

Richard Lamm served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1965 to 1975 and as the 38<sup>th</sup> governor of Colorado, from 1975 to 1987. During his term in the House of Representatives, Lamb was responsible for drafting and successfully passing the first “liberalized” abortion law in the country, permitting the killing of unborn babies for reasons other than health of the mother and forcible rape. Then, in 2020, 59% of Colorado residents voted *against* Proposition 115, a ballot initiative that would have *prevented* abortion after 22 weeks, the time when a fetus *could survive* outside the mother’s womb unless the pregnancy endangered the mother’s life. Colorado is one of seven states in which abortion is legal at all stages of pregnancy, up to and including at birth. According to CDC data, since Colorado’s abortion law was passed, the number of abortions has risen from 140 in 1967 to 14,691 in 2023, with 588,974 abortions performed in Colorado over the past fifty-six years. The Guttmacher Institute, a pro-reproductive rights organization that compiles more complete and accurate statistics than the CDC, estimates that these numbers are underreported by more than 35 - 50%, so the number of abortions in Colorado could easily exceed 800,000.

Let’s take a look back at what Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels promoted in the Communist Manifesto... They believed the working class (proletariat) was systematically exploited and oppressed by the business owners (bourgeoisie). In their minds, only the destruction of capitalism could correct this. Marx and Engels were convinced that in order to destroy capitalism, the traditional nuclear family (one man, one woman and their children) and all it stood for, would have to be *dismantled* and abolished.

Direct Attack #1, Marriage: In 1960, married couples made up 75% of all U.S. households. That percentage hit an all-time low of 46.8% in 2021 and was only slightly higher last year at 47.1%. In 1960, 72% of all adults were married. By 2024 that number had decreased to about 50%. Recent polls show that 40% of unmarried adults think marriage is obsolete and only 30% of Millennials say having a successful marriage is one of the most important things in life. Democrat Marxists have done an excellent job on this attack so far.

Direct attack #2, Abortion: There have been an estimated 55 million abortions performed in the United States since the Supreme Court decided abortion was legal in 1973. The rate of births per 1,000 people had fallen from 23.7 in 1960 to 10.7 in 2023 and total fertility rate has plummeted from 3.5 children per woman to 1.6 children in 2024. While the majority of women who had abortions were unmarried, the end result is still the same. Fewer babies being born, fewer future adults to marry, fewer adults to have families. Check again.

Direct attack #3, Gender: The *gender revolution* is fundamentally Marxist, Its goal is to eliminate division by biological sex. Data on the number of Americans who identify as transgender only goes back to 2014, when an estimated 205,850 people, 0.7% of adults aged 18 to 24, identified as transgender. By 2024, that number had risen to 2.1 million adults aged 18 and older with an additional 723,700 ages 13-17 also identifying as transgender. The transgender population increased by 1,289% in just ten years. Check again, 3 for 3.

Radical feminists and their counterparts on college campuses, convinced generations of women they shouldn't get married, that it was OK to have an abortion at anytime and for any reason, and that you could "change" the sex you were born as, to anything else you wanted it to be on any given day. Two different people can look at the same data but interpret it differently. Viewed through the lense of understanding and accepting how Marx and Engels were trying to overthrow capitalism by dismantling the nuclear family, I conclude that their plan is working, and is very much alive and well in society today.

Back to Richard Lamm... Lamm was also an environmentalist and (allegedly) President of the First National Conference on Population and the Environment. His 1972 campaign against Denver hosting the 1976 Winter Olympics resulted in cutting off public funding for the games, forcing Denver to cancel its hosting and the games moving to Innsbruck Austria. As governor, Lamm supported physician assisted suicide saying, "We've got a duty to die and get out of the way with all of our machines and artificial hearts and everything else like that..." earning him the nickname "Governor Doom." Lamm was also an author, writing twenty books, including *The Angry West: A Vulnerable Land and Its Future* in 1982. The *Angry West* was a rant against exploitation of the Indians and their lands by the federal government and capitalists, environmental pollution and social upheaval. We know where Richard Lamm stands on the political spectrum... he was a far-left Progressive America criticizing Democrat before that was even a thing.

In October 2003, a conference was held in Washington DC to discuss the huge influx of immigration, legal and illegal, into the United States. In 1990, there were 19.7 million immigrants residing in the US, 7.9% of the total population. By 2000, there were 31.1 million authorized immigrants living in the US, 11.1% of the total population, plus an additional 7 million illegal immigrants living in the US. In the post 9-11 era, Americans were concerned about the increasing immigration population of the United States, and this conference gave speakers an opportunity to talk about problems and causes of immigration. Victor Davis Hansen talked about his latest book, *Mexifornia: A State of Becoming*, explaining how immigration, both legal and illegal, was destroying the entire State of California. Hanson said this phenomena would continue spreading across the country until it destroyed all vestiges of the American Dream.

The entire conference up until this point, had been about how immigration was destroying the American Dream. How increasing numbers of H-1b and L-1 visas have taken one million high tech jobs out of American worker's hands and given them to immigrants from foreign nations, at lower wages. How 'offshoring' and 'outsourcing', fully supported by the president and congress, had cost over three million American jobs in the past six years. Remember, the United States had been under the control of three presidents that were globalists; George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and now George W. Bush. Under their leadership, Congress had expanded free trade agreements, passed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and established the World Trade Agreement, more than one million high-paying manufacturing jobs lost, and negotiating the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which would result in thousands more jobs being lost.

Then Richard Lamm stood up to speak...

“I would like to share with you my plan to destroy America. If you think, and some do, that America is too smug, too rich, too self-satisfied, not diverse enough, too white bread, I have this plan. Toynbee, you know, said that all great nations rise, and they all fall. And he said, ‘And the autopsy of history is all great nations commit suicide.’ So here’s my plan, eight parts.”

“Number one, I’d make it [America] a bilingual, bicultural country. History shows us that no bilingual bicultural country lives at peace with itself. There’s not one, I believe, that doesn’t exist with an incredible amount of tension and conflict, if not civil war.”

“[The] second part of my plan would be to invent something called multiculturalism. This would be in two parts. Number one, I would say that all cultures are created equal, I would make no difference and make it impossible to talk about such a thing as culture. And the second one is that I would try very hard to make people continue their cultural identity. I would replace the melting pot with the salad bowl.”

I’m going to stop here for a second and address the first two parts of Lamm’s “plan”. Over the course of history, empires and civilizations have risen and then collapsed. Some fall from war and invasion by superior forces. Some collapse because leaders and the people turn away from the values, morals and principles their society was founded on, resulting in economic troubles, inequality, social unrest and revolution. Ancient Greece, the Roman Empire, Ottoman Empire, French Monarchy, and the Austrian, Spanish and British Empires all ruled supreme at one point, then they collapsed and either disappeared or lost all or most of their power and influence. I believe that the United States has been on this track since the counterculture revolution of the 1960’s, which marked the start of sexual liberation, alternative lifestyles, expanding drug usage, political activism and social unrest.

America had always been described as a “melting pot”, where immigrants come to this country to live a better life. While they retained their original languages and cultural practices, it was understood that they must assimilate into the culture of their new country. Learn its primary language, obey its laws, embrace its culture, have pride, respect and allegiance for the country they emigrated to. Instead of assimilation, Progressive Democrats promote the salad bowl model, in which each culture keeps its own distinct qualities, have no national identity or respect for the culture, emphasis on education, work ethic, or are receptive to the customs and laws of the natural born citizens of the country they now live in. This often leads to large concentrations of migrants in urban areas, with high levels of unemployment, chronic welfare dependency and crime in those neighborhoods. This creates that level of tension between natural born citizens and immigrant residents that Lamm referred to. The feeling that *we* have to obey the laws, but *they* don’t. *We* have to work to support *them*. It creates an *us* verses *them* mentality where divisions based on nationality, culture, race or religion result in bias and conflict, instead of creating an inclusive culture. This is not what the founding fathers envisioned when America was formed, but exactly what Progressive Marxists want to see happen, in order to destroy the country.

You can see this occurring now in European countries, which for the past decade have invited and welcomed mass immigration from non-EU nations, mainly from Middle Eastern and African countries. In June 2012, U.N. migration chief Peter Sutherland told the British House of Lords that their immigration policy had to change, and that the future prosperity of developed EU states depended on becoming “multicultural.” The result was a strong correlation between increased immigration and unemployment, poverty and crime. Today, EU countries are reducing the number of migrants they allow into their countries and denying admission to those who would fail to assimilate into their host countries.

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“The third part of my plan, would be to make the fastest growing demographic group in that country the least educated. I would add a second underclass to the first underclass, unassimilated, undereducated, antagonistic, and then I’d have 50% of them drop out of school, not graduate from high school.”

A 2023 report by the American Council on Education showed that across all racial and ethnic groups, just 9% of Americans had not finished high school, 29% had graduated from high school, and 48% had attended college and received a degree. For Hispanic or Latino’s, 25% had *not* finished high school, 33% had graduated from high school, and just 30% had attended college and received a degree. Over the past four years of open borders, more than 8 million immigrants entered the U.S. The 2024 Census Bureau *Current Population Survey* shows newly arrived immigrants are much larger in number, less educated, and poorer than newcomers before Joe Biden became president. The survey also showed that the share of new arrivals with no education beyond high school increased from 36 percent in 2018 to 46 percent in 2024, the first time in more than a decade that new adult immigrants with no education beyond high school outnumbered those with a bachelor’s degree. “The surge in new arrivals with less education means that immigration has added enormously (3.5 million) to the nation’s low-income population in just the last three years.” Part three of the plan to destroy America was also well under way and working.

“The fourth part of my plan would be to get big foundations to fund and big businesses to fund these efforts with lots of money. I would invest in ethnic identity, and uh victimology. I would get them [minorities] to think about their lack of success was only the fault of the majority. I would start a grievance industry.”

This “grievance industry” is in full swing in America today. From claims of systemic racism and institutional racism to unconscious and implicit bias, activists have created “groups” of people in our society who believe they are victims of oppression by other groups of people.

*“The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles... new classes, new conditions of oppression...”* [Karl Marx, Manifesto of the Communist Party]

This victimhood mentality absolves the oppressed person from all responsibility for their actions. Everything bad that happens to them due to their own behaviors and lack of efforts, is someone else’s fault and they are owed compensation for being a victim. They become unproductive members of society, not contributors to society, constantly looking for equity and “social justice” in education, the workforce and the community.

“The fifth part of my plan is I would develop dual citizenship. I would promise people actually, divided loyalties. Allow them... to vote for both Vincente Fox and George Bush. Note: Vincente Fox was President of Mexico at the same time George Bush was the American president in 2000 to 2006.

“The sixth part, and this is most important, I would place all of these subjects off limits. I would make it taboo to talk about actually or criticize this whole thing. I would make it come up with a word like *heretic* used to be 200 years ago. Let’s say we call it racist. And I would try to accuse anybody of this [racism] that would object to my ideas.

Critics of open borders and mass immigration are vilified as racists. So are those who point out criminal acts committed by illegal immigrants. Speakers are banned from speaking on college campuses by intolerant administrations and protested by students who don’t want opposing views heard. Progressive college professors stifle open discussion, under threat of lowering the grades of students who openly disagree with their teachings or speak out against the “new norm” forced on society. “Bias response teams” prevent student speech through fear and intimidation. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies in corporate America rank employees on a “hierarchy of privilege.” Big banks cancel accounts of those whose values don’t align with their woke policies. These are all real life examples of attempts to silence opposing points of view and allow activist policies to be normalized in our society.

“My seventh part then, I would next make it impossible to enforce our immigration laws. I would develop a mantra; let’s call it this... because immigration has been good in the past for America, it will continue to be good in the future.

“My eighth and last part, and it’s important. I would censor this book. (Victor Davis Hansen’s book ‘Mexifornia’). This man is dangerous. He’s on to my plan, don’t read this book. (Audience laughs and applauds)

If you read various articles or internet posts written about this speech, you find that the language has been changed to make Lamm’s speech seem sinister. Statements are taken out of context and additional language is inserted that Lamm never said. It becomes the authors interpretation of what Lamm said, to fit the narrative they write about. I try to never take things at face value. I always do my research, look through multiple articles written about the same topic, so I am sure about my interpretation and opinion before I write on the subject. In this case, I began with articles, then listened to the actual audio file of Lamm’s October 2003 speech, correcting the inaccuracies. The audio file was originally released on the Mark Levin show in 2015, twelve years after it was recorded. The most recent show to profile this speech was the Vince Everett Ellison Show on October 24, 2025. This was the first time I had heard the audio. My interpretation after listening to the audio several times, is that while Lamm was detailing “a plan” to destroy America, it wasn’t “his plan.” To me it seemed this was a hypothetical of what he would do if he wanted to destroy America. Remember, he gave this speech in 2003, six years before Barack Obama was elected president, twelve years before the U.N. General Assembly passed the *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*, fifteen years before the first members of “The Squad” were elected to Congress and seventeen years before Joe Biden was elected president.

After reading the articles and posts, after listening to the audio file, I am left with two possible conclusions. Number one: Richard Lamm was a Democratic Marxist, in full support of destroying America, bringing it down in the way Marx and Engels wanted to do with Capitalism. Number two: Richard Lamm was a person who observed what leaders and citizens had done to this country and was remarking on how they would continue to destroy it unintentionally or intentionally. If it was to be intentional, Lamm was predicting how it would be accomplished.

British historian Arnold Toynbee (who Lamm referenced in his opening remarks) published the 12 volumes of *A Study of History* between 1934 and 1961. During the twenty-seven year period it took Toynbee to complete his project, Toynbee theorized that each civilization is born from the need to meet challenges of various kinds. The United States was born to meet the challenge of an oppressive British rule over a nation of people who fled Britain and other European countries to escape this exact oppression. The development of the new country, he believed, can only be achieved through a creative minority of people that involves the entire population. As long as there are continued challenges to be met, and honest and virtuous leaders to meet them, that nation will continue to develop. But eventually it will begin to decline on its own, without any outside influences. Civilizations die by suicide, not by murder Toynbee concluded.

The Founding Fathers wrote our Declaration of Independence in 1776, stating our country's independence from British rule and that in this newly formed country, all men would be considered to be created equal and have the right to live as free men and pursue the goals that would make them happy. I know a lot of progressives take issue with this statement. Women were not treated equally in 1776. It would take more than 150 years for women to have voting rights and equal protections under law. Slaves and minorities were not treated equally in 1776. It would be 87 years until slavery was ended, and another 105 years before there was legislation to end segregation and discrimination based on race. These were flaws in the Declaration based on the societal norms of the time. But they evolved over the years as everything does. Despite what those on the left would have us believe, our country has been one of the most open and accepting for people of all races, religions and cultures. That is my belief, and I won't argue this point with anyone who doesn't see things that way.

Since the counter-culture revolution of the mid 1960's, there has been a social deterioration in this country. The percentage of people who say they are proud to be American and believe religion, community involvement, marriage and having a family are important, have declined to all-time lows. We live in a very polarized society today, with low tolerance for people of opposing viewpoints and an increasing approval of political violence, often promoted by our leaders. Activists for any number of radical policies push agendas on an unquestioning public, leading to the large scale murder of unborn children under the guise of protecting women's reproductive rights, and the mutilation of adolescent children under the guise of gender equality and trans-rights. Toynbee would look at what we have become, how we have turned away from two hundred years of societal values, morals and principals and observe that America is also dying by suicide.

Lamm also looked at what previous generations of people, and their leaders, had done to this country. He wrote twenty books critiquing the state of important issues in the U.S. In his 2006 book *Two Wands, One Nation: An Essay on Race and Community in America*, Lamm discusses the reality of ‘minority underperformance’ in America, rightly noting that its roots are in the community minorities grow up in. “*Studies show that Black and Hispanic students do half as much homework as Jewish and Asian students, and, surprise of surprises, they get half as good grades. That should be in the public dialogue... I don't believe Jews are smarter, and I don't believe Hispanics are dumber, but I think their cultures result in a different outcome.*” Lamm wrote. In *My Grandfathers Son, A Memoir*, Clarence Thomas talks about how he personally opposes welfare, saying that “it would be the “ruination” of blacks, undermining their desire to work and provide for themselves,” citing examples from growing up in Savannah, Georgia and personal experiences from within his own family. In *Wealth, Poverty and Politics*, Thomas Sowell wrote about how cultural factors are often a determination of whether a person succeeds or fails in life. He also blamed politics for failures as well. “*But it is quite rational, from the standpoint of the self-interest of leaders of the lagging groups, to keep the groups they lead resentful of more advanced groups, and to blame those advanced groups for their own group's failure to share more fully in the economic benefits created by skills and knowledge that are not as prevalent in the lagging group's own culture...*” In *Race and Economics*, Sowell writes about how stable families and stable values are a key to economic progress and states that government programs have resulted in harm to the very minorities who were supposed to be helped.

In my opinion, Lamm was not offering his own personal plan on how to destroy America. On the contrary, I believe he was giving us a warning on how it would eventually be carried out. Lamm could see how the political party he represented for twenty-two years was changing. He became a vocal critic of the fiscal burden from entitlement programs, multiculturalism, unchecked immigration and the demographic change in the U.S. Lamm, a highly educated white Democrat, was subjected to as much criticism and accusations of racism from progressive Democrats as Thomas (BA, JD, former Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and current Supreme Court Justice) and Sowell (BA, MA and PhD and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University), both highly educated, black conservatives.

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