# We Say No to Socialism

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Many young people today are led to believe that a socialist government is a more fair government than what we have enjoyed in America. Class or economic warfare is the left's favorite tool that young minds are quick to buy into. Many are led to believe that all people are equal, yet in the evidence of history this thinking is far from the truth.

"The two classes in socialism are the proletariat (the working class), who make up the majority of the population within society and must work to survive; and the bourgeoisie (the capitalist class), a small minority who derives profit from employing the working class through private ownership of the means of production." In this definition we are missing the ruling class, a small minority that controls everything.

So there are three levels of classes, the ruling part called by different names, then the bourgeoisie, and the proletariat. It is important that those who believe socialism will create equality, something we hear today from the progressive side, that they read this and search what true history is left, to see there are no systems that give everybody an equal voice in the manner of equality.

This is a quote found on a pro-socialist website, the fallacy here is the misrepresentation of painting the bourgeoisie as capitalist when in fact they are always socialist dictators and the dictators close operatives and fellows. These leaders who as Lenin said, look down upon the proletariat as useful idiots, those who buy into the lies to later realize the horrific outcome. The private ownership in a socialist/communist nation is the head of government and the bourgeoisie, everyone else is a slave to the government without rights, even speech.

The idea of the people controlling the government is a dangerous belief concerning a socialist/communistic order. Under the so-called collective there has always been a suppressive controlling minority which has never proved to be for the people. Socialism is merely the fore runner for communism where the people are <u>allowed</u> certain rights and held to the lifestyle dictated to them by the control of the ruling party. In totalitarian regimes, in every case under socialistic or communistic governments, the people have lost freedom and private ownership, opposition to the rule is not tolerated to the point of annihilation by the thousands. In reality it has always been the regimes in charge, which has its own voice and not that of the collective, but instead have enslaved the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

Unfortunately our nation's politicians have in the past fifty-five years been rapidly swaying our nation in this direction. We the people should have the power to remove and arrest, separate from voting cycles, politicians who allow open borders, and sanctuary cities. While many believe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communism

this to be humane it is anything but such. It encourages the cartels and gangs by offering protection from prosecution which opens doors and invites human trafficking, drug running, and weapons to come across our boarders. Apparently laws now exist to suppress our own nation's working class by denying the protections of the people our once honored constitution called for. If any one person did what city mayors have been doing they could be charged for harboring a fugitive.

We have become a nation of radicals who believes there exists a government that allows certain groups to have a voice through chaos and anarchy, separate from voting. In this we are destroying our freedoms -- even the one to voice our opinions; of course, that depends what side you are on. Look at the number of people currently captive in Russia, some four thousand for publicly standing up for an opponent of Putin. While these individuals are arrested and facing serious penalties just for expressing an opinion, radical groups in our nation have been encouraged, even by our new vice-president to keep it up, continue to destroy private property and jobs in order that their voices be heard. The truth of these groups is now showing their true colors post-election through the continuing chaos they are causing. If rioting is in one's eyes the only way to be heard, then why is there intolerance if the opposition does so? Does it not work both ways? Obviously in Marxism and in all communist regimes opposition is prohibited of such freedoms, again to the point of annihilation.

As the proletariat is driven to work in order to survive, and the important word here is survive, the bourgeoisie makes great gains and have in all cases of socialism and communism enriched themselves off of the backs of the lower class of enslaved workers. Once private property has been confiscated for the better cause, laughable, one needs only to look at who lost and those who gained. You may say that this is the very problem with capitalism; however, in a capitalist society all are free to invest their own money and take the risks to achieve dreams socialism suppresses, such as buying your own home or starting your own business, raising your children as you wish. This is how history has shown the system to become once the ruling party is fully established. Venezuela being the most current example of the ruin of a once profitable country, now a starving nation not caring for its lower class.

Incentive has proven to promote more people to drive toward making a society better. When the first colonies were established in the new America the property was under the rule of the king and private ownership did not exist. Production of food and resources was not keeping up and people were starving and without proper necessities. Soon a few colonies offered private ownership of land and the communities began working eagerly and proudly together improving their way of life; it is a story of success. If societies are free to achieve, achievement proves to be beneficial for all.

People who have freedom have proven throughout history to be more productive, but we are now being trained to believe all of these people do so out of greed and should be made to give up their houses and even worse, their income and freedoms that the have-nots will have what those who worked to accomplish have. Problem is, is this has throughout history brought down

societies, not built them up. We see the long term effects of this in our own nation right now. Poverty has only grown under our welfare system which has now witnessed generations who believe government should be paying the way. The problem with handouts is it encourages people to believe they deserve; politicians use envy as a voting tool to sway and encourage distain toward others. I would ask of those who believe in such a system, are you personally willing to walk away from your house and all you have worked for to have it given to someone else?

There are no other nations and especially communist or socialist nations that have supported and contributed more to people around the world than the United States. There has never been a nation who has provided more for their lower income than the United States. Another novel fact is that the United States has never placed nor ordered its citizenry into classes which prohibit and limit its citizens from achieving more for one's own family, benefitting all of an economy. However, we are currently on a fast track road that will take us there.

There is no better series I can think of for you to watch or read that puts the truth before us in a comprehensive form than "Free to Choose" by Milton Friedman. He demonstrates the mindsets of different people and how so many are conditioned by the environment they live under, more so than in. In one area he shows brand new government housing being built for the poor. After being occupied for only six months the people are complaining about substandard housing and the dangers that are ever present in which they fear for their children. The government did not destroy the housing, we the taxpayers did not destroy the housing, nor did any of us threaten or place fear into the hearts and minds of those who occupied the housing. They became victims of their own understanding, pity and tolerances. However, they have been taught that we the people, the government are responsible for their care. In "Free to Choose" he asks the question, "When do the rights of one override the rights of another?" More simply put, when do your values and dreams have the right to diminish mine? This is where the government lays down on correcting the problem, they treat these individuals as though they care when in reality they see them as useful idiots, purchased votes and people of continued shattered dreams and lost hopes.

## Are we really such an ugly nation?

Let us observe Brazil for a moment. The politics of Brazil take place in a framework of a federal presidential representative democratic republic, whereby the President is both head of state and head of government, and of a multi-party system. It is close in idea but not really the form of a republic such as we have in America due to the ongoing corruption. But what I want is for you to see the loss of hope.

"Brazil, as the largest country in the region, is believed to have the largest number of street kids. Tacon (1982) estimates that half of Latin America's 25 million street children reside in Brazil. Hoge (1983) based on interviews with UNICEF, has placed the number in Brazil around 10

million. One study of Brazilian street children indicated there are 7 million abandoned street children in Brazil, (Silva, 1988)."<sup>2</sup>

"25 years after the Candelaria massacre in Rio de Janeiro. The murder of a group of street children in Rio de Janeiro sent shockwaves around the world 25 years ago. The Candelaria massacre showed a side of Brazil that doesn't make the postcards, but is still a reality today.

"In this society, poor people and black people don't count," says Yvonne Bezerra. At the time she was vilified as an accomplice of the "vagabonds," as the street kids were called. There were many people who found their presence disturbing, and Bezerra says that in some quarters the massacre was regarded as necessary social cleansing."<sup>3</sup>

Knowing people who have gone on missionary trips to Rio de Janeiro within the past ten years speak of the street kids and how they are used and abused in every type of evil man can use them for. You think our nation is unfair and that people are mistreated? People who break the law need to be held accountable, this prevents chaos, but now we see hatred and vengeance being imbedded in the minds of many poverty neighborhoods in our nation. This is putting law enforcement in the minds of those who are being taught that all cops are hateful racists, no matter what color skin the cops have. I am not going to tell you there are not bad cops, there are, but not in high percentages. Our news outlets seek the bad in an overwhelmingly and unfairly larger number than they ever do the good. Good news does not lead to the ability to enrage the population and create stories that are often misleading and contrived. Lies. Hope in poverty neighborhoods should not be sought through revenge; this is not hope, it is using people to create hate and separation. It is of evil.

Lost hope is the larger problem in our lower income communities. These communities have been overrun by gangs recruiting young impressionable teenagers and sometimes even younger children. In the 1980's I remember reading an article from a county in Florida that looked at a troubled area where gang violence and drugs were ruling the streets. Children in this area were not safe going to school and it appeared nobody was found to help solve the problem. A group of mothers came together to clean up the streets at much risk, but they did it. In a span over many months the mothers turned in crooks and sometimes physically prevented crime from taking place. Having cleaned up the neighborhoods the mothers then turned to teachers who offered to work with the community to open up education even to the children's parents, working after school and on weekends. There was a major turn-around by the success of these strong-willed individuals. They gave up on politicians and got rid of the problem by working with police, teachers, and more important, each other as a community with the desire to achieve better. In a communist/socialist nation evil is not only often overlooked but instead condoned, but this past year we have witnessed this in our own nation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/002087289203500302?journalCode=iswb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.dw.com/en/25-years-after-the-candelaria-massacre-in-rio-de-janeiro/a-44779960

Second Thessalonians 3:9-11: Warning against Irresponsibility

"Not that we lack this right, but we wanted to offer ourselves as an example for you to imitate. For even while we were with you, we gave you this command: 'If anyone is unwilling to work, he shall not eat.' Yet we hear that some of you are leading undisciplined lives and accomplishing nothing but being busybodies...." This is not addressing those who cannot work, this is about able-bodied individuals who fail to see the plank in their own eye and are concerned more about spreading gossip than working. They are destroyers of civil harmony.

## **Burdens on a society**

Countries, as in China, are finding their older people a burden. China is now faced with millions of elderly who have no provisions to help face the cost of care of the elderly, whether it be housekeeping or medical cost. Children were to be the source of responsibility for aging adults, however, as China limited families to only one child, the cost of living and financial responsibilities of that child to merely survive alone is over-bearing and there is no money left each month for their parents. Next, as the government regulated forced abortion of female embryos, the imbalance of male to female adults has resulted in fewer children and especially in the reproduction of more males. China's younger population is no longer capable of providing for its aging citizens. Most elderly live on an income of twenty-five to twenty-eight dollars per month, not enough to provide for medical cost nor any type of quality of life.

What then is the answer as the ruling party continues to put most of its revenue into the military? One must wonder the plan behind all of this and it should not take long to figure it out. Your military is your focus and the elderly are a burden, however, to cleanse your nation of its elderly would cause much restlessness in the younger population. There must be a way to reduce the burden of the elderly.

China found itself struggling economically and decided to try a new plan. Capitalism, yes China opened up areas for free enterprise. Capitalism, a now dirty word amongst naive adults in America, China found it the only way to face its economic pressures.

"For all the positive developments China has seen in recent decades, a lot still remains to be done. Although its economic growth was accompanied by an increase in economic freedom, there are still deficits in many areas. China has both a strong need for further reforms and great potential for further improvement and growth. Zhang—who, as well as being an astute analyst of the Chinese economy, has himself contributed significantly to its development—stresses: 'China's reform started with an all-powerful government under the planned economy. The reason China could have sustained economic growth during the process of reform was that the government managed less and the proportion of state-owned enterprises decreased, not the other way around. It was precisely the relaxation of government control that brought about

market prices, sole proprietorships, town and village enterprises, private enterprises, foreign enterprises, and other non-state-owned entities.' Taken together, all of this formed the basis for China's unprecedented economic rise."

If capitalism is what turned the Chinese around, then why should Americans look to go to the place, they, the Chinese, came from? It makes no sense. The drive to achieve in many individuals is not a horrible issue and one should not be quick to shun the idea. From some of America's most impoverished communities have come many of our nation's strongest best athletes, doctors, businessmen, and more. The desire to accomplish as opposed to the surrender to give in has made for strong-willed individuals who have been extremely successful. These individuals demonstrate the ability to come from the place of victimization and self-suppression, believing there is no chance to move ahead, verses those who accepted the challenges and have become shining examples of achievement. Lamps on the hill. Not only that, but many of these people have gone back into those very impoverished neighborhoods to help others. These things are not obtainable under communist/socialist rule. We have witnessed numerous athletes from S/C nations over the decades who have escaped and found asylum from the tyranny of oppressive governments to the freedoms found in a capitalist society.

### Missing Athletes Join Long List Of Olympic Defectors

"If they have defected, they will join a long tradition of Olympic athletes who have used the Games as an opportunity to escape from their country of origin. Melissa Block speaks with Olympic historian David Wallechinsky, about the history of Olympic defections." 5

#### Listen to Immigrants Who've Actually Lived Under Socialism

By every major benchmark, today is the best time in history, thanks to the triumph of free peoples, free minds and free markets.

"Real injustices and systemic oppression do exist in the US. But, as a young, first-generation Chinese-American immigrant, I have a message for my peers and fellow American citizens: socialism is not the answer. Despite its lofty promises to deliver freedom from want, perfect man (and even transform human nature itself), and ultimately usher in heaven on earth, socialism has instead resulted in hell in every place it has been tried. The gruesome historical evidence is well documented in sobering books such as Robert Conquest's <a href="https://documented.org/">The Harvest of Sorrow</a> and Frank Dikötter's

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.npr.org/2012/08/09/158520725/missing-athletes-join-long-list-of-olympic-defectors

<u>Mao's Great Famine</u>. Today, the ongoing collapse of socialist Venezuela continues to bring untold suffering to its people."<sup>6</sup>

# The giving up of all, believing it will all be better.

As Americans in a free nation one must wonder, what if I lived under communism? Can a parent look at their family who has more than one and ask, which child would I be willing to sacrifice for the government? This is in essence the premise of the control the government takes in a communist/socialist nation. Your ability to express your opinions in America are currently protected, but look at the over four thousand, again arrested in Russia in the last couple of weeks for supporting a man who is in opposition to Putin. Unity under socialism and communism is not what we are used to identifying as unity in our understanding. Unity in socialism/communism means when one comes into compliance with the ruling party, opposition is fatal.

"To achieve his goal, Marx required two things: First, the total annihilation of all opposition, the downfall of all existing governments, all economies and all societies. "Then," he wrote, "I shall stride through the wreckage a creator!" The second thing he needed was a new kind of human being." If you look here at what Marx believed and yet he called for unity you can see his twisted idea of unity which we find beginning to be played out in our politics today. Unity is defined as only agreeing with, no matter what subject we are talking about. There is no place for debate or disagreement.

In Marx's materialistic world he sought man to remove all thought normally expected.

"He wanted a race of men who would no longer depend upon free will, ethics, morals or conscience for guidance. Perhaps, without quite realizing it, Marx was setting out to create a race of human beings conditioned to think like criminals."

"Being without morals, he approaches all problems in a direct, uncomplicated manner. Self-preservation is given as the sole justification for his own behavior, and "selfish motives" or "stupidity" are his only explanations for the behavior of others. With Homo-Marxian the signing of fifty-three treaties and subsequent violation of fifty-one of them is not hypocrisy but strategy. The subordination of other men's minds to the obscuring of truth is not deceit but a necessary governmental tool. Marxist Man has convinced himself that nothing is evil which answers the call of expediency."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://fee.org/articles/listen-to-immigrants-whove-actually-lived-under-socialism/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> W. Cleon Skousen, The Naked Communist, Izzard Ink Publishing Company, Salt Lake City Utah, page 29

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> W. Cleon Skousen, The Naked Communist, Izzard Ink Publishing Company, Salt Lake City Utah, page 30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Skousen, W. Cleon. The Naked Communist: Exposing Communism and Restoring Freedom (The Naked Series Book 1) (p. 44). Izzard Ink Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Karl Marx was a vile man as considered even by close friends, as few he had. As he sat endlessly in the warmth of a library writing his books, his family was left to fend for themselves to the point of two of his children and one not long after birth, dying from their father's inability and desire to provide the very basics. The outcome of his life can be seen in the evil he so greatly admired.

"A few paragraphs from a letter written by Mrs. Marx indicates the amazing loyalty of this woman who saw her half-fed children dying around her while their father spent days and nights in the British Museum library." <sup>10</sup>

1 Timothy 5:8; "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Karl Marx was this man.

#### Marx's landlord wrote of him,

She was fed up with Marx's resistance to grooming, Karl drank too much, smoked too much, never exercised, and suffered from warts and boils from the lack of washing. He stunk.

"Washing and grooming and changing linens are things he does rarely, and he likes to get drunk," stated a Prussian police-spy report."

# Hitler, How safe are your children under communism?

Under Hitler's regime children were used to spread propaganda and bring other young boys into the collective; they also were to turn in even their own parents for mere comments and actions against the regime. This is actually something we are beginning to see the signs here in our own nation today. Liberals are painting a picture of those they disagree with as dangerous and in need of retraining. They have nothing of substance to answer back with when it comes to their absurd reforms; their platform stands in opposition to the freedoms we have enjoyed since the founding of our nation. One of my liberal friends many years ago, a democrat attorney, told me, "When you go to court, argue the facts, if you do not have the facts, attack your opponent." This is exactly what we are finding in the current political environment in America right now. In fact, why wait to go to court when you can just make up lies and have the media support you. But then Marx was very open about lying. Remember, when you eliminate morals there is no condemnation or conviction, it is merely the means by which you expediate you desired outcome.

# Parents Rights, children's freedom

"In January 1933, there were 50,000 members of the Hitler Youth. By the end of the year, there were more than 2 million. And as the 1930s progressed, the Nazis waged war on the groups that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Skousen, W. Cleon. The Naked Communist: Exposing Communism and Restoring Freedom (The Naked Series Book 1) (p. 61). Izzard Ink Publishing. Kindle Edition. Page 47 in print paperback

were so popular among German youth. First they banned children's groups associated with political movements like Communism. And in 1936, they banned all youth groups—including the Boy Scouts—and forced members to become part of the Hitler Youth instead. Jewish children were banned from participation.

Banning scouting sent a message—obey, or be punished. It had a practical effect, too: Since other scouting organizations were banned, the only way for kids to get scouting experience was to join the Hitler Youth. As Germany hurtled toward war, children who refused to join were alienated, then punished. By 1939, over 90 percent of German children were part of the Hitler Youth organization."<sup>11</sup>



From the sixth year of age, German boys have to join the Nazi organization of youth. Equipped with uniforms and flags, they undergo strenuous physical training that leaves them well prepared for the two years they will later serve in the Wehrmacht. (Credit: Hulton-Deutsch Collection/Corbis via Getty Images)

For the Nazis, the group had other benefits. Not only did it allow the Third Reich to indoctrinate children at their most impressionable age, but it let the Nazis remove them from the influence of their parents, some of whom opposed the regime. The Nazi Party knew that families—private, cohesive groups not usually under political sway—were an obstacle to their goals. The Hitler Youth was a way to get Hitler's ideology into the family unit, and some members of the Hitler Youth even denounced their parents when they behaved in ways not approved of by the Reich.

Though the Boy Scouts were banned, the Nazis co-opted many of its activities and traditions. Hitler Youth took part in typical scouting type activities like camping trips, singing, crafts and hiking. They went to summer camps, wore uniforms, recited pledges and told stories over campfires.

But over time, the activities changed. Though girls' groups focused on things like rhythmic gymnastics and winter coat drives, the boys' groups became more like a mini-military than a Boy Scout den. They imposed military-like order on members and trained young men in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> https://www.history.com/news/how-the-hitler-youth-turned-a-generation-of-kids-into-nazis

everything from weapons to survival. And all groups included hefty doses of propaganda that encouraged an almost religious devotion to the Führer.

Alfons Heck's experience was typical. As he told the Boston Globe in the 1980s, he couldn't wait to become a full-fledged Hitler Youth member and relished marching, singing and attending rallies. "I belonged to Adolf Hitler, body and soul," he recalled. It took him years to step away from that indoctrination after the end of World War II.



Adolf Hitler with Nazi party Hitler Youth at a 1935 gathering. (Credit: Universal History Archive/UIG via Getty Images)

Some boys refused to join the Hitler Youth and took their youth groups underground. One such group, the Edelweiss Pirates, even attacked Hitler Youth members and worked to sabotage their activities. About 5,000 Edelweiss Pirates are thought to have defied the Nazis, scribbled anti-war graffiti on walls, and participated in various types of violent and nonviolent resistance. In 1944, six were <a href="hanged">hanged</a> in Cologne without a trial due to their suspected involvement in the black market. Scouts in occupied countries resisted, too: In France, for example, Boy

Scouts <u>rescued</u> 40 Jewish children from deportation, and in <u>Auschwitz</u>, a group of Polish boy scouts resisted and even escaped the Nazis.

As the war ground on, it became clear that the Hitler Youth's real goal was to create more soldiers for the Reich. Children who had been saturated in Nazi ideology for years made obedient, fanatical soldiers. Eventually, those soldiers became younger and younger. Starting in 1943, all boys 17 and older were forced to serve in the military.

In 1945, the desperate Nazi leadership began pulling younger boys out of school and sending them to the front. These inexperienced children were essentially conscripted for suicide missions—and if they balked, they were <u>executed</u>. Those who survived faced harsh treatment at the hands of the Allies who captured them.

After the war, the Hitler Youth was disbanded. Today, the group is considered one of the most chilling facets of the Nazi regime—proof that a totalitarian state can use children to feed its armies and further its hateful ideologies."

No parent reading these facts and looking at the actual photos should consider communism and socialism in a romantic fashion. It is a hate-filled life seeking the persecutions of all who disagree with them. A study of Karl Marx rapidly demonstrates the sickness of mind he suffered from but yet seemed to be proud of.

Of the few today who look to Marx as an image of a strong man, they are either naïve or forced to overlook his evil, raunchy and wretched lifestyle. The man was a pig but even as miserable a person he was, he still believed in God. What made him different than other believers was his fixation to dethrone God. Marx's number one goal in life was to dethrone God and destroy capitalism. He had only to have read Isaiah chapter 14 to understand this had already been attempted. Looking further into his life it appears he thought well of socialism for the reason he could either become ruler of the world, which his narcissism fed off of, or someone else would work to provide for him that he could continue to live as a degenerate.

Marx rejected advice from others -- the one guy who taught that everybody needed to work as a collective so all would be taken care of, demanded respect from others and had no real drive in life away from chaos. His entire adult life was void of working and he was alright with that, he was a leech. Marx was a failure when it came to finishing his writings or doing anything that would even benefit his own family. Three of his children died, all while he was busy writing, one was a child not long after birth which is not in the count, said to be due to the filth they lived in. Later, two daughters committed suicide, one who made a pact with her husband and the other because of her husband who was continually unfaithful. Marx's only royalties for the Communist Manifesto came just before his death because he failed to meet deadlines on all of his books. His other books never made profits nor went anywhere. He looked to others for

financial support, mainly Engels who for unknown reasons even took blame for a bastard child fathered by Marx with his unpaid nanny so that his wife Jenny would not find out.

## **How Many Must Die**

If we add to this list the deaths caused by communist regimes that the Soviet Union created and supported—including those in Eastern Europe, China, Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam and Cambodia—the total number of victims is closer to 100 million. That makes communism the greatest catastrophe in human history.<sup>12</sup>

"There are now more accurate counts of the deaths under two regimes. Perhaps after all were murdered or died from other inflictions and persecution unity was established due only from the fear of speaking against the government. Starvation was Stalin's way of wiping out the people of the Ukraine, "The first victims of starvation were the nomads of Soviet Kazakhstan, where about 1.3 million people died." Other groups shot by the soviet police. Of those who starved, the 3.3 million or so inhabitants of Soviet Ukraine who died in 1932 and 1933 were victims of a deliberate killing policy related to nationality. In early 1930, Stalin had announced his intention to "liquidate" prosperous peasants ("kulaks") as a class so that the state could control agriculture and use capital extracted from the countryside to build industry. Tens of thousands of people were shot by Soviet state police."

Today, after two decades of access to Eastern European archives, and thanks to the work of German, Russian, Israeli, and other scholars, we can resolve the question of numbers. The total number of noncombatants killed by the Germans is about 11 million.<sup>13</sup>

This is just a part of those murdered in socialist/communist regimes.

Marx and Engels predicted the overthrow of bourgeois rule would require violence and "a dictatorship of the proletariat . . . to weed out remaining capitalist elements." Lenin conducted this "weeding out" using indiscriminate terror, as Russian socialists before him had done and others would continue to do after his death.

The late Rudolph Rummel, the demographer of government mass murder, estimated the human toll of twentieth-century socialism to be about 61 million in the Soviet Union, 78 million in China, and roughly 200 million worldwide. These victims perished during state-organized famines, collectivization, cultural revolutions, purges, campaigns against "unearned" income, and other devilish experiments in social engineering.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> https://www.wsj.com/articles/100-years-of-communismand-100-million-dead-1510011810

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.nybooks.com/articles/2011/03/10/hitler-vs-stalin-who-killed-more/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://fee.org/articles/the-staggering-toll-of-the-russian-revolution/

"Marx and Engels had defined socialism as "the abolition of private property." The most fundamental component of private property, self-ownership, was abolished first."

#### The moral foundation of a society

Evil has no loyalty and this has been proven time and again throughout the last century. The numbers above are still only a part of all of the deaths from socialist and communist nations, and some today seek to deny these truths to protect their image of a utopia = ou, meaning not or none and top(os) meaning place. One's fantasies about a perfect place and equality for all will never exist in a fallen world. I listen to our younger generation here in the United States and now throughout the world talking of a place where there is no hierarchy; all have a voice and all are equal is just what evil wants them to think. Lenin was correct when he deemed them useful idiots, for they worked to accomplish his ends.

A people without moral boundaries is as a nation without borders, nothing is defined and anything goes. When man makes the rules man will always violate those very rules. People accuse capitalism of being greed controlled, but greed is not the fabric of any type of government but instead it is the heart of man. Jeremiah 6:13; "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit." Greed or covetousness as in the bible comes from the sinful nature of man and there will be punishment of such an attitude. As you look this word up you will find it is speaking to the taking of property and dishonest gain which stand in opposition to God's desire for man. Paul says if it had not been for the law he would not have understood about covetousness, Romans 7:7, and the sin of it. Luke 12:15; And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness (greed), for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Hebrews 13:15; Let your conduct be without covetousness (greed); be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

So some would have you believe that greed is the product of an economical system when it is not and it is present in every form of government and economy that has ever existed. The idea that socialism and communism are better systems than capitalism to eliminate greed is laughable. You do not like greed, then learn about it from God's eyes and learn why He hates it. As far as people not making profit off those they hire is naïve, people want to work and need to work, but the idea that there is going to be some sort of voice and all will be equal will never happen, it has never happened. God created us all different and some are made to be teachers, some priest, some prophets and more.

In America there are selective businesses that are and have been employee-owned enterprises where profit sharing has been the goal. "The largest employee-owned company in the United States is Publix Super Markets, which employs over 200,000 workers. Other notable examples of employee-owned companies include Penmac Staffing, WinCo Foods, and Brookshire Brothers." These companies still make profits and have CEO's who make more than the employees on the floor. The reason for this is, is that there will always be a need for structure -- who looks after the investments, who tracks the sales, who makes decisions when losses arise? There must be a head person or group who takes the responsibility for the entire business. Is this person or

group evil if the head of the company makes more than the on-the-floor worker? No matter how a company is structured there must be focus as to why a company is even in business. Can you say with certainty there are businesses who do not make a profit from other's work, and yet many millions of people like working for companies that make profit; it helps keep people employed.

Many people actually do not want any or even a little responsibility, they want the freedom to come to work a couple minutes early and leave right on the minute at the end of the day. Business owners usually do not have it this easy. The smaller the business the more the owner must work harder. The loss of any profit is the owner's loss, the employee goes home and returns to work the next day and feels nothing. Owners of businesses have responsibilities for all things, insurances, taxes, product, quality, meetings, searching for more clients or sales and more. It would be nice if we were all able to find jobs that we could make what we believe we deserve, but salaries are adjusted to profits, profits to performance, performance through dedicated employees who seek to work, go home to their families and lead a nice life. However, because of people on the left, the extremely wealthy flaunt their money around and now believe they can put in the form of government they want; freedom in America is under attack. Seem crazy and farfetched? Just study how socialism becomes the form of government in any past nation.

AcecherPoint and its employees provide a service or product that they offer to people outside of the business. Whether it be a service or product, it relies on people who work for their income from other businesses, many hourly wage earners, many salary workers, but none the less they work to earn the income from which they use to buy the things they want or need. Within this company everyone has a voice but there are only a few who have the power to make the decisions based on the input of all. The desired outcome of such a structure was never meant to have lazy workers, in fact it was set up to promote the very opposite, that all have a voice and all work harder to make a larger profit.

Company owned businesses are based on the same understanding we looked at earlier of the first colonies in America. The people originally had to take direction from the king and allowed ownership in a new nation looking for freedom. Once the once-owned government land was given or sold to individuals, production of all products rose. Incentive to achieve was fostered. However, these ideas were not to have some work while others produced very little. This is not the taking from those who achieve and produce the most and giving or redistributing it to those like the wretched Karl Marx. If you were a part owner in an employee owned business and the worker next to you did not show up every day, produced very little when they were at work and you had to pick up that workers slack, you would most likely be very vocal about it. The laziness of one affects the entire structure.

A holacracy is a system for managing a company where there are no assigned roles and employees have the flexibility to take on various tasks and move between teams freely. The organizational structure of a holacracy is rather flat, with there being little hierarchy. Note two issues here, "being little hierarchy" and that we are still here discussing private businesses and

not government-controlled businesses. In everything I have done in my life of sixty-seven years I have never been in one organization, whether it be sports, business, military, school, where there are always those who excel in leadership roles and I believe God planned it that way that chaos would not ensue. While this may be a dream situation for some, those very people may not know that many companies already operate in such form. Construction crews rely on the input and experience of all the workers to make sure the job goes right. The boss, as many label them is usually the person who serves the employees, they run materials, they make the paychecks, they find the jobs, bids need to go out, phone calls come in and out, books to be kept. Being the boss is much like the shepherd of sheep.

A man goes out and invests in a flock of sheep thinking all he needs to do is put them out to pasture and soon by the meat and wool sales he will be racking in the money. Not so, the shepherd soon finds out that tending to the sheep absorbs all his time; they are needy, they need to be checked all the time, sheared, hooves clipped, wormed, watched for heat stroke, getting their heads stuck in fences, saved from predators, the list goes on. There are no easy ways out of or through life; to live on welfare is to accept near poverty as defined in America, to become apathetic to a limited standard of living. What would it be like to not afford nice clothes for your children, a nice house, nice conversations, conversations that build up one another instead of tear down, security in where you will be living in the coming months and years.

What do any of these things have to do with socialism/communism? It is the suppression of individual achievement, that we as a blessed people who have had the freedoms, do not know in any manner, as they do in other nations of the world. However, government programs no matter how well intended are nothing more than government agencies in which you are fortunate to find someone who personally cares for those they serve. I have known few who work in social government programs that have a true compassion for those they serve, most become bitter and callous toward the clientele. But I have also sat on the other side of the office and listened to the clientele and how they hate certain government workers and mock those they are seeing for the financial support they need.

I have listened to progressives who are quick to point fingers at others saying you don't care about others who need our help, however their idea of help is not personal -- it's more government programs. I remember toward the end of the sixties, the liberal elitist would say that individuals who helped others were doing so just for the recognition, you could not be charitable, no, you just wanted people to look at you. On the other side of this same debate there were those who were quick to judge others if they speak against social support. I have met many who see themselves as righteous because they support government handouts while they themselves contribute very little to nothing. This means that these people see themselves as better, not because they individually give, but that they support a government that does. It is easy to be charitable with others money, but God wants the individual's heart to be so.

It was never God's intention that government, or just good people would replace the church. Giving to the poor is a condition of the individual heart. When you take the time and you personally use your own funds and not demand that government take someone else's money to

pay for the needy, then you serve from the heart. But those who feel so grand because they approved of the last handout increasingly miss what God wants for us and how the believer is to care for the poor. Those who give directly to poor individuals see their donations go much further than through government agencies. People think that God is not relevant, He doesn't live anymore, but look what God says here in Proverbs 14:31; Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Is this a bad thing to think or say?

Socialist/communist countries soon see that God and gods are removed and people who believe in such are threatened, imprisoned and often put to death for their beliefs. Again I ask, is what God says in proverbs 14:31 a bad thing? The government in America has no money of their own. I have been alarmed at the number of people who do not know this. The only money our government has belongs to the people. If there are any social programs you believe in that are government programs, just remember, it's your money. It is the redistribution of wealth. How do we see the redistribution of wealth? It is said that the federal tax base was lower per individual family when Clinton left the presidency, in one way this is true, but government services had expanded and state and local taxes grew.

"A few years ago, one critic of the recent Bush Administration asserted that: "By the time Clinton left office [January 2001], federal income taxes as a percentage of income for the typical American family were lower than they had been at any time since 1966." Perhaps so, but the typical total tax load, taking all outflows from households into account, had risen. Americans' taste for and justification of expanded government services had grown, as had their increasing resentment at the expense." 15

Here is a website that shows the percentage breakdown by income in the sixties; then you must go to state income taxes and add those. <a href="https://www.tax-brackets.org/federaltaxtable/1969">https://www.tax-brackets.org/federaltaxtable/1969</a>
Taxes in the 40's went as high as 94% for higher earners. This means you were allowed to keep six cents of every dollar you earned. And we wonder why hiding income or looking for loopholes became the thing to do. Today these issues that made growing a business and employing more people difficult have continued to grow, but it has been spread out in different ways. Looking at this realistically should make people wonder why anyone would want to grow a business.

"The federal income tax's "confiscatory" top rates coming out of World War II were left in place by the Eisenhower Administration into the 1960s. During the war, the top "marginal rate" was 94%, but 94% of what?" A study of this article will show the breakdown of income to tax rate households paid out. The redistribution of wealth must also be included in the cost of expanded programs and how charity used to go farther than is does now.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/24489

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/24489

One must ask themselves, if the government stopped taking all your taxes would you be willing to support the cost of another family, or even continually help in part of the expense by writing a check each week to help? This is what we are doing in part now. In socialist/communist countries this becomes the taking of all money to do with whatever those in charge decide to do with it, the population has no say without retaliation in speaking out. In China many older people are abandoned and left to fend for themselves which is now at a critical point. This goes on while most funds are diverted to the military.

In America we have again been blessed with the freedoms we have, but there are certain segments who seek to change our government into a socialist/communist regime. Obviously not learning about the facts of history, these people deny the horrible results of other nations. As you search out history one can only admit the atrocities which have taken innocent lives by the millions in order to so-called clean society of everyone who does not agree with the agenda, and it is an agenda. Please keep in mind that truth has no honor in these nations and lying is done to achieve the results the leader seeks.

## Social support / Welfare

Although President Franklin D. Roosevelt focused mainly on creating jobs for the masses of unemployed workers, he also backed the idea of federal aid for poor children and other dependent persons. By 1935, a national welfare system had been established for the first time in American history.

Roosevelt had compassion on a hurting society and realized that people needed help, but help turned into handouts that people soon no longer appreciated but expected. The task that was once seen as the responsibility of the local church and community now was in the hands of the government. Decades later politicians found this a means to win votes by handing out more. Hungry people looked to those who wanted to give more and voted for them. Now that more than half of our nation is dependent on the government for their income, handouts have become the greatest tool to win votes.

Our social security system has now come to a place where those who have worked for the funds to support the system, is now being abuse by those who in power are looking for more votes. Why, when it was established to help poor families in America get back on their feet when times were hard, are we now offering it to families who not only see it as a way of life but politicians hand it out to those who come here from other countries? Our own people are often neglected while the system is going broke looking for more poor people to place on the system. If a person believes it to be unfair that one makes a profit from others' work, then why and how is welfare any different? It is indeed being done on a much larger scale than any company in America. We have produced generational welfare families and people who have lost hope of a better life. People have become apathetic to the situation both in those who pay into the system and those who live on the system.

The left is continually calling our nation a nation of fascism -- obviously these are uneducated individuals. We are not a fascist nation but as you look at the definition here from

Dictionary.com and compare it to those who are looking to censor everyone who disagrees with the left's policies, you can truly see who desires to be fascist: the left. "Fascism - a governmental system led by a dictator having complete power, forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism, regimenting all industry, commerce, etc., and emphasizing an aggressive nationalism and often racism." Who wants to censor us, who wants to take our guns and who wants to suppress our religious practices, who wants to dictate? It's the left in every case and yet they point the finger at those they oppose. I remember my 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher saying, "the person who is usually pointing the finger is usually the person guilty of what they say about others."

I have listened to the news shows and now leftist government officials who want to reprogram conservatives. I see the difference as this, it is to reprogram conservatives, but the left first needs to be educated. For the most part the elites seek not to follow the constitution but instead the self-fulfilling desire and dreams they have been swayed to believe. I would say that most children in the 1930's of the fifth grade level could surpass the educational aptitude of most leftwing politicians today. I have never watched and listen to more ignorant individuals as we currently have in the media and representatives in leftwing politics. I sincerely believe the reason liberals get so flustered and angry is for the very reason they do not comprehend the truth, they are incapable of diligent studies and lack the ability to debate. This is the reason they use racism, economic warfare, and social issues they have never truly attempted to try and resolve, they seek only to appease and gain votes. If morals were again taught in our schools our nation would look much different, compassion would be all around, but instead they feel that moral decisions are merely relevant to the situation at the time and each individual should be free to choose morals for themselves. In this, chaos ensues for the very reason nothing will ever be truly equal because everyone can themselves decide what equal looks like.

Regarding political issues, we are led to believe that we should not use our religious faith and understanding when it comes to politics; that abortion, gender identity, destruction of other people's property, slander, all out rudeness, and hate-filled emotions are tolerable because people have rights, that is as long as you agree with them. There is nothing our politicians have not approved that was not first a moral issue in God's eyes. You want religion out of politics, I say keep your politics out of my religion, I do not approve of laws that God does not approve of. People today think God needs to up-date the bible to make it more acceptable to modern times, and so do some churches. God does not adjust to man, man is to adjust to God. He wants that none perish, that all come to repentance and live, 2 Peter 3:8-10. God prefers obedience to sacrifice, 2 Samuel 15:22; "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Sacrifices were offered for forgiveness of sin; God would have that people learn not to sin.

The true definition of what these socialist/communists want in America is ever elusive. It changes by whatever group or organization you believe, even within these groups ideas are often altered by change in the people who belong. Proverbs 21:2 states, Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. We come to justify nearly everything

we do in life as good and bad in our own understanding, but more destructive than being to our own understanding are those decisions we make due to desires. Proverbs 12:15, The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.

I walked away from music for over twenty years but I would still play once in a while. As I spent these years doing so by myself I lost the ability to stay in rhythm with others when I came back. I realized then that we need to be in fellowship with others to stay in rhythm with the rest of the world, this pertains to all things in our lives. However, to what group are you aligning yourself too? People burned buildings and destroyed personal property in the peace marches of the sixties, this is an oxymoron and yet it still happened again this past summer across our nation. They shout for equality and banners saying the same were held up, but who defines equality? When does your equality trample that of others? People, we have been suckered into an age old delusion that pins people against people when the issues have been used in Washington for decades by both parties. This is what has been more dividing our nation above all things. Go to the Library of Congress and look at past vote and bills and you will see that each party has sided on both sides of the issues. People claim to want peace while they deny Jesus who is the prince of peace: Isaiah 9:6. Because people have committed atrocities in Jesus' name, but Jesus was not present in such violence. In fact Jesus says live in peace as much as it depends on you; going out and persecuting other people is not the way of the Christian.

Many will claim God is a mean God for the very reasons in the Old Testament we find Him destroying many peoples as He was forming His nation Israel. He was destroying the disobedient and evil that existed, and even in this He rendered great patience to those who would not turn. However, as one goes back to observe the reasons and understanding God seeks for us to know, we find God has purpose in every move ever made and we need to understand rather then try to shame Him in what we fail to understand. God used bad people to teach His chosen people to love and trust in Him and not others. If we look at ourselves we find times in our lives we have needed correction to edify us, not to take us down and ridicule, but to build us up.

In socialist and communist societies people are annihilated for the things Americans have been able to freely do and say. When God is removed, government does as they will in order to achieve not God's goals but man's goals; in this the playing field must adjust to ever-changing rules. Malachi 3:6, For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Hebrews 13:8, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Judith Kerr's father told her, "If you only complain about what you've lost, you'll miss out on the new and the good aspects brought about by any change," from the book When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit. Judith Kerr's family fled communist Germany as things grew bad, as a young Jewish girl she had her favorite stuffed toy, Pink Rabbit, that got left behind. Hitler was the cause of much more than just Pink Rabbit being left behind, people's lives were now only memories.