Socialism—No Big Deal?



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Socialism, we're told, is no big deal. Some limit socialism's inroad into America to mere health- care options. Others pair socialism with essential social services as police and fire department protection. Problem is, neither of these naïve characterizations ring true. Recently, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz casually opined, "One person's socialism is another's neighborliness." His stunning caricature of what arguably is a very clear and present danger should ring alarm bells; but first, one must know the enemy. So, just what is socialism?

Socialism, Utopian in Vision

Drawn to warm and fuzzy labels of "Mamala" and Papa Tim, youth especially take to kindly, paternalistic figures who promise free access to basic life necessities like food, housing and healthcare. Nanny State socialists, as Senator Bernie Sanders, believe employment should be guaranteed as a human right. In a 2019 Town Hall, Grandpa Bernie even advocated for funding abortion and contraceptives to combat climate change! What's not to like?

On the "up" side, socialists would solve humanity's problems by human creation of a

completely just society. Granted, if there were no such thing as greed, envy or sloth, socialism might succeed in bringing about a more productive society marked by "neighborliness." However, on the "down" side, the word "utopia" literally means

"no place." Though some nation-states boast centrally-planned economies with extensive government control over the means of production, no real-life examples of pure socialism exist. Despite numerous, Marxist-inspired revolutions worldwide, a classless, utopian society has yet to materialize.

Government-Managed Development

The socialist principle of government-managed (sustainable) development calls for revamping the very infrastructure of our nation away from private ownership and control of property to nothing short of a national zoning system through which producers are expected to provide for non-producers. This is, after all, is the neighborly thing to do. Right?

Guaranteed Income and Affordable Housing

All of us view life through the lens of a chosen worldview—be it secular or religious. Revolutionized and popularized by Karl Marx, the never-never land of socialism represents one such worldview. Biblically speaking, not to work is not to eat. (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Believing the State to be God, German philosopher George Hegel used dialectic to counter any such God-notion of fixed right or wrong. Instead, socialists champion "the common good." Their Robin Hood approach to wealth redistribution affords for "everyone" (regardless of merit) the right to guaranteed income, proverbial bread and roses, not to mention affordable housing. Like it or not, this coveted "Great Society" compels "we, the people" to serve the State under burden of tightened regulations, bureaucratic controls and invasion of privacy.

Equality v. Egalitarianism

The biblical principle of equality ascribes intrinsic value to all. (Genesis 1:27) While right living attracts favor, sin reaps its own reward. (Ezekiel 18:20) In contrast, not to be mistaken for equality before the law, egalitarianism demands an equal outcome for all. Kamala Harris' recent Twitter feed

gave voice to this leftist-progressive narrative. In her own words, Harris aspires for "all to end up at the same place."

Recall George Orwell's Animal Farm which decried hypocrisy of government's claiming to treat citizens equally while, at the same time, empowering a small elite. In reality, not to fit the Orwellian paradigm confers consequences. By way of example, Margaret Sanger is the face of egalitarianism achieved by socialism. In her world of Planned Parenthood, monochromatic outcomes are achieved by systematic elimination of "human weeds" (blacks, the diseased, reckless, tainted, feeble-minded, paupers, dependents)—this, by elitists boasting superior gene pools (herself included). It would seem that today's targets are ostensibly "weird," "deplorable" "haters" and fetuses void of "personhood."

• Some "More Equal" Than Others

Big Government specifically targets people of color for paternal provision. Black Lives Matter (BLM) works in and outside the system to heal the past (with reparations), reimagine the present (with reverse nepotism) and divest black lives from punishment paradigms (police and prisons). In an apparent show of solidarity, Kamala Harris hopped on board by publicly identifying as black, rather than East Indian.

Critical Race Theory (CRT) conveniently categorizes humanity as oppressors (the have's) and victims (the have nots). Only "some" (the so-called victims) are afforded the right to reparations, college debt relief and dreams granted via the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act. In deference to the common good, non-sustainable, non-producing "oppressors" (as fetuses, the elderly, retired or stay-at-home moms, society's "deplorables" and white males) are relegated to the low end of society's totem pole.

• The Fruit of Forced Equity

In reality, the Marxist ideal demotes our culture to what

Henry Lamb distinguishes as "the lowest common denominator that forced equity demands." In Agenda: Grinding America Down, Curtis Bowers brilliantly frames the process over decades toward achieving Obama's goal to fundamentally transform the US of A with change that socialists and ilk can believe in.

• Thought Transformation

Biblical equality, rugged individualism, personal responsibility and meritocracy must bow at the altar of socialist egalitarianism. Consensus and censorship mandates force thought transformation. In 2020, Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan launched a Hate-Crime Hotline for willing tattlers to accuse independent thinkers of racism, bigotry, homophobia, selfishness and/or hatemongering.

Planned Parenthood à la Margaret Sanger

Known to associate with Marxists and socialists, Margaret Sanger birthed Planned Parenthood Ironic, isn't it, that one of the best-funded, most profitable non-profits in human history disses capitalism? In 1969, a leaked Planned Parenthood memo disclosed Planned Parenthood's agenda—namely, family limitation, increased homosexuality, compulsory abortion/ sterilization and more. And, yes, Sanger famously sexualized children. Today, vocalizing a biblical, sexual ethic to the contrary is dubbed "hate speech."

Sanger is credited with shaping modern progressive thought (wokeness included) and thereby giving rise to the Democratic platform. Sanger believed that, without a permit for parenthood, no woman should have the legal right to bear a child. Still, freedom lovers in Chicago happily welcomed a Planned Parenthood "mobile clinic" at the 2024 Democratic National Convention. In homage, Sen. Cory Booker applauded abortion as "one of the most sacrosanct ideas in our country." Illumined partisans, as he, accept that all are equal, but some (would-be mothers) are "more equal" than their unwanted,

unindicted baby under sentence of death for no criminal offense.

1619 Project

Claiming systemic racism in American culture, the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1619 Project praised abortion, defunding the police, revoking the right to bear arms, reparations and socialism—all components of a true Marxist revolution; all complicit with Harris' political agenda. Accordingly, without regard for merit (now deemed "racist"), all students in America's public schools are awarded stars on their charts and participation trophies. Both DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) are used to indoctrinate children with Marxist ideology.

• DEI's Price to Be Paid

Over and above its primary responsibility of securing our nation's skies, the FAA's Diversity and Inclusion hiring plan prioritizes disabilities inclusion (e.g., hearing/vision, missing extremities, partial/complete paralysis, epilepsy, severe intellectual/psychiatric disabilities and dwarfism).

What's more, updated guidance from the US Office of Personnel Management advances gender identity inclusion in federal hiring. A black "female" transgender is a shoo-in for landing and keeping any job pursued. Now, service members who identify as transgender may receive an indefinite waiver for physical fitness standards. While taking transition hormones, they are considered "non-deployable" for up to 300 days. Most would agree that forfeiting public safety is a dear price to be paid.

Youth Targeted for Revolution

A German school initially consisting of dissident Marxists, the Frankfort School serves as a sort of outpost for European Bolshevism in America. Father of Progressive Education, John Dewey established one such school emphasizing destruction of religion and morality. Soon after Hitler arose to power, the Franklin School (otherwise known as the Institute for Social Research) found a welcoming home at Columbia University. The Institute was the first Marxist-oriented research center affiliated with a major German University.

Through the Anarchist Movement, radical progressives, futurists and globalists target and, then, groom today's youth for the cause of revolution. Victimization theories hook these youth; hard core action promises to ensure a just, peaceful, sustainable society; revisionist history serves as its catalyst; and Marxism assumes center stage in directing the social revolution at hand.

The strategy is loosely based on the Latin phrase *Ordo Ab Chao*, translated "Out of Chaos Comes Order." Once the rate of immigration exceeds that of assimilation, chaos is unavoidable. Incited chaos inevitably sets the stage for totalitarian controls designed to reestablish order. Propagandized youth who push to the forefront of antisemitic protests, BLM riots, and the CHOP debacle have been groomed and used by handlers. Following an unthinkably cruel Hamas attack on Israel, college students across the country (Columbia included) organized demonstrations against the attack's victims. Ivy league antisemites demanded Israel's utter extinction "from the river to the sea," but drew a blank when asked by media, "What river? What sea?" The label "useful idiot" comes to mind.

Civil War of Values: War on Religion

In the cause of societal transformation, Engels famously declared war on religion. For transitioning from the old- to a new- order, he advocated "forcible overthrow" of all existing social conditions. God is enjoined only when His mention serves the cause. To the point, the first director-general of the World Health Organization, Brock Chisholm, necessitated

removal of individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas. Margaret Sanger admitted that even birth control is "calculated to undermine the authority of the Christian churches."

Recently, when a peaceful protester proclaimed Jesus as LORD and King, Kamala quipped, "Oh, you guys are at the wrong rally." Clearly, Kamala has waged her own war on religion—this, by remaining silent on repeal of the unconstitutional Johnsen Amendment, weakening the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and advancing the radically abiblical, pro-LGBTQ Equality Act. During the pandemic, Kamala opposed religious exemptions from the vaccine and favored closing churches (but not liquor or cannabis stores).

Conclusion

Ask citizens of Czechoslovakia, Laos, Shanghai, Hungary, Romania, Poland and South Vietnam.

They will confirm that socialism in America is a big deal. Contrary to puppet naysayers, looming threat of next-step communism is by no means dead. Existing communist states include China, Cuba, Laos, Vietnam and North Korea (DPRK). To propagandize that "one person's socialism is another's neighborliness" would be laughable were it not such a dangerous mischaracterization.

The inimitable Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us, as Christians, that "silence in the face of evil is itself evil." Fiddling while one's nation burns is not biblically defensible. When informed Christians speak, stand and vote for issues (not personalities)—this, in alignment with God's Word— "the lot is cast into the lap"; and "its every decision is from the LORD." (Proverbs 16:33)

Indicting fear, faithlessness, wrong motive and passivity, King David queried, "Is there not a cause?" (1 Samuel 17:29) Indeed, there is. For American Christians today, informed,

principled voting is more than a privilege. It's a mandate.

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