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Communist Leader Mobilizes Native Americans for Democratic Victory in 2020

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Commentary
Judith LeBlanc, a leading member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), is organizing Native American communities in several states to turn out in high numbers for the Democratic Party in 2020.

At just over 2 percent of the population, the Native American vote could be enough to swing several key U.S. Senate races and even the presidency. LeBlanc also organized the nation's first Native American Presidential Forum in Sioux City, Iowa—specially to lift Native American voter interest and drive turnout.

A member of the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, LeBlanc joined the CPUSA in 1974 and has served at the highest levels of party leadership. LeBlanc has served as a vice-chair of the party and formerly chaired its Peace and Solidarity Commission. She has traveled to Japan, Australia, Israel, Lebanon, and “Palestine” on party business, which included a 2002 meeting with the late Palestinian terrorist leader Yasser Arafat.

On Nov. 29, 2010, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, LeBlanc “had the honor of speaking on behalf of civil society organizations to a special meeting at the United Nations,” according to the Peace Action blog.

In recent years, LeBlanc has been assigned to work on Native American business through her role as national co-ordinator of the Native Organizers Alliance—the country's leading Native American activist group. This work included a training role in the 2016 protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in North Dakota. In mid-September 2016, LeBlanc led a “four-day training at Standing Rock with tribal officials, native-led non-profits, and local community and political leaders on power mapping, strategic campaign planning, and direct action,” according to Inequality.org.

Now, LeBlanc's role is to build on the energy and unity generated at Standing Rock. Her job is to ensure that millions of traditionally low turnout, yet Democratic-leaning Native American voters go to the polls in 2020.

Presidential Forum
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Democratic presidential candidate and former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro speaks at the Frank LaMere Native American Presidential Forum in Sioux City, Iowa, on Aug. 20, 2019.

Native Organizers Alliance hosted the Frank LaMere Native American Presidential Forum on Aug. 19 and 20 in Sioux City, Iowa.

Named after a recently deceased Winnebago leader, the forum featured interviews with 11 Democratic candidates, including front-runners Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.).

The forum was partially underwritten by the leftist funding group The Praxis Project, which is closely linked to the pro-China communist group Liberation Road. The Praxis Project was founded and led until recently by former Communist Workers Party militant Makani Themba-Nixon.

In her opening remarks to the forum, LeBlanc referenced the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's action to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. “We are moving on a continuum from protest to power. ... Standing Rock interrupted the narrative, and when we left Standing Rock, we went back to our cities and our reservations to organize,” she said, according to Religion News Service.

LeBlanc told the Liberation Road-linked website Organizing Upgrade: “Our goal for this first-ever Native presidential forum was twofold. The first was to energize the Indian electorate. We reached hundreds of thousands through the live stream of

the event and the vast array of media coverage, including both the Indian and mainstream media. The second goal was to educate the presidential candidates about our strategies for overcoming the challenges in Indian Country.

“It was powerful. For example, Secretary Julian Castro spent quite a bit of time prior to the forum collecting input from various leaders in Indian Country. He issued a very excellent Indian platform prior to the forum. The week of the forum, Elizabeth Warren did the same. ... The debate that happened during the forum, the back and forth with tribal and community leaders over the course of two days, will influence how whoever gets elected governs. For example, most of the candidates said they would have (or would consider) a cabinet-level representative of Indian Country.”

So promises of power have been made. But the only way to collect is to win the 2020 election. The organized hard left—especially CPUSA and Liberation Road—want to win the next election on a Rainbow Coalition strategy. They intend to update Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign strategy from the 1980s—unite all the racial and ethnic minorities with the base of white “progressives” to achieve a winning majority. Don't fight a losing battle on policy—make it all about race.

When Jackson last ran for president in 1988, minorities were about 12 percent of the population. Now, they are 38 percent. It only makes sense to fo-

cus resources on Native Americans to increase the chances of victory in what could be a very tight race in 2020.

LeBlanc also told Organizing Upgrade: “Four Directions, our sister organization, did research and found there are seven states where the Indian vote would be decisive in determining the outcome of 77 electoral votes. These 7 states include critical Senate races. From that scientific basis, Native Organizers Alliance and Four Directions began to organize traditionally, to reach out to the community groups that we have relationships within those seven states.”

It's all about “transformational change”—LeBlanc's euphemism for socialist revolution.

“We're also turning our attention to working in those seven states where the Native vote will be decisive. Native Organizers Alliance is working with groups in Wisconsin, Arizona, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nevada. We'll be doing the kind of voter registration, education and mobilization that ensures that our grassroots groups and tribal entities expand their organized base. The day after the elections, we will be ready with a stronger organized, politically empowered grassroots base. ...

“In order to protect and deepen democracy in the long run, we need strong, vibrant social movements who understand that voting is one of the tools of social change along with protest, advocacy, governing and popular political education. That holistic strategy is needed for us to make transformational change which deals with the systemic nature of the problems that our communities face. ...

“We need science and people power.” In 2016, President Donald Trump won 18 states by less than 250,000 votes. By targeting knife-edge states like Wisconsin, Arizona, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nevada, LeBlanc and her Native Organizers Alliance could well have a major influence on the 2020 election. If Trump loses Wisconsin, Arizona, and Michigan and is denied possible victories in Minnesota and Nevada by the Native American vote, LeBlanc will deserve much of the credit.

Most Americans (including most of the Republican leadership) seem to think that the Communist Party has no influence on U.S. politics. They might be shocked to find that just one comrade may be able to determine the outcome of the 2020 election.

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Commentary
This is part 3 in a series of articles examining the origins of public education in the United States.

When humanist John Dewey and his disciples took over the emerging government-education system created decades earlier to advance collectivism, the fledgling machine was still in its infancy. By the time he died in 1952, though, it was a well-oiled collectivist machine that would obliterate America's religious, intellectual, and political heritage more effectively than any force previously imaginable.

Dewey is often lauded as the founding father of the “progressive” education that now has over 85 percent of American children in its grip. Although he was not alone—he stood on the shoulders of fellow collectivists Robert Owen and Horace Mann, as documented earlier in this series—Dewey certainly deserves much of the credit, or blame, for unleashing it on the United States and humanity.

Like Mann and Owen before him, Dewey had ulterior motives in mind when he dedicated himself with missionary zeal to the cause of “education reform.” Fortunately for future generations and historians, he was a prolific writer who cranked out a seemingly never-ending stream of essays, papers, manifestos, and articles. His views and objectives, then, are hardly a mystery.

Dewey wanted to fundamentally transform the United States. He wanted it to look more like the Soviet Union, in fact. To do that, he believed a total transformation of education and society was required—literally “changing the conception of what constitutes education,” as he wrote in “The Relation of Theory to Practice in Education” in 1904. Education must bring about a “new social order,” he argued.

As was the case with virtually all of the key figures involved in the government takeover of education, Dewey rejected Christianity, and even the very existence of God. More on his religion later. He also rejected the individualism and liberty that defined America up to that point, with its strong protections for God-given rights, private property, and free markets.

Instead, Dewey worked fiendishly to continue the severing of American and Western education's Christian roots. The process was launched by Owen, the Welsh communist whose commune in Indiana failed. It formally took root under Mann in Massachusetts when he imported the Owen-inspired Prussian model of education. But that was all to be just the beginning.

By the time Dewey and his disciples worked their magic, the scheme would culminate in a nation where the overwhelming majority of high-school seniors violently reject the biblical worldview, and where most young people describe themselves as socialist.

On top of that, the system would produce a nation in which less than a third of those same seniors would even be considered “proficient” in reading and math, according to federal data gathered from the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Replacing Freedom With Collectivism Via Education

Interestingly, Dewey was from Burlington, Vermont—socialist Bernie Sanders' stomping grounds. And like Sanders, Dewey styled himself a “democratic” socialist. But many decades before Sanders visited the Soviet Union on his honeymoon while it was slaughtering and torturing dissidents, Dewey made a pilgrimage

How John Dewey Used Public ‘Education’ to Subvert Liberty



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to Moscow under Bolshevik rule.

Of course, Marx called for government control of education in “The Communist Manifesto,” and so the Soviets complied. Decades earlier, Owen, another communist, did the same. Dewey picked up where they left off, fervently advocating total control of all education by the state with even more passion than Sanders does today.

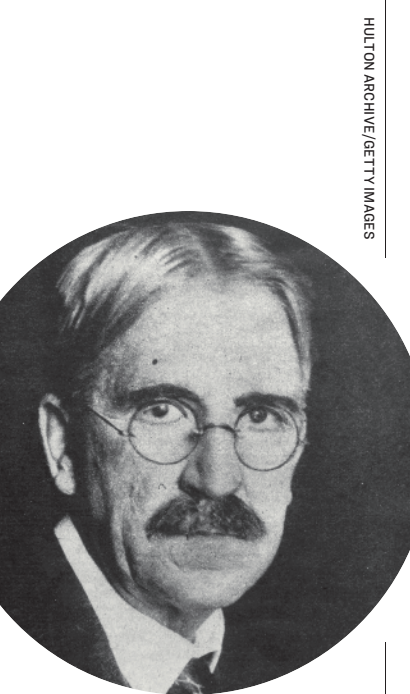
Writing in the far-left magazine New Republic, Dewey provided glowing reports about the communist system being imposed upon the people of the Soviet Union. He was especially pleased with its so-called “education” system, celebrating the way it was instilling a “collectivistic mentality” in Soviet children in his “Impressions of Soviet Russia and the Revolutionary World” published in 1929.

Despite his fondness for Soviet totalitarianism and the communist “ideology” behind it, Dewey would publicly criticize Stalin and Stalinism later in life. His mode' for a communist United States, I contrast, was outlined in Edw. Bellamy's 1888 book “Look! Backward,” a fantasy about wonderful collectivist America in the year 2000 where all priv. property would be nationalized government.

Dewey's socialist views were hardly a secret. In “Liberalism and Social Action,” he wrote that the “only form of enduring social organization that is now possible is one in which the new forces of productivity are cooperatively controlled.” “Organized social planning,” he continued in his well-known 1935 work, “is now the sole method of social action by which liberalism can realize its professed aims.”

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American philosopher John Dewey, circa 1920. (1859-1952).

In common with virtually all the totalitarians of the 20th century, Dewey understood that the education of children would be fundamental to achieving his Utopian vision of collectivism. “Education is a regulation of the process of coming to share in the social consciousness,” he claimed. “The adjustment of individual activity on the basis of this social consciousness is the only sure method of social reconstruction.”

Out With 3 R's, In With Collectivism

In his important 1898 essay “The Primary Education Fetish [sic],” Dewey argued strongly against the then-heavy emphasis on reading, writing, and arithmetic in the younger years. It produced highly literate, independent-minded individuals with faith in God and freedom. That was not conducive to a collectivist Utopia, obviously. Instead, Dewey thought the main focus of education during those precious early years should be socialization and emphasizing lectivism. In particular, the re-mer wanted to ditch reading and writing in the primary grades “concentrate on giving children habits of thought and action” that he believed were “required for effective participation in community life.”

An astute operator, Dewey recognized that the liberty-minded and overwhelmingly Christian teachers, taxpayers, and parents of America of that era would never knowingly support his radical educational and political ambitions if they understood them. “Change must come gradually,” he explained in that same essay. “To force it unduly would compromise

its final success by favoring a violent reaction.” (Emphasis added).

So instead of going to the American people, Dewey went to the Rockefeller oil dynasty, which was giving away unfathomable amounts of money for “educational reform” through the “General Education Board.” The “philanthropic” outfit gave Dewey millions of dollars to create an experimental school to try out his ideas—a school that successfully cranked out reading-disabled collectivists.

In his crucial 1916 work “Democracy and Education,” Dewey argued that the education regime he envisioned would be “the process through which the needed transformation may be accomplished.” And so, he set about taking control of the education system.

Having failed as a primary and secondary-school educator, Dewey's effort to seize control of the school system began with a leadership position in education at the Rockefeller-funded University of Chicago. Later, he went to Columbia University's Teachers College.

From his ivory-tower perch, Dewey would train up legions of teachers and disciples to unleash on an unsuspecting United States and carry forward his vision. It worked. Dewey became the founding father of America's “progressive” public education system, and his ideology went mainstream.

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Another Dewey “achievement” while in academia was resurrecting quack methods for teaching reading that had been discredited in the 1840s under Mann in Boston. That incredible saga—the root cause of America's current illiteracy crisis—will be the subject of a future piece in this series.

Perhaps even more important and far-reaching than being able to advance his views on education and politics was Dewey's influence on the religious views of Americans. Dewey was a self-proclaimed humanist, with his public declarations on religion fusing atheism with socialism and communism. His success on this front is unquestionable, and will be the subject of an upcoming piece in this series as well.

In fairness to Dewey, Owen, Mann, and the lesser-known characters behind the government takeover of education, they did not have the 20th century in the rear-view mirror. It might be said, in their defense, that they did not know the ideology of collectivism, when implemented, would lead to the untimely deaths and mass slaughter of hundreds of millions of people. Now, we should know better.

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A Russian boy in school uniform stands in Moscow's Red Square Oct. 15, 1954. To the left is the wall of the Kremlin and in the background is Lenin's mausoleum.



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Supporters of Massachusetts Citizens for Life hold during a rally outside the Massachusetts Statehouse in Boston, on June 17, 2019.

The Pro-Life Administration

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Commentary

With all of the noise about the impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump and possible misuse of authority by former Vice President Joe Biden, readers can be excused for having missed some of the other recent stories.

One particular story, however, is worth noting because it once again shows the current administration to be more actively pro-life than any other U.S. administration in recent memory.

On Sept. 23, at the opening of the High-Level United Nations Meeting on Universal Health Coverage in New York, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, speaking on behalf of the United States and 18 other countries, defended the pro-life position.

He began by explaining that “the family is the foundational institution of society and thus should be supported and strengthened.” He went on to make clear that abortion isn’t an international human right, regardless of U.N. terminology.

“We do not support references to ambiguous terms and expressions, such as sexual and reproductive health and rights in U.N. documents, because they can undermine the critical role of the family and promote practices, like abortion, in circumstances that do not enjoy international consensus and which can be misinterpreted by U.N. agencies.

“Such terms do not adequately take into account the key role of the family in health and education, nor the

sovereign right of nations to implement health policies according to their national context. There is no international right to an abortion and these terms should not be used to promote pro-abortion policies and measures.”

Azar was absolutely correct in pointing out the “ambiguous terms and expressions,” such as “sexual and reproductive health and rights” in U.N. writings. That’s precisely how abortion-rights advocates have created rights without expressly stating them. The U.N. has been particularly unapologetic in using misleading terms in its documents.

Perhaps nowhere was this more evident than in November 2018, when the U.N. Human Rights Committee, which monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, published a general comment (a comprehensive text providing legal guidance) on Article 6 of the International Covenant.

Article 6, by the way, begins by stating, “Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.”

The general comment begins innocently enough. Paragraph two provides, “Article 6 recognizes and protects the right to life of all human beings. It is the supreme right from which no derogation is permitted even in situations of armed conflict and other public emergencies which threatens the life of the nation.”

Paragraph seven states, “States parties must respect the right to life and have the duty to refrain from engaging in conduct resulting in arbitrary deprivation of life. ...”

Then comes paragraph eight, which places serious limitations on what a

nation can and can’t do when it comes to laws regulating abortion:

“[Restrictions] on the ability of women or girls to seek abortion must not ... discriminate against them or arbitrarily interfere with their privacy. States parties must provide safe, legal and effective access to abortion where the life and health of the pregnant woman or girl is at risk, or where carrying a pregnancy to term would cause the pregnant woman or girl substantial pain or suffering ... In addition, States parties may not regulate pregnancy or abortion in all other cases in a manner that runs contrary to their duty to ensure that women and girls do not have to undertake unsafe abortions, and they should revise their abortion laws accordingly. For example, they should not ... apply criminal sanctions against women and girls undergoing abortion or against medical service providers assisting them in doing so ... States parties should not introduce new barriers and should remove existing barriers that deny effective access by women and girls to safe and legal abortion, including barriers caused as a result of the exercise of conscientious objection by individual medical providers. ...”

In other words, according to the committee charged with interpreting it, the very provision in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that deals with the right to life should be read so as to legalize abortion and assure that medical personnel who conscientiously object don’t interfere with a woman seeking one. That would seem to suggest that doctors and nurses could be compelled to do what they might consider murder.

The pro-choice Center for Reproductive Rights issued a statement welcoming and “firmly” supporting the committee’s general comment. It noted that the “language of the comment affirms that abortion is a human right, that preventable maternal deaths are a violation of the right to life, and that the right to life begins at birth.”

With Azar’s statement, the Trump administration pushed back against the idea of an international human right to abort, and that didn’t please everyone.

Caitlin Horrigan, director of advocacy at Planned Parenthood Global, released a statement saying that it “should come as no surprise the Trump-Pence administration is lobbying other countries to join them in working to undermine sexual and reproductive rights on a global scale at the United Nations. From day one, the Trump-Pence administration has tried to take away access to birth control and safe, legal abortion,” according to NPR.

That’s not exactly correct, but strong support for the pro-life cause is one reason why Trump, to the confusion of many pundits, continues to poll high with evangelical Christians. One of the first things he did after his 2017 inauguration was to reinstate the “Mexico City” policy, which prohibits U.S. aid money from going to organizations that provide or promote abortions overseas. Domestically, the Trump administration this year issued new rules restricting federally funded organizations from making referrals for abortions.

Trump also did better with Catholics in the 2016 election than many had predicted. This past weekend, I learned of a possible contributing factor. I was in Alabama, near the studios of EWTN, the Catholic radio and television network. I was with a friend who works in television. He told me that in 2016, EWTN invited both Trump and Hillary Clinton to be interviewed. Clinton declined. Trump went, and EWTN’s Raymond Arroyo interviewed him for about 15 minutes. (The program is available on YouTube.)

In that interview, Trump talked about his movement from pro-choice to pro-life. He said it was driven by several experiences, including one involving some friends of his, a couple. She was pregnant, and they faced a decision. One parent was pro-life and the other was pro-choice. She ultimately gave birth, “and the baby is such a magnificent person, who I know.” Trump told viewers that this had shaped his understanding and helped him become pro-life. (He also said that the pro-choice parent had become pro-life.) Who knows how many voters he persuaded with that interview.

Some people may have doubted Trump’s conversion to the pro-life side or his ability to keep promises. With judicial appointments, domestic law-making, and international initiatives such as Azar’s statement at the United Nations, however, this administration is showing greater dedication to the pro-life cause than any other recent administration.

Who would have believed that? Maybe nobody but Trump himself.

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The NBA, Apple, Hollywood, and the Great Proletarian Sneaker Revolution

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Commentary

When asked for his response to the uproar surrounding Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey having written on Twitter his support for the Hong Kong democracy demonstrators, NBA superstar Steph Curry opined: “This situation, there’s a huge weight and gravity to it. There’s going to need to be some things to be sorted out. But I just don’t know enough about Chinese history and how that’s influenced modern society ...”

No surprise there. Given the state of the U.S. educational system, few know much about our own history, let alone Chinese. There’s a lot to digest, but it might behoove Curry to learn about two events, both occurring after World War II—the Great Leap Forward and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. These two periods, barely 15 years in total, resulted in the deaths of as many as 50 million Chinese citizens, although estimates vary—in any case, it was more than the population of the entire U.S. West Coast.

The perpetrator of this by-far-greatest carnage of all time—Chairman Mao Zedong—is still venerated almost everywhere in China, his face on the currency, his giant tomb—the Mausoleum-dominating Tiananmen Square where, but 30 years ago, another round of democracy demonstrators were massacred.

Steph Curry was only 1 year old at the time, so I guess we can’t expect him to remember. Besides, there’s money

So what to do when you’re making a gazillion off others’ oppression, millions of others, in fact?

to be made, sneakers to be sold, not to mention T-shirts, shorts, jackets, and so on, endorsed by him and other NBA stars. China’s population is more than 1.4 billion—that’s a lot of feet, even discounting the hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs held in re-education camps who doubtless aren’t clad in the latest Nikes. Anyway, those poor minority suckers (Uyghurs? Doesn’t ring a bell. Colin Kaepernick never mentioned them) wouldn’t put a dent in Curry’s \$42 million per annum endorsement contracts.

So what to do when you’re making a gazillion off others’ oppression, millions of others, in fact? “Tis ... a puzzlement!” as Yul Brynner once sang in “The King and I.”

And this “puzzlement” extends much further than a bunch of pro-ball players or even weak sports executives like the NBA’s Adam Silver, but into the most important corporate boardrooms in our country.

The supposedly “liberal” lions of Silicon Valley have seemingly been the most eager to step up to the lucrative plate offered by the communist regime. Google, formerly of “First Do No Harm” fame, once putatively offered their services in constructing a censored search engine for the Chinese before public humiliation stopped them.

But now Apple has gone front and center in the cowardly techno-hypocrite sweepstakes, most recently pulling an app from their App Store that shared the location of pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

And of course Hollywood isn’t exempt. Would Disney

forego Disneyland Beijing? Don’t look for the Mouse to be making any hard-hitting films remotely critical of the Chinese regime or their history as they do with impunity about our own country.

Leading U.S. corporations have essentially put the First Amendment up for sale to China with the NBA being only an obvious very public example.

The original rationale for all this was that if we traded with China, if we ignored their totalitarian activities and essentially kowtowed to them, the market would work and they would eventually bend to be like us. Unfortunately, it’s gone the other way. We’ve bent to be like them. The Bill of Rights no longer matters as long as you pay your bills.

They’re the Marxists but we’re the Groucho Marxists. In the classic comedy “Duck Soup,” Groucho (President Rufus T. Firefly of Freedonia) explains his governing policy: “Those are my principles, and if you don’t like them ... well, I have others.”

Groucho was, of course, joking, but the NBA, Silicon Valley, and Hollywood (and many other U.S. corporations, known and unknown) unfortunately aren’t.

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People walk by the NBA flagship retail store in Beijing on Oct. 9, 2019.



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