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Toward a Communist America

“A wave of kulak revolts is sweeping across Russia. The kulak hates the Soviet government like poison and is prepared to strangle and massacre hundreds of thousands of workers.

We know very well that if the kulaks were to gain the upper hand they would ruthlessly slaughter hundreds of thousands of workers, in alliance with the landowners and capitalists, restore back-breaking conditions for the workers, abolish the eight-hour day and hand back the mills and factories to the capitalists. There is no doubt about it. The kulaks are rabid foes of the Soviet government. *Either the kulaks massacre vast numbers of workers, or the workers ruthlessly suppress the revolts of the predatory kulak minority of the people against the working people’s government.* There can be no middle course. Peace is out of the question....That is why we call the fight against the kulaks the last, decisive fight.”

Soviet dictator Vladimir Lenin (1) *(Emphasis added)*

“At what point do we actually stand up to the gun nuts?” mused left-wing author Susie Madrak, reflecting her faction’s inconsolable frustration that Cliven Bundy and his supporters were not mowed down by automatic weapons fire, or blown into a bloody mist through drone-fired missiles. “Do we have the ATF and BLM agents roll up in armored tanks? Do we use drone strikes?”

“These a***s want a civil war so bad, they can taste it,” Madrak insisted. “Some days, I wonder: Should we let them, and just get it over with? You know, settle the burning question about whose is bigger.” (2)**

Of course, the “we” to whom Madrak refers is not the left-leaning public in general, or the small and dwindling residue of incurably fanatical Obama worshippers. In fact, the pronoun “we” doesn’t actually refer to anybody in particular; it is a disincarnate abstraction called the “State” that is made tangible in a self-perpetuating ruling elite that recognizes no limits on the powers it can exercise.

Madrak professes allegiance to that elite in the belief – which may be quite earnest – that it exercises its power in ways that are beneficial to her and those with whom she sympathizes and, just as importantly, injurious to the rights of people she despises. Although political collectivism tailors its public appeal in terms of idealistic love for mankind in general, it is invariably motivated by particular people, and defines “justice” in terms of inflicting suffering on those who are designated as hate targets. That’s why Lenin defined hatred as “the essence of Communism.” (3)

The Communist Manifesto prescribed the systematic destruction of permanent, non-political institutions – private property, the conventional family, nations that grew out of ties of kinship and other natural affinities – in order to create a total state that would supposedly wither away after remolding human nature through the scientific application of unlimited violence. Marx claimed to be an oracle discerning otherwise unknown laws of history and economics, but he was neither an historian nor economist; he was a mouthpiece for a self-sustaining occultic movement determined to seize power. As Garet Garrett pointed out, Lenin – who was the first to implement Marx’s formula for revolution – **“did not know what he was going to do after he had got the power. He made up plans as he went along, changed them if they did not work, even reversed them, but always of course in a manner consistent with his basic revolutionary thesis. And so it was with Hitler, who did it by ballot, and with Mussolini, who did it by force.” (4)**

Self-appointed social engineers and cultural revolutionaries overflow with discontent over the way the world was made, and suppurate caustic contempt for those who want to live their own lives free of the official supervision by the Anointed Ones. However, once they achieve the power they crave, they quickly discover that they are not the omniscient and omnicompetent beings they had perceived themselves to be when they launched their “fundamental transformation” of society. Rather than admitting as much, thereby validating the warnings of the people they despise, revolutionary rulers insist that their plans and programs would work flawlessly if it weren’t for the malign influence of “reactionaries” and “wreckers” – who must be purged through whatever means are necessary.

“The state of society having become gangrenous, the people will need – in order to pass into a healthy state – a revolutionary power for some time,” explained the program of **“The League of the Just,”** the pre-Communist name of the self-sustaining revolutionary movement, in 1937.

The League, which was directly descended from the notorious Bavarian Illuminati, (5) commissioned Marx – a dilettante Satanist (6), failed playwright, and journalist of no importance – to commit their revolutionary catechism to print. The purpose of having him do so was to provide a unified statement of doctrine for the **“Communist League,”** an organization that was to coalesce out of existing European secret societies that composed what former Librarian of Congress William H. Billington called the **“illuminist diaspora.”** As historian Leopold Schwartzchild summarizes, Marx’s role was **“to work out the program of the new organization, its ‘confession of faith.’”** (7) That role had originally been assigned to Friedrich Engels, head of the Paris branch of the League of the Just, but he recruited Marx as a co-author when the task proved beyond his ability.

More than a century and a half has passed since the Manifesto was published. During that time, governments that rooted their claim to legitimacy in its evil doctrines have killed hundreds of millions of people and blighted the lives of billions more. Yet Marxism is still taught as a valid school of economic thought in American universities, and its tenets regarding class and collective thought are integrated into the warp and weave of our society.

In 1998, when a sesquicentennial edition of the Manifesto was released amid tremendous media fanfare, Washington Post economics columnist James Glassman pointed out that **“the world’s political systems, including our own, pay Marx the ultimate compliment: His ideas are so deeply embedded that we don’t notice they’re there.”** In the United States – a country founded by men who explicitly repudiated British and European class structures – **“We still identify ourselves by class, with divisions along Marxist lines [and] politicians consistently and successfully pit these groups against each other”** through appeals to envy and collective resentments, Glassman continues. (8)

The chief engine of class warfare in the United States, Glassman observes, is the progressive income tax – a key plank of Marx’s Manifesto. The chief objective outlined in that document was the abolition of private property, and **“That idea lives as well. Governments routinely take land from owners for public purposes, or impose restrictions that can severely reduce its value.”** Since those words were written, the use of **“civil asset forfeiture”** – the theft, by police, of money and property without due process of any kind – has become ubiquitous. And, of course, the ever-proliferating ranks of executive branch agencies testify to the continued vitality of the Marxist conceit **“that the government should direct economic decisions – through taxes, regulation and subsidies,”** and that **“individual rights and responsibilities can be blithely overridden to meet collective ends.”** (9)

Once this is understood, the phenomenon of the Obama presidency is hardly mystifying. Barack Obama, who began public life as a Lenin-style “community organizer” and publicly lamented the failure of the Supreme Court to impose **“redistribution of wealth”** by decree (10), embodies an ideological perspective alien to most mainstream Americans, but he is entirely typical of our home-grown Marxist/corporatist elite. And the expansive, potentially murderous hatred displayed by Obama’s followers to those who refuse to be ruled by him is of a kind with the hatred exhibited by the feeders of the guillotine in Revolutionary France, or those who repaired to the Red banner during various 20th Century communist revolutions.

“Prepare for a mass merciless onslaught on the enemies of the revolution,” urged an August 1918 editorial in Pravda. **“The towns must be cleansed of this bourgeois putrefaction.... Henceforth, the hymn, of the working class shall be a hymn of hatred and revenge.”**

To sample a contemporary version of that hymn of collectivist hatred, all that is necessary is to spend a little time watching MSNBC – a network that is in everything but name a media adjunct to the Obama White House – or follow the progress of its talking points and buzzwords through social media platforms. The above-quoted statements by Susie Madrak are representative of reactions by the revolutionary left not only to the defiance of Cliven Bundy and his friends, but to recent developments involving other hate targets, such as the Hobby Lobby retail store.

In a 5-4 decision the Supreme Court held that the company was not required to provide insurance coverage for birth control methods that violate the owners' religious convictions. Significantly, the ruling limited, but did not categorically reject, the assumption that Congress could compel the company’s owners to underwrite birth control for their employees: The ruling applied only to four of sixteen birth control methods, all of which involve chemically induced abortions.

This outcome prompted paroxysms of rage – much of it theatrical – through the radical Left, who insisted that the federal government's claimed power to compel Christian employers to underwrite the purchase of abortion pills for their female employees is the only thing preventing the imposition of a totalitarian theocracy.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissenting opinion, which has been treated as a canonical text by the Left, maintained that a corporation – an abstract, impersonal institution — cannot claim protection under the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment. However, she repeatedly insisted that the government has a “compelling interest” in forcing companies to cover all birth control methods, including those at issue in this case.

If a corporation is an abstraction, the government must also be regarded as one – and if a corporation can't claim rights, a government can't claim a compelling interest. And the Constitution doesn't authorize any federal bureaucracy to force anybody to buy anything. The people promoting the backlash against Hobby Lobby – which includes overt threats of vandalism, injury, and even death against the business owners – probably understand this. But in time-honored collectivist fashion, they are exploiting the issue in order to exacerbate class divisions – in this case, the supposed “war on women” — as a way of consolidating political power.

While the left lavished its malign attention on Hobby Lobby, it didn't neglect Cliven Bundy and his family. The so-called Southern Poverty Law Center disgorged another lengthy screed describing Bundy and his supporters as the focal point of supposedly lawless anti-government movement. (11) Yahoo! News repackaged the SPLC's report into a larger smear piece depicting critics of police militarization as latent cop-killers. (12) Most ominously, the Clark County, Nevada, Sheriff's Office, the FBI, and the BLM all demanded that Bundy be “**held accountable**” for the part he played in an armed standoff over illegal cattle seizures. (13)

Like many other ranchers in the state, Bundy has been involved in a long legal struggle with the BLM over grazing rights and land regulations. For two decades, the BLM – acting without court orders – has deployed paramilitary units to confiscate cattle from ranchers in the state. Bundy is the last rancher in his part of Clark County, and the first to put up active resistance to the BLM's cattle confiscations. Despite the fact that the BLM was found by a federal judge to be involved in a “criminal conspiracy” against the rights of Nevada ranchers (14), the agency insists that it has done nothing wrong, and continues to lay the groundwork for a final assault on Bundy, who is being publicly demonized in terms akin to those used by Lenin and Stalin in their public denunciations of “kulaks” and other “class enemies.”

While the Left execrates supposedly “lawless” people like Bundy and the family who owns Hobby Lobby – Americans who have made peaceful, productive use of their property to benefit others through commerce – it continues to offer unqualified support for the Dear Leader even as he plumbs new depths of contempt for the rule of law, ruling by executive decree and continuing to defend his supposed authority to commit discretionary murder.

In America, wrote Thomas Paine, “**the law is king.**” In a totalitarian state, Vladimir Lenin wrote more than a century later, rulers exercise “**power without limit, resting directly on force, restrained by no laws.**”

Lenin's formula was a blunt expression of what is known as the “**public authority justification**” for government action. That doctrine, as explained by one legal scholar, holds that “**Deeds which otherwise would be criminal, such as taking or destroying property, taking hold of a person by force and against his will ... or even taking his life, are not crimes if done with proper public authority.**”

In other words, government can give itself permission to break the law. This claim is central to the recently-released 2010 Justice Department memorandum defending the Obama administration's claim that the president can order the summary execution of U.S. citizens through drone strikes. All that is necessary is for the president to designate a targeted citizen as an unlawful combatant. Once this is done, the extra-judicial murder is sanitized by the miracle of "public authority," thereby becoming a supposedly lawful exercise of war powers. (15)

This is the doctrine that permitted Barack Obama to authorize the murder of a 16-year-old U.S. citizen – an act, and a claim, demonstrating that the rule of law is dead. It has been supplanted by a limited-term dictatorship in which a presidential figurehead rules at the pleasure of the oligarchy that installed him – while the public is manipulated by appeals to mutually reinforcing collectivist hatreds.

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Barbara and I know that it is only through the many prayers of our listeners that I am doing as well as I am. Thank you to all who have either contributed, purchased, prayed, or written with your support. We would appreciate your continued support so we can keep going as long as the Lord gives us the strength and ability.

Remember where our future lies:

“Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” John 16:32-33

Please continue to pray for Radio Liberty, for our provision and protection.

Yours in Christ,
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