workers from the true misery of being <u>exploited</u> in capitalist society.

Marx saw religion as a negative force. This was because Marx argued that the proletariat should rise up against the bourgeoisie in a revolution. Religion was one of the ways in which the bourgeoisie maintained their control, it was a means of their oppression.

Liberals traditionally have rejected belief in God as a prerequisite for being a moral person. Progressive Democrats denounce Americas founding on the basis of Judeo-Christian values, and loudly proclaim their support of forcibly removing religion from classrooms and politics, while at the same time claiming to oppose discrimination on the basis of religion. Rejecting the belief in God (and Christ) as being the basis of being a moral person or society is key in so many positions that Democrats take in their Progressive social policies.

- "In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them."; Genesis 1:27
- "You shall have no Gods before me"; Deuteronomy 5:7
- "You shall not murder"; Deuteronomy 5:17
- "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body"; 1 Corinthians 6:13
- "Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God"; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."; Mark 10:6-9
- "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."; Matthew 5:28
- "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement."; Matthew 5:22
- "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."; Matthew 5:44

God, through his son Jesus, tells us there are rules to be followed. As we all know, many refuse to follow those rules and become quite indignant and angry to be judged by any organized religion, especially Christians who call a sin a sin, and a sinner a sinner.

Progressives are especially anti-Christian because so many of the causes they champion are in direct conflict with the scriptures. Abortion, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (homosexuality), hatred against opposing viewpoints, male & female as "the family", abstinence before marriage, birth control and so on.

It is no surprise how religious groups, especially Christians, also are denigrated and targeted by Progressives, as they try to minimize the effect of religion and values on society, in order to force their own values on everyone else.

Progressive politicians have been chipping away at religious liberties for years now. The Affordable Care Act, the signature legislation of the Obama administration, contained a provision that forced employers to provide their workers with health insurance that covers all forms of approved contraceptives including the "morning after pill", sterilization procedures, and coverage for abortion.

Employers that had strong religious convictions and objections to these regulations sued the federal government in an attempt to not be forced to provide these coverages; Hobby Lobby, Mart Green, Conestoga Wood Specialties, etc.

The Obama administration argued that the First Amendment actually allows it to force Christians to directly violate their religious beliefs, even on matters that involve the life and death of human beings. Their reasoning was that an employer was not entitled to the same religious protections in the First Amendment, as an individual is.

Their heavy handed solution was to enforce the contraception and abortion sections of the ACA with a federal fine of up to \$1.3 million <u>per day</u>. The four "Conservative" members of the Supreme Court ruled against the Obama administration in 2014.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, run by Catholic nuns, also got caught up in the contraception mandate and subsequent Supreme Court decision rendered 7-2 in their favor in 2020. Even though the Trump HHS revised the mandate to exempt religious groups, Progressives continued to go after them. In 2017 Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro and California Attorney General Xavier Becerra both filed lawsuits with the federal government to take away the Little Sisters religious exemption in their states, or face millions of dollars in state imposed fines. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Little Sisters' 7-2 in 2020.

Update, 2023: Josh Shapiro is now Governor of Pennsylvania and Xavier Becerra is Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Biden administration. President Biden (a "devout Catholic" according to his own administrations claim) vowed to reinstate the ACA contraception provision of the ACA as presidential candidate.

Even though both states had multiple clinics that provide free contraception and free services to women, and the Supreme Court ruled in their favor in both cases, Little Sisters must not be allowed to refuse to cover these services and defy Progressive policies.

In May 2021, HHS Secretary Becerra approved a new Biden directive that would require all federally funded hospitals, even religious hospitals, to support and perform gender-related treatments and procedures. The justification was the Biden administration interpretation of prohibiting 'sexual discrimination' to include 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity'. Even though there are thousands of public hospitals and health clinics that can and will perform these services, religious based hospitals must not be allowed to dissent. ^[64]

While attacks against abortion clinics here in the U.S. receive a lot of press, very little reporting has been done on the continued vandalism and firebombing of churches in Europe, Canada and the United States.

Christian sites in Europe suffered a record number of attacks in the year 2019, with some 3,000 Christian churches, schools, cemeteries, and monuments vandalized, looted, or defaced. [65] [66]

In Canada, dozens of churches were burned to the ground in "an apparent ongoing anti-Christian campaign... The crimes stem from far-left terrorists with a <u>Marxist ideology</u>, whose sole purpose is to "strike fear in Canadians for practicing their faith" [67] [68] There were more than 150 attacks on Catholic churches in Canada between 2010 and 2021.

In the United States, the Family Research Council released a report in December 2022 titled "Hostility against Churches is on the Rise in the United States." The report cited 420 acts of hostility against churches between January 2018 and September 2022, 54 'pro-abortion' acts of hostility against churches in 2022 alone, 342 occurrences of vandalism, 58 arson attacks or attempts, 12 gun related incidents and 11 bomb threats. [69]

Following the Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision overturning of Roe v. Wade in January of 2022, attacks against abortion opponents, medical clinics and crisis pregnancy centers escalated.

By the end of 2022 there were at least 81 reported attacks against pregnancy centers and pro-life groups. Pro-abortion domestic 'terrorists' including the militant extremist groups "Jane's Revenge" and "Ruth Sent Us" claimed responsibility during the promised "summer of rage" following the Court decision. (But of course, only white, conservatives are classified as extremist in the Progressive media or by the Biden DOJ) [70]

Catholic organizations, anti-abortion centers and other conservative groups called on the Biden DOJ to investigate and prosecute attacks, but little has been done by the same administration that pledged to protect abortion access after the *Dobbs* decision. ^{[71] [72]} FBI Director Christopher Wray testified to the Senate Homeland Security Committee in November 2022 that 70% of all abortion-related violence cases were against *pro-life* organizations. ^[73]

It's not surprising that most people don't know about *this* domestic extremism and terrorism. Progressive media outlets are only covering the January 6th hearings on extremist Trump supporters and the FBI's focus on alleged extremists in the military.

They don't want to bring attention to the continuing assaults on religious groups by the left.

Question: How come "right-wing" anti-abortion groups are identified as "extremists" and "domestic terrorists" but left-wing groups like Jane's Revenge are referred to as "prochoice"?

The FBI came under scrutiny after a "whistleblower" leaked a document that showed the bureau warning that "radical traditionalist" Catholics pose as an extremist threat. Surprise!! The memo claims that these RTCs have "anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, anti LGBT and white supremacist ideology." The FBI document also detailed a list of Catholic organizations that the "hate-based" Southern Poverty Law Center ironically defines as "hate groups." [74] [75] The FBI subsequently retracted the document: "it does not meet our exacting standards." [76]

In less violent incidents, student athletes are being told that taking a knee to support Black Lives Matter is allowed, kneeling in prayer after high school football games is not. [77] [78] Wearing a BLM t-shirt or hat in a public building or business is allowed. Wearing a 'Jesus Saves' t-shirt is not. [79]

Claiming that men can menstruate and become pregnant is acceptable. Claiming that there are only two genders is "hate speech" and must be punished. [81]

The percentage of people who describe themselves as atheist or agnostic has increased by more than 52% since 2009 and the number of people identifying as Protestant and Catholic are down substantially over the same period. For the first time in eighty years, less than half of US adults belong to a Church, synagogue or mosque.

Progressives are working very hard to *abolish eternal truths*, *abolish religion*, and *abolish morality*. There have been many examples of self-induced failings of Christian religious sects over the years. Progressives have always used every opportunity to exploit and emphasize these examples to demean and undermine religion in our society. Now the federal government under

President Biden (the devout Catholic) has made a concerted effort to tie Christian religious groups to racism, bias, extremism and white supremacy.

Marx would be very pleased at the progress they are making.

6. Targeted Casualty: Nationalism (and American exceptionalism)

"The Communists are further reproached with desiring to abolish countries and nationality. National differences and antagonism between peoples are daily more and more vanishing, owing to the development of the bourgeoisie, to freedom of commerce, to the world market, to uniformity in the mode of production and in the conditions of life corresponding thereto. The supremacy of the proletariat will cause them to vanish still faster."

"Nationalism" – "Loyalty and devotion to one's nation or country, especially as above loyalty to other groups or to individual interests" encyclopedia Britannica "We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America." — Barack Obama, October 30, 2008

"We are going to have to <u>change</u> our conversation; we're going to have to <u>change</u> our traditions, <u>our history</u>; we're going to have to move into a different place as a nation." — Michelle Obama, May 14, 2008

Like revisionist historian Howard Zinn, President Barack Obama made it a point after his election to point out all the negative things the United States had done throughout its history, while downplaying our role as a superpower working toward keeping the world safe. In what became known as his "apology tour", the president apologized for the actions of the United States to countries that had historically been anti-American. The effect was to weaken American power on the world stage, to bring The U.S. down to a more equal level with other nations. ^[82]

The Obama administration was the first to promote "diversity and inclusion" in the military, allowing women to be assigned combat duty, and ordering the military to accept openly gay and transgender personnel. These social experiments helped undermine the credibility and readiness of the U.S. military.

Eight years of the Obama administration left the U.S. with a cumulative budget deficit of \$7.044 trillion and the National Debt at \$19.947 trillion. Food stamp (SNAP) spending increased by \$31.93 billion. (The explosion of the program, along with other welfare schemes, has resulted in President Obama being labelled "the Food Stamp President.") The "Debt-to-GDP" ratio had reached 104% by the time Obama left office, further weakening the countries financial position in the world economy.

After eight years of diminishing the reputation and power of the United States, Donald Trump was elected because of his platform to "Make America Great Again."

Trump pursued an America First agenda, strengthening border security, and instituting trade tariffs to penalize countries for "dumping" cheap products (solar panels, steel aluminum, autos) in the U.S. at the cost of American manufacturing jobs.

Trump was a major obstacle of the Progressive-Marxist left in getting rid of American Exceptionalism, citizenship requirements and national borders. His four years in office were marked by constant lawsuits from Progressive activist groups and "investigations" by Democrats in Congress.

The Center for Biological Diversity filed more than 260 lawsuits against the Trump administration. [82]

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), headed by former Obama AG Eric Holder, filed at least 100 lawsuits. [83]

The ACLU nearly 400 lawsuits, including keeping a U.S. citizenship question off the 2020 Census questionnaire and fighting the terrorist nations travel ban. [84]

State Attorney Generals filed 138 lawsuits against the Trump administration over multiple topics. [85] [86]

Democrats in Congress oversaw a two year long investigation into "Russian collusion" and two impeachment trials against the President in a four year period.

In the end, all these groups achieved their goals of blocking Pro-America policy implementation and getting Trump out of the White House.

Following the recovery from the 2008-2009 "financial crisis" in the United States, illegal immigration into the U.S. began to rise again after a six year decline. By 2017, there was an estimated 12.5 million illegal aliens residing in the United States, imposing an estimated \$134.86 billion financial burden on federal, state and local taxpayers. This financial burden includes expenditures for public education, medical care, welfare programs and law enforcement. [87] [88]

In fiscal year 2019, southwest border alone, border patrol agents apprehended over 850,000 illegal immigrants, including a record-breaking 473,683 "family units". This was the highest number of apprehensions in more than a decade. (Besides human apprehensions, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents also seized 101,000 pounds of cocaine, 2,800 pounds of fentanyl, 83,000 pounds of methamphetamine and 3,000 illicit weapons) [89]

President Trump pressured the Mexican government to step up their own border patrol activity and began the Migrant Protection Protocols or "Remain in Mexico" program. The CBP would return apprehended illegals to Mexican officials to wait for asylum claims to be adjudicated in American courts.

The Progressive left predictably raised an outcry over the policy, insisting asylum seekers had their human rights violated and were put at risk of kidnapping, rape, lack of healthcare and education. But they were not concerned about the migrants or human rights violations. The real concern was the protection of future Democrat party voters being allowed to flood into the U.S.

Hispanic voter registration increased from 7.546 million in 2000 to 18.719 million in 2020, an increase of 11.17 million registered voters or 148% in 20 years.

The number of eligible (not registered) Hispanic voters now equaled that of Black eligible voters. [90]

Between 65 to 71 percent of the Hispanic vote went for the Democrat candidate in the last four presidential elections.

The Democrats now had their ever expanding dedicated voter base, Hispanics.

They took great measures to keep an ever increasing number of future party Hispanic voters flooding into the United States, with the eventual goal of amnesty, citizenship, and voting rights. If 50% of those 12.5 million illegal aliens are of voting age, that's an additional 6.3 million total potential voters and 4 to 4.5 million Democrat votes in future elections. This almost certainly assures a Democrat president in all future elections.

Today, President Biden furthers the process of diminishing the power and sovereignty of the United States, open its borders without restrictions, doing away with the traditional, legal policies of U.S. citizenship and the rights/restrictions that come with this privilege.

Biden has encouraged illegal immigration into the U.S. since before he was elected In January 2020, candidate Biden promised to end illegal alien detention.

In April 2020, candidate Biden promised no illegal or undocumented aliens would be turned over to immigration officials (ICE).

In 2022, President Biden ended the "Remain in Mexico" policy.

In FY 2021 southwest border "encounters" reported by U.S. CBP increased 278% to 1.734 million. In FY 2022, border encounters increased another 37% to 2.378 million. And for the first four months of FY 2023, border encounters are almost 30% higher than the year before.

He promised. They came. [91]

Marx would be very pleased with the progress being made under the Biden administration.

7. Targeted Casualty: Private Property Ownership

"In this sense, the theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.... In one word, you reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so; that is just what we intend."

State and Federal governments have been sounding the alarm about an ever increasing lack of affordable housing in the United States since the post pandemic buying spree in 2021. A 2018 report released by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) showed that institutional ownership of single-family homes (SFH) was just 1 percent of the whole housing market. Since then, corporate investors have been buying an ever increasing number of SFH in the U.S.

In the first quarter of 2021, 15% of homes for sale were bought by corporations. In the fourth quarter that percentage had risen to 18.4 percent. In some areas of the country the percentage is much higher. Corporations are buying up homes in larger numbers, and bidding up prices higher than individual home buyers can afford to pay. [92] [93] [94] [95]

- * American Homes 4 Rent owns more than 55,000 suburban homes in 22 states, collecting an annual \$1 billion from tenants.
- * The Blackstone Group owns more than 17,000 rental homes and 44 multifamily communities in the Southeast U.S.
- * Haven Realty Capital and Walton Street Capital purchased more than 500 single-family homes in six communities in the Atlanta area in 2020, with an additional purchase of 700 SFR and townhomes upon completion over the next two years.
- * Nuveen Real Estate invested \$400 million in 2020 to purchase additional rental homes to add to its existing 75,000 home and apartment rental portfolio.
- * Tricon Investment Group purchased 708 single-family homes in Nashville TN in 2020 for rental purchases.
- * Madison Realty Capital developed a 1,089 unit waterfront residential project in Jersey City.
- * Invesco Real Estate committed \$5 billion to purchase 20,000 homes across the U.S. as rental properties.
- * Allianz Real Estate partnered with private equity group Centerbridge to acquire over \$4 billion of new SFH for rent across the country.

During the pandemic, the CDC issued a federal moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent in September of 2020. The moratorium was supposed to expire at the end of 2020, but the CDC extended it until January 31 (when Joe Biden would be in office).

Since January 2021, the Biden administration and the CDC extended the moratorium five times until the Supreme Court blocked it in August of 2021.

Under the Biden administration, two COVID stimulus plans allotted \$46.55 billion to provide financial assistance for renters to pay their monthly rent and landlords to pay for expenses.

The problem was that many of the renters took the money but failed to pay their landlords. The landlords, who were prohibited from evicting the tenants, still had to pay taxes, utilities and maintenance on the properties but had no money coming in to do so. [96] [97] [98] [99] [100] The states who were responsible for disbursing the rent relief were also slow in doing so, adding to the problem, and many small landlords opted to or were forced to sell their properties. [101] [102] [103] [104]

In New York state, Governor Cuomo and then Governor Hochul continued extending eviction moratoriums through January 2022, including prohibition of foreclosures for homeowners. In January 2021, the federal government awarded New York state more than \$2.8 billion in federal aid for the "Emergency Rental Assistance" program and \$540 million for the "Homeowners Assistance" fund. Six months later only a small portion of the funding had been distributed because of "poor management" by the states Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. As of January 2023, more than \$349 million funding is still unspent, proving that Progressive government policies are wasteful and inefficient.

In essence, federal and state governments "nationalized" an entire rental industry the past two years using the opportunity the pandemic provided, taking control of private property ownership away from individual entrepreneurs. Once the government has found a way to take control over something (the pandemic was one big test to see how much control government could seize and get away with) it will continue to push for more.

Roger Valdez, contributing editor to the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity (FREOPP), a non-partisan public policy think tank, wrote an editorial titled "Prediction For 2030: A Government Take Over Of Rental Housing" in 2020.

Valdez believes federal, state and local governments are on a path to completely take over the rental housing industry in the U.S. [105] Progressives are now calling housing a "basic human right" and governments are proposing billions of dollars in funding to provide "affordable housing" across the country.

President Bidens "Infrastructure Plan" calls for more apartment buildings and multifamily homes (high-density housing) to be built on smaller lots.

California governor Newsome has signed more than 30 affordable housing bills, pledging tens of billions in taxpayer dollars to build tens of thousands of new "affordable and climate-friendly" housing units.

Progressive Democrats are pushing for "high-density" housing in urban areas, so occupants can "drive less" and access travel destinations by walking, biking and mass transit." [106]

NY governor Hochul recently revealed her plans for building 800,000 new, affordable homes throughout the state over the next ten years. The plan includes giving state officials and developers the authority to override local zoning laws to build these houses where officials want them to go, even if local officials and residents don't. [107] [108]

In other words, governments will take away the rights of individuals to make their own decisions and mandate what they feel is best for everyone.

Marx would have loved Joe Biden, Gavin Newsom and Kathy Hochul!

8. Targeted Casualty: The Capitalist Economy (redistribution of political power)

"Modern Industry has converted the little workshop of the patriarchal master into the great factory of the industrial capitalist... Not only are they <u>slaves</u> of the bourgeois class, and of the bourgeois State; they are daily and hourly <u>enslaved</u> by the machine, by the overlooker, and, above all, by the individual bourgeois manufacturer himself.... Hitherto, every form of society has been based, as we have already seen, on the antagonism of <u>oppressing</u> and <u>oppressed classes</u>."

"The immediate aim of the Communists is the same as that of all other proletarian parties: formation of the proletariat into a class, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat."

Besides the anti-war, anti-religion, civil rights, sexual rights and women's rights aspects of the 1960's counter culture movement, alternative lifestyles also emerged. "Communal experiments" (collective households, communities, farming and worker cooperatives) regained popularity, as young people "returned to the land" and turned their backs on the traditional 9-5 corporate American economy.

Even without joining communes, young college graduates rejected the career values of their parents. "Hippies", mainly children of white middle and upper-class families, opted for taking drugs, listening to music and participating in social events, while "crashing" in shared apartments, living on the streets or in local parks. (San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury, New York's East Village, other northern big cities and college campuses)

Eventually, most of the 60's youth grew out of this phase, realizing they had to earn a living just like their parents did. At the same time, many of the Liberal college professors of the 1960's, who influenced a generation of "disenchanted youth", began to retire. Marxist professors, who stoked the anti-war/anti-establishment movement of the 1960's, retired, moved into politics or social activism.

Then Marxism began making a comeback with an entirely new generation of "disenchanted youth". Organized protest against Capitalism surfaced again with the "Occupy Wall Street Movement." Thousands participated in a weeks-long sit-in in the New York City financial district in September 2011, calling for redistribution of income, forgiveness of student loan debt, better and higher paying jobs and financial reform. Protesters trashed Zuccotti Park until police forcibly removed them in November. [109] [110]

Similar protests occurred in San Francisco, Cincinnati, Oakland, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Portland, Albany, Nashville and Frankfort KY.

The battle lines were drawn, it was the 99% against the 1%.

Spurred on by a new generation of Progressive-Marxist professors on college campuses, and a proliferation of Progressive environmental, social and anti-Capitalism study courses have groomed a new generation of Marxist and Socialist believers.

Traditional Capitalism, as described in university classrooms today, categorized negatively as "Racial Capitalism" and studied as "Sustainable Capitalism". [111] [112] [113]

Supported and encouraged by Marxist Democrat politicians like Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley and other "Squad" members, Americas young people have veered to the left. A June 2021 poll done by the news website Axios shows a continued shift towards Socialism by younger Americans.

In 2019, 58% of Americans ages 18-34 reacted positively to the word capitalism. That's plunged to 49% in 2021.

In 2019, 38% of all U.S. adults viewed socialism positively. That's increased to 14% in 2021. [114]

By 2020, 87% of "Generation Z" youth distrusted the government to "take care of their interests". 49% approved of socialism, and 30% felt Marxism may be a better choice. [115]

A new generation of young adults came of age after the financial crisis of 2008-2009, and the "Great Recession" that followed, and they struggled to get ahead. As a result, their distrust in the capitalist system shifted to approval of socialism, or rather, the "ideas" that socialism was built upon. Democratic voters, pushed by this rising group of activists are moving away from Liberalism, and moving more left towards Democratic Socialism. [116]

Todays Democrat party has moved from Liberalism, to Democratic Socialism. Bernie Sanders has long defined himself as a socialist since his political career began in 1980. His career in the House and Senate have seen him support citizenship for undocumented immigrant minors, a national single-payer healthcare system, and reducing wealth inequity.

Sanders launched his presidential campaign in 2016 and surprisingly won 23 primaries and caucuses and 46% of all Democrat delegates. [117] [118]

Sanders platform; "free" Medicare for all (estimated cost \$30 trillion), "free" college for all (est. cost \$47 billion per year), cancelling student debt (est. cost \$1.6 trillion), housing for all (est. cost \$2.5 trillion), Justice and Safety for all, "free" child care and Pre-K for all (est. cost \$1.5 trillion), "free" high-speed internet for all (est. cost \$150 billion), jobs for all, higher corporate and individual taxes on the rich, and his Green New Deal (est. cost \$16.3 trillion over ten years), resonated with young, socialist and Marxist indoctrinated college graduates. [Note: The Working Families Party endorsed Sanders in the 2016 primaries]

A new generation of Progressive federal, state and local politicians now support all of Sanders platform policies and more. [119][120][121]

In 2021 Democrats advanced a bill (H.R. 40) to study reparations for slavery. The bill has the support of 196 House Democrat co-sponsors, and is under serious consideration by President Biden. If passed into law, reparation payments would be made to descendants of slaves, or even to <u>all</u> Black Americans, at an estimated cost of \$10 - \$12 trillion overall, or \$800,000 for each eligible Black household. [122] [123] [124]

Progressive states like California aren't waiting for Congress to act. California governor Newsome already signed Assembly bill (AB) 3121 into law, assembling a task force to study reparations for black Californians, at an estimated cost to state taxpayers of \$569 billion. [125]

Progressive Democrats in the New York state Assembly have already called for a reparations study. No estimate cost has been made public yet, but NY has a Black population of 2.65 million vs. California's 2.07 million, so the cost to NY taxpayers could also be half a trillion dollars. [126]

Note: The Working Families Party, the "radical wing" of the Democrat Party, supports the importance of reparations for Black people and P.O.C. [127]

Progressives push for reparations doesn't just stop with Black descendants of slaves. California cities are getting into the act with giving away "universal income payments" to the LBQTQ community as well. Palm Springs has a \$200,000 pilot program to provide up to \$900 per month for anyone "identifying as" transgender or nonbinary. LGBTQ activists are calling for "real reparations" for LGBTQ workers and military members discriminated against by the Federal government. [128] [129]

Former Presidential and New York City mayoral candidate Andrew Yang is one of many Progressive politicians to come out in support of "Universal Basic Income"; a program that pays people a fixed monthly sum, for doing nothing! The rational is that since they can't (or won't) do what is necessary to provide enough income to meet the spending they need to support their lifestyle, the government should help make up the difference.

Yang's UBI proposal during his Presidential campaign, was to provide all U.S. citizens age 18 and older with a \$12,000 annual payment, called the "freedom dividend", in lieu of any social program benefits already being received. Recipients could allegedly choose the freedom dividend or social welfare program benefits, whichever provides them with the most benefit. So millions of Americans not already receiving taxpayer funded program benefits would receive the \$12,000 payment. The cost, an additional \$2.8 trillion *per year*, or \$28 trillion over the first decade of the plan.

Part of Yang's proposal to fund his Freedom Dividend, was to impose a 10% value-added tax (VAT) on the production of all goods and services purchased by American consumers.

Simply put, in order to receive this \$12,000 annual payment, each person would pay an additional 10% on every item they purchase and on every service they receive. Yang touts his freedom dividend as being a "game changer" for people, so let's see how this would change an average person's life.

Take the typical middle class couple, no dependents, in their middle 50's, annual income after taxes is \$80,000. Their total spending comes to \$80,000, so annual net cash flow is \$0. They receive a \$12,000 annual Freedom Dividend payment, and feel happy for the additional cash flow. But how does that VAT tax affect their existing expenses?

That \$80,000 gross annual expenses comes to \$74,074 before adding the 8% NYS sales tax. But the VAT tax adds 10% to the cost of all goods and services purchased, also adding to the final cost of the household purchases, which now increases to \$88,000.

The couples \$92,000 cash flow with the Freedom Dividend, results in a net benefit of \$4,000 after all expenses are subtracted, substantially lower than the "game changing" \$12,000 touted. But Progressives plans never give the true cost picture. That's intentional, in their effort to get entitlement programs passed.

A 2020 analysis of Yang's Freedom Dividend plan by the Tax Foundation, found the 10% VAT tax would have to be increased to 22%, and the payment would have to decrease to \$9,000 per year to be 'revenue neutral.' [130]

With this revised scenario so the plan does not add to the National Debt, using a 22% VAT, the final cost of the household purchases comes to \$97,600. The net benefit is now a net deficit of \$8,600. The devil is always in the details, and the majority of Yang's supporters will not dive into the details to see if the plan is viable.

Federal stimulus programs enacted in 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic have cost taxpayers \$6.872 trillion. President Bidens three part "Build Back Better" plan, the American Rescue Plan (\$1.9 trillion), the American Jobs and Infrastructure Plan (\$1.2 trillion), and the Inflation Reduction Act (\$485 billion), will cost American taxpayers an additional \$3.585 trillion over the next 10-years

Bidens initial proposals for his BBB plan came to a staggering total cost of \$6.69 trillion before forced reductions by Republicans in the Congress, to get enough votes to pass.

Biden has made it a point of bashing President Trump for his spending and budget deficits, much of which were the result of winding down the war in Afghanistan and the Pandemic. Under the Trump administration, the National Debt increased by over 46% in four years, to \$27.751 trillion. President Biden has boasted that his deficit for Fiscal Year 2022 was considerably lower than the previous deficit in 2021, but it was still significantly higher than

the two years prior to the pandemic. In fact, the Biden administrations \$161.478 billion average monthly deficit is the highest of any previous administration in history.

Very little of the Infrastructure Plan or Inflation Reduction Act money has been spent yet, let alone any additional spending for reparations or other Progressive policy proposals that are being considered.

Deficits WILL increase substantially in the future, due to all these Progressive spending policies. The true "hidden costs" of these bills may not be known for years to come. President Biden and Democrats had claimed that Build Back Better would cost American taxpayers \$0. But they lied.

The Wharton (business) School of the University of Pennsylvania analyzed Bidens BBB plans and came to the conclusion that hidden costs of the legislation would actually increase federal debt by 25%, adding \$4.26 trillion to the national debt, when all the "accounting gimmicks" were taken out of the picture. The report on the Penn Wharton Budget Model in the Washington Times had the headline, *'Build Back Better's' true cost - When the accounting gimmicks are taken out of the picture, the price more than doubles* [131]

The Congressional Budget Office just published *'The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2023 to 2033'* in February. Their report projects a federal deficit of \$1.4 trillion for FY 2023, with deficits *increasing annually* over the next decade to a projected \$2.7 trillion deficit in 2033. This deficit is projected to equal 6.9 percent of the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the U.S. in 2033, with the total debt held by the public rising to a staggering \$46.445 trillion. The CBO report also notes that federal debt held by the public is projected to rise from 98% of GDP in 2023, to 118% in 2033 and a higher still 195% of GDP by 2053. [132] [133] [134]

These levels of debt are unsustainable, and will have severe consequences to future interest rate levels and economic growth, as Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell testified to Congress [135] Progressives in Congress have the American public hooked on a never ending supply of deficit spending on "free stuff" (see Bernie Sanders campaign platform, above).

Younger Americans having been indoctrinated into the belief that because the federal government issues its own currency, it can spend as much as the people want. (Modern Monetary Theory) Financially and economically illiterate older Americans who do not know what is going on in the fiscal and financial world, blindly follow the lead of the ideology of the politicians they support.

There is no painless solution for the debt situation the United States finds itself in today. In their book *Endgame: The End of the Debt SuperCycle and How It Changes Everything,* Jonathan Tepper and John Mauldin detail out the painful future countries around the world

face when they can no longer finance the levels of debt they have accumulated in the name of entitlement and social justice spending.

Elevated levels of interest rates, inflation, and unemployment are in our future. Reduced standards of living, increased levels of income inequality, poverty and social unrest are coming. The U.S. will experience what the people of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece did during the EU debt crisis which started in 2010 and continues to some extent today.

As Mauldin puts it in the book; "We are left with no good choices, only difficult or bad ones. We have created a situation that is going to cause a lot of pain. It is not a question of pain or no pain; it is just when and how we decide (or are forced) to take it. [136]

Summary

The theory of Marxism is about the struggle between classes. Those who rule; those who control the means of production, who own property and wealth, and exert control and oppression over those who do not.

The causes of this oppression of the working people include;

- ➤ The traditional, 'nuclear' family
- ➤ The political system (legalized power and control)
- ➤ The judicial system (legalized means of ensuring that control)
- > Capitalism

Marx believed that eventually the oppressed, understanding the nature of their oppression and "victimhood", would revolt and overturn those oppressive societal norms and economy. Once the causes of oppression and control were destroyed, the proletariat working people would assume control of society and everyone would live as equals, in peace and prosperity.

Young adults became indoctrinated by their Marxist professors in universities, and 'bought in' to the tenants of Marxism. The professors of the 1960's (and still today) were the enlightened academic leaders who informed their students how oppressed they were. They were the foundation for creating the revolution to overthrow society.

Politicians and their policies have failed to level the playing field for all people, in fact, have helped to cause the increasing inequities in our society today. These young adults who have been convinced by their professors that they are victims, have this status reinforced by the difficult job market and economic conditions we all face today.

Today's youth, and many adults, are convinced that the system no longer works for them, and are eager to latch on to anything that looks and sounds more appealing. What they fail to see is that this ideology of Marxism/Communism/Socialism has failed wherever it has been tried. Millions of people have died throughout history under leaders who have initially drawn people to their movement by charisma and charm, and the promise that they would benefit and be taken care of once the system had been put into place. These leaders then turned into ruthless dictators, and those who thought they would be living in a paradise on earth, find themselves oppressed all over again and even more so than under the former system.

Professor John McWhorter of the Manhattan Institute described it best when he noted that, white liberals follow causes like this because it makes them "feel good", it shows others that "they care" about the cause, that they are "one of them". It's not a movement based in fact, it's a cause based on feelings.

Conclusion

Step by step, Progressive Marxists have targeted the institutions that Marx identified must be destroyed. They are succeeding with their plans because the true aim of their goals has been hidden behind "pleasing sounding rhetoric" that most people would agree with.

The American public is blissfully unaware of what is really happening behind the scenes, as most of their days are busy making a living and providing for themselves and their families. What little time left over in the day is spent viewing social media, where the Progressive narrative is pushed upon the unsuspecting public. Few if any will bother to take the time to consider statements made and policies proposed, to see if they make sense and add up.

Many are already willing participants in the movement to overthrow the existing system. Much of the public will unquestioningly accept the narrative, and go on with their lives. Some feel uneasy, feeling that something is wrong, things just don't make sense, but it can't be as bad as others claim, right? Our politicians couldn't really be doing this to us, right? Some will take the time to listen closely to the rhetoric, research and analyze the facts. These people will come to the realization that these things <u>are</u> really happening behind the misdirection coming from activists, the media and our politicians.

The big push to "fundamentally transform the United States", to "change our history" began with President Obama. Today his former V.P. Joe Biden continues this transformation, economically, legislatively, and monetarily. Obama, Biden and the rest of the Progressive left are willing participants in Marx and Engels plan for revolutionary change of the United States.

The wealthy, the "elites" (11+% of the population) stand to lose nothing in this Progressive, Democratic push to revolution. They have, and will always be in charge in this country. The poor, impoverished and working poor (36% of the population) who the government supports with social welfare programs and assistance, also lose nothing. The government will continue to support them.

The Middle Class (52+% of the population will be the losers in this transformation. They will eventually be impoverished and become dependent on government support to exist. The Democratic Marxist plan is to enrich the 11+% elite class and impoverish the rest of the population to keep them under control.

Not quite what Marx and Engels were going for, but then Marxism/Socialism/Communism has never worked the way the founders of the ideology planned, but it did work the way those who implemented it over the centuries (Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro) planned. [137] [138]

Notes on the "founding" of America, and the Constitution of the United States:

The Constitutional history of the United States spans 235 years. Within the first 84 years of that history, the people took significant steps to address things that were not included in the Constitution, things to make living in this country fairer and more equal.

The beliefs of the individual composers of the document, beliefs that in some cases had to be compromised on in order to come to an agreement for the framework that this country was based on. The rights and privileges contained in the Constitution, are not all inclusive. Laws are often not complete in their scope or justice, and the Constitution, drafted by seventy-four delegates over a three and a half month period, is no exception. Besides having to compromise to come to a final completed document, the delegates also had to consider its ratification by legislatures of the thirteen states.

Contentious issues such as slavery had to be compromised on by all parties, in order to come up with a set of laws to begin to govern the entire country. Like the Declaration of Independence, the drafters of the Constitution knew they needed to get this supreme law into place first, and changes made later. This, is something that those who continually criticize the Founding Fathers refuse to acknowledge.



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