

With the Old Guard Gone, Will Birchers Still Fight the Commie Menace?



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Search the Constitution and you will find no power granted to the legislative branch to make laws governing agriculture, housing, medicine, energy, private ownership or weapons, and a great deal more. –John F. McManus

Communism is the corruption of a dream of justice. –Adlai E. Stevenson, Democrat politician and former UN Ambassador from 1961-1965

Communism has never come to power in a country that was not disrupted by war or corruption, or both. –John F. Kennedy

We are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy that relies primarily on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence – on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day. –John F. Kennedy

There isn't a day that some horrible news doesn't come into our home via newspapers, magazines or email. Today is no different. Yesterday's headline was that the Republican held House reauthorized a two-year government surveillance power in the FISA bill, and Speaker Mike Johnson cast the winning vote.

Today's news was just as horrifying. The unelected elitists in the World Economic Forum are strongly promoting digital IDs to enforce vaccination compliance.

There is a network of power-seekers operating in the US and throughout the world to destroy nations and rule the planet. They hate freedom and liberty.

Community organizer Saul Alinsky stated, "True revolutionaries do not flaunt their radicalism. They cut their hair, put on suits and **infiltrate the system from within.**"

And they infiltrate...everything.

Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci gave us the blueprint for what has happened to America, "Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Judeo-Christianity. ... In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society."

Infiltration and Extirpation

Back in 2009, when the Tea Parties started up, I remember watching Glenn Beck on Fox News. He had Tea Party representatives from all over the country in studio. I was astonished at their lack of knowledge, but they knew something was very wrong and wanted to fix it. Judge Napolitano came out at the end and stated that all could be fixed with a constitutional convention, and it wasn't long before Beck was touting one as well. Opening our fabulous constitution to destruction is the goal of the infiltrators.

A neighbor and I went to a TP meeting in an adjoining county and I watched as the "leaders" led the people to [Heritage Foundation](#) and Newt Gingrich. I was appalled! Heritage has always been "controlled opposition," funded by [pro-abortion](#) and [globalist Council on Foreign Relations members](#).

A controlled opposition is a protest movement that is actually being led by government agents. Nearly all governments in history have employed this technique to trick and subdue their adversaries. Vladimir Lenin said, "The best way to control the opposition is to lead it ourselves."

As for Newt, in 1996, Speaker Gingrich signed the Republican-led "[gun free school zones act](#)," creating *criminal safe zones* like Virginia Tech, where the only person armed was a murderous criminal. Senator Herb Kohl of Wisconsin introduced the bill that was incorporated into the [Crime Control Act of 1990](#) and signed into law by George H.W. Bush.

If you check on the voting list of those who voted "yea" on [Public Law 101-216](#) in 1989 (an update to the [General and Complete Disarmament Law, Public Law 87-297](#)) you will find that Newt Gingrich voted in favor of section 2 of this disarmament bill which reads: "(2) as defined in this Act, the terms 'arms control' and 'disarmament' mean 'the identification, verification, inspection, limitation, control, reduction, or elimination, of armed forces and armaments of all kinds under international agreement to establish an effective system of international control'."

As for those Tea Parties, within six to eight weeks, the majority were infiltrated and became nothing more than garden clubs effecting no change.

In Manning Johnson's 1958 book, [Color, Communism and Common Sense](#), Johnson exposed the communist infiltration of black churches using the age old adage of divide and conquer by stirring up racial hatred. Johnson wrote that communists plotted to use the US Courts to aid communism, to subvert the black churches and to use their members to stir up race conflict. Many white churches have been infiltrated with Black Lives Matter, gay rights, and even Antifa. All of this was exposed in R. M. Whitney's 1926 book, [Reds in America](#).

This brings me to the core of this article and what I have seen taking place in the John Birch Society's New American Magazine, an organization and magazine that I love and am concerned about.

John F. McManus

Many years ago, I had written an article where I quoted someone who had lied about the John Birch Society (JBS). Shortly thereafter, John (Jack) F. McManus, President of JBS called me and we spoke for over an hour. I joined the Society.

Years later, Jack was to speak in Memphis, so a girlfriend and I drove across state and heard Jack express his distaste for Rockefeller's United Nations and how it needed to be defunded and abolished. Two JBS life members were with us and we enjoyed a wonderful evening. You can still watch Jack's magnificent expose of the UN.

Jack became a wonderful friend over the years. And what a fabulous author of numerous books; my favorite being, "[William F. Buckley, Pied Piper for the Establishment.](#)" It should be reprinted!

Interestingly enough, it was Buckley's National Review that brought Jack to the Birch Society. He had been an antagonist regarding the JBS and read an article in National Review he agreed with regarding Robert Welch's organization. Watch this two-minute video where Jack tells what happened.

I cannot begin to list all that Jack McManus accomplished in his lifetime. I had hoped that an entire issue of JBS' New American Magazine (NAM) would be devoted to his memory since he passed away on March 4th of this year. I wanted to see the photo from the cover of this book on the front of an issue devoted to this wonderful man. It is Jack speaking with

Robert Welch.

In the April 15, 2024 issue, Senior Editor, Rebecca Terrell wrote a beautiful tribute to Jack entitled, [The Patriot's Patriot: A Tribute to John F. McManus \(1935-2024\)](#). She knew and loved Jack as all of us did, but he was like a father to her.

Stay the Course

In February of this year, I wrote a letter to the publisher of the NAM with copies to editors and directors of the magazine as well as the CEO, president emeritus and others.

I was extremely concerned with changes I had seen. So often, the direction changes and weakens, in these wonderful liberty and freedom organizations, when the old guard passes away.

Many of the JBS employees are allegedly not even members of the Society, and as I recall, CEO Bill Hahn, wasn't a member before he was made CEO. How can that be? Where is the allegiance to the organization if you aren't even a paying member?

The NAM's logo had always been "That Freedom Shall Not Perish." It was recently changed to "Know More, Do More," which sounds like an advertisement for Home Depot or Lowes.

I was horrified that the freedom logo had been replaced. And asked in my letter:

- *Isn't freedom the entire goal of the John Birch Society?*
- *Aren't we to be educated and equipped warriors against the evils of Marxism and fascism?*
- *Aren't we all waging a war to stop the juggernaut of communist evil from overtaking our beloved country?*
- *Wasn't it freedom that JBS founder, Robert Welch, spent his life fighting for?*

That word "Freedom" means as much today as it did when our

founders adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the actual signing occurred on August 2, of 1776. Following the signing, were seven years of America's War for Independence from Great Britain that didn't end until September of 1783.

Freedom, that cry of all people, needs to be the everlasting banner of the New American Magazine, especially today, when our freedom is in great peril of perishing.

Another problem popped up last year. In all the years I had been a member, I was able to find the NAM articles on the web that had appeared in the magazine and forward them widely to friends. I knew that many of those who received the articles were impressed and ended up ordering the magazine.

All of a sudden, they were unavailable.

The magazine had adopted the business model of charging to read their articles, but for months, state leaders could not even access the articles to forward them. Under Biden's economy, feeding the family and paying the bills comes first. Incomes are stretched to the limit and few can afford extras.

This problem is now fixed after many months, and we can once again forward articles, but only members can access the articles.

There are some amazing investigative journalists who are editors of the magazine. Alex Newman, Rebecca Terrell and R. Cort Kirkwood are my favorites. I have sent hundreds of NAM articles through email, but there were two that were extremely important; Rebecca Terrell's [Covid Hospital Rescue](#) and Alex Newman's [BlackRock: Masters of the Universe](#).

Another change has been the use of AI for magazine cover art. I was shocked at the visage of Klaus Schwab on one cover as it didn't even look like that despicable snake.

But what was most disturbing was a post script to my letter which included [James Perloff's blog](#) and his article, [My Strange Encounters with Some of the John Birch Society Leadership Over 39 Years](#). James is the author of [The Shadows of Power: The Council on Foreign Relations](#), which was sold by the Society. In this article, James claimed, and showed proof, that some of his articles were being attributed to other authors, one of them even to the NAM publisher's wife! Quite shocking really.

These minor changes along with others I haven't mentioned, have me concerned. We need this organization to be operating with the same focus they had at their inception.

My letter was directed to the publisher, but I never received a response. Instead, JBS CEO, Bill Hahn, who was sent a copy of the letter, responded via email. Rather than alleviating my fears by telling me he'd look into everything I mentioned, he sent a "defense" letter. That certainly wasn't the way to win friends and influence people and it didn't assuage my fears.

The Communist Onslaught

America was long ago infiltrated with communists. As I've written in past articles, the first communist arrived here in 1824. His name was Robert Owen and he started a socialist school in Harmony, Indiana where he had purchased 20,000 acres. The school failed.

His son, Robert Dale Owen, also a socialist, became a US Congressman and founded the Smithsonian Institute, understood completely where New Harmony went wrong.

"All cooperative schemes which provide equal remuneration to the skilled and industrious and the ignorant and idle must work their own downfall," [he wrote of his father's utopia](#). "For by this unjust plan they must of necessity eliminate the valuable members and retain only the improvident, unskilled

and vicious.”

In 1848, a huge number of communists immigrated to the United States after their socialist efforts had failed in Germany. Thirteen high ranking soldiers in the Union Army were Marxists and corresponded with Marx. President Lincoln received letters from Karl Marx and they are in the Smithsonian.

By the 1930s, our government schools were being infiltrated with Marxists as told by former Congressman Paul W. Shafer and John Howland Snow in their book, [The Turning of the Tides](#).

In the 1950s, Hollywood and our government were being infiltrated with communists and Senator Joseph McCarthy knew they had to be exposed. [Blacklisted By History](#) authored by M. Stanton Evans, tells the full story of the struggles of Joe McCarthy to expose what was happening to our beloved nation. It is a revealing expose of the forces that distorted our national policy in the cold war conflict and our understanding of its history since. It is an incredibly detailed work of scholarship and investigative journalism.

Conclusion

Infiltration is the key. We must not allow it to happen to the only group known for exposing and fighting communism. The United Nations, The World Economic Forum and The World Health Organization all represent Marxist control.

Today, the Leftists who appear to be full-blown Stalinists, are in control of far too many facets of American society and culture. This is why we need a vibrant and strong John Birch Society with the same fire in the belly to save our beloved country.

The education must go on with new leaders like Jack McManus, a man whose heart was always for God, Family and Country.

I pray it is not too late.

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