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Students complete assignments, read, or receive special tutoring in the auditorium of the Columbia University Law School, circa 1960.

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Big Foundations Unleashed Collectivist 'Revolution' via US Schools

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Commentary

This is part 7 in a series of articles examining the origins of public education in the United States.

It may seem counter-intuitive, but massive tax-exempt foundations funded by some of America's most prominent capitalists and industrialists helped foment what congressional investigators described as a collectivist "revolution" in the United States.

The goal was to "so alter life in the United States that it could be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union." Many tools were used, but the public-education system was the most important and effective.

Congress Investigation

In the early 1950s, with growing concerns of subversion and communist penetration surrounding the enormous foundations, the U.S. Congress launched investigations. Investigators for Congress's Select Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations, sometimes referred to as the "Reece Committee" after the chairman, found that there was good reason to be concerned.

According to the committee's chief investigator, some of the foundations were weaponizing the American education system to enable what was described as "oligarchical collectivism," or collectivist rule by an oligarchy. This was done by financing the promotion of "internationalism and moral relativism," among other dangerous "isms," investigators found. The chief culprits included some of the largest and most important foundations in the United States. These include the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller foundations, and the Carnegie Endowment. According to congressional investigators, they were showing money on Columbia University, Harvard, Chicago University, and the University of California to advance their objectives through education. And it worked.

Norman Dodd, the director of research for Congress's select committee, reported that the foundations had even orchestrated a "revolution" in the United States. The revolution "could not have occurred peacefully, or with the consent of the majority, unless education in the United States had been prepared in advance to endorse it," Dodd told lawmakers in his sworn testimony. (Emphasis added)

The committee's final report, released in late 1954, found that "some of the larger foundations have direct-

ly supported subversion in the true meaning of that term—namely, the process of undermining some of our vitally protective concepts and principles." Those same entities have also "actively supported attacks upon our social and governmental system and financed the promotion of socialism and collectivist ideas," investigators concluded.

Globalism and distorting history were also major priorities. In the final report, the committee noted that the foundations had "supported a conscious distortion of history." As part of that, they also "propagandized blindly for the United Nations as the hope for the world," undermining American constitutional principles and liberty.

One of the experts who testified during the hearings was attorney Aaron Sargent, whose background included special investigations, especially into education and subversion. He told lawmakers that many of the big foundations were actively promoting socialism in the United States, in violation of the law and their charters, and that education was among their key tools.

What we had uncovered was the determination of these large endowed foundations, through their trustees, to actually get control over the content of American education.

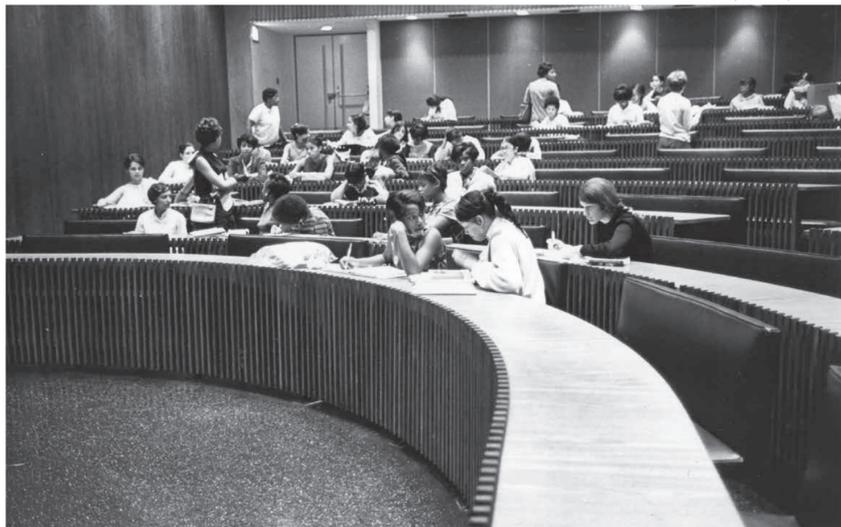
Norman Dodd

"First of all, in approaching this problem of foundation influence, the subversive-teaching problem is a foundation problem," he said, noting that the problem began in the 1890s. "This movement is closely related to Fabian socialism." These subversives tried to infect America, but found it more difficult than in Britain due to Americanism, a written Constitution, and federal courts capable of protecting constitutional rights.

And so, the radicals "relied upon propaganda and brainwashing," using the school system to attack patriotism, natural law, and even real history, said Sargent, who was asked to serve as counsel to the select committee but had to decline. "They sought to create a blackout of history by slanting and distorting historical facts," he testified. "They introduced a new and revolutionary philosophy— one based on the teachings of John Dewey."

On the educational front, he said, the story actually begins with the Rockefeller-funded Dewey Labora-

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tory School at the University of Chicago, a topic that has already been explored in this series. From there, Dewey "expounded a principle which has become destructive of traditions and has created the difficulties and the confusion ... that we find today." As part of that, "Professor Dewey denied that there was any such thing as absolute truth," a concept that was "revolutionary in practice."

Foundations' Role

In previous articles in this series on the history of public education, the Rockefeller dynasty's role in funding collectivist "education reformer" John Dewey, widely considered to be the "father" of America's public school system, was documented extensively. The Rockefeller philanthropies—especially the "General Education Board"—provided millions of dollars to advance Dewey's quackery around the end of the 19th century and into the beginning of the 20th.

But that would be just the beginning. Rockefeller money also helped re-settle the communists of the Frankfurt School at prestigious U.S. academic institutions, primarily Dewey's Columbia University. From there, their subversive poison infected all of U.S. society, mostly through the public-education system.

The Rockefeller dynasty was key in shaping education policy. In 1902, facing an avalanche of bad publicity over his ruthless business practices, oil baron John D. Rockefeller created the "General Education Board." This ostensibly "philanthropic" venture was used to help fund and eventually control education in the United States.

Rockefeller put Frederick Gates in charge of his "charitable" schemes. And Gates was honest about the agenda. "In our dream we have limitless resources, and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hand," Gates wrote in "The Country School of To-morrow, Occasional Papers Number 1." "The

present educational conventions fade from our minds; and, unhampered by tradition, we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk."

It was clear that the goal was not to raise up philosophers, scientists, authors, poets, musicians, artists, lawyers, doctors, preachers, or statesmen. There was already an "ample supply" of those, he said. Instead, the goal was to create docile and largely unthinking workers who could be used and controlled by the elites.

The ultimate goal of all this subversion from the mega-foundations, though, was even more horrifying.

Dodd Interview

In an interview with G. Edward Griffin in 1982, chief investigator Dodd dropped a bombshell that should, and would have, shocked America to the core—at least if it had been more widely known. The goal of the foundations' scheming in education and beyond was to crush individualism, promote collectivism, and prepare the way for the United States to be merged with the totalitarian Soviet Union.

While investigating, Dodd was contacted by Ford Foundation President Alan Gaither and asked to come to the foundation's offices in New York. "On arrival, after a few amenities, Mr. Gaither said, 'Mr. Dodd, we have asked you to come up here today because we thought that, possibly, off the record, you would tell us why the Congress is interested in the activities of foundations such as ourselves,'" Dodd recalled in the interview.

Dodd continued: "Before I could think of how I would reply to that statement, Mr. Gaither then went on voluntarily and stated: 'Mr. Dodd, all of us who have a hand in the making of policies here have had experience ... operating under directives, ... the substance of which is, that we shall use our grant-making power so to alter life in the United States that it can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union.'" (Emphasis added)

In short, the head of the Ford Foundation, one of the most influential in the world, told the chief congressional investigator of a committee investigating foundations that the foundations were helping to pave the way to a merger of the free world with the slave world. And Americans remained blissfully unaware, as the cancer crept in quietly through the school system over a period of generations.

According to Dodd and the congressional investigation, the Carnegie foundations decided after World War I that gaining control of education would be crucial. The leadership's goal at that time, Dodd explained, was to prevent "a reversion of life in the United States to what it was prior to 1914." But the task was so enormous that it would require help. And so, while the Carnegie Endowment would focus on international education matters, the Rockefeller foundations were put in charge of domestic initiatives, according to documents uncovered by investigators in the Carnegie Endowment's archives.

"The effect was to orient our educational system away from support of the principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence, and implemented in the Constitution, and educate them over to the idea

that the task now was, as a result of the orientation of education, away from these briefly stated principles and self-evident truths," Dodd explained in the interview.

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Investigators also found that since at least the 1930s, Moscow decided to infiltrate educational and large foundations in the United States. Following their orders from the Soviet Union, American communists even created a commission focused on infiltrating and taking over foundations.

One of the major successes identified by the congressional investigators was Soviet agent Alger Hiss, who became president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace after playing a starring role creating the United Nations. He was later exposed as a spy for Joseph Stalin's mass-murdering regime.

Current State

This work of the major foundations continues to this day. Consider, for example, Microsoft founder Bill Gates pouring billions of dollars in "education reform" and into supporting the collectivist agenda of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In fact, Gates' foundation was, aside from American taxpayers, the single largest financier of Common Core, the universally reviled national (and internationally aligned) "standards" imposed on America by the Obama administration. More on that in a future piece of this education series.

The Rockefeller foundations also continue to be deeply involved in "education." And key Rockefeller bigwigs have become increasingly open about their real agenda. In his autobiography, for instance, the late dynasty patriarch David Rockefeller dropped a bombshell.

"Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will," he wrote on page 405. "If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

When examining these facts, it seems perplexing that the wealth of some of America's most important super-capitalists would be put to use advancing collectivism, subversion, and even socialism. And yet, it was hardly a new phenomenon. In his important book "Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution," Stanford historian Anthony Sutton meticulously documented the role of major bankers and financiers from New York City in financing the communist enslavement of the Russian people.

It is time for Americans to completely re-think education or be destroyed. That re-think must involve discarding all of the quackery and subversive influences brought about by collectivists such as Dewey, and the out-of-control foundations that funded and helped them. The future of United States and liberty literally depend on sorting out this mess.

Maoists and Socialists Increase Their Influence on Philly City Council

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Commentary
Radical Maoists from Liberation Road and their small "c" communist allies from Democratic Socialists

of America (DSA) elected one of their own to Philadelphia City Council on Nov. 5.

Kendra Brooks, who won a city council-at-large seat, will join fellow radical Helen Gym on the 17-member body.

Heavily Democratic Philadelphia follows an unusual system for electing city councilors. Ten councilors are elected by district, while seven are elected "at-large" from the whole city voting base. Two of those seats are traditionally reserved for "minor parties," which has for decades guaranteed two Republican seats on the council. Brooks took one of these minority seats, cutting Republican representation down to one.

Brooks ran on the Working Families Party ticket. The party, which has recently expanded from its New York base to several new states, spent more than \$400,000 on Brooks and her running mate Nicolas O'Rourke, and knocked on 150,000 doors and sent 300,000 text messages.

In reality, the Philadelphia Working Families Party is just a ballot-line, a shell with little real structure. The backbone of Brooks's campaign were activists from the DSA, the 215 People's Alliance (a Liberation Road front—the 215 signifies Philadelphia's area code) and Reclaim Philadelphia (a DSA-led organization).

Liberation Road (known from 1985 to April as Freedom Road Socialist Organization or FRSO) is a pro-China communist organization that has in the last few years turned heavily toward electoral politics. Liberation Road works both inside and outside the Democratic Party depending on the local circumstances.

The DSA is the nation's largest Marxist group with a claimed 56,000 members. The DSA is aligned to several European and Latin American communist parties.

Together with the Communist Party USA, Liberation Road and the DSA combine their forces to infiltrate mainstream politics, including the Democratic Party, in an alliance dubbed the Left Inside/Outside Project.

Brooks's victory should be viewed in this context.

As the Philadelphia Inquirer reported: "Without the infrastructure of a major party, Brooks and her campaign manager, Arielle Klagsbrun, largely built their operation from scratch. But they could not have won without the efforts of a preexisting network of groups whose members knocked on thousands of doors, held fund-raisers, and posted constantly on social media for Brooks and her fellow Working Families Party candidate Nicolas O'Rourke, who came up short in his Council bid. ...

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"The activist groups that carried the Working Families Party banner this year didn't just aid Brooks' campaign. In many ways, they were the campaign."

Philadelphia DSA has at least 600 members in its main branch and can draw on many more from Delaware, Bucks, and Montgomery counties. Reclaim Philadelphia can mobilize hundreds of people across South Philadelphia and the river wards. Reclaim Philadelphia's lead organizer Amanda McIlmurray is a well-known DSA member.

Liberation Road also has deep roots in Philadelphia, stretching right back to the Maoist student movement of the 1970s. It's much more secretive than the DSA, however, and publicly acknowledges very few of its members. However, it does maintain several front groups in the city, and it's fairly easy to track the same people appearing in various Liberation Road-aligned organizations.

The 215 People's Alliance, which is centered in Southwest Philadelphia, is riddled with Liberation Road-aligned people. Confusingly, many of them are also DSA members as Liberation Road has some cross-membership with the DSA all over the country.

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Some examples include:

Ron Whitehorse, a 215 supporter, was active in the 1980s Maoist group Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee and has since been active with several Liberation Road-aligned groups, including Philadelphia Public School Notebook, Media Mobilizing Project, and Youth United for Change—as well as the DSA.

Bryan Mercer, a 215 activist, has been involved with Liberation Road-affiliated groups Media Mobilizing Project, Asian Americans United, and LeftRoots.

Nancy Dung Nguyen, a 215 canvasser, has been involved in Liberation Road-friendly groups, including Asian Americans United, Memphis Solidarity Brigade, Campaign for Nonviolent Schools, and Progressive Philly Rising.

Teresa Engst, a 215 endorser and canvasser, comes from a well-known Philly communist family. Many of her relatives grew up in China after immigrating to support Mao's revolution. She is active with Asian Americans United.

Kendra Brooks herself serves on the steering committee of 215 People's Alliance and has a history of left activism. Her campaign manger Arielle Klagsbrun comes by way of the Midwest where she was an organizer with Missourians Organizing for Re-

form and Empowerment (formerly known as ACORN), which was also closely aligned with the local Liberation Road.

Sitting Philadelphia City Council member Helen Gym, a Democrat, ruffled a lot of Democrat feathers when she endorsed Brooks rather than a fellow Democrat.

According to local radio station WHYI Philadelphia, Democratic Party chairman Bob Brady was "dis-mayed":

"I don't know why that's happening. We have a slate of five, she's a part of it, and now she's asking someone to vote against herself or one of the other four candidates who won the nomination—that doesn't make any sense to me."

It makes perfect sense if you examine Gym's background.

The high-polling Gym was first elected to the Philadelphia Council in 2015 by many of the same Maoists who elected Brooks. She has a history with Philadelphia's FRSO/Liberation Road element going back more than 20 years.

Gym got her activist start with local FRSO leader Ellen Somekawa and her influential Asian Americans United activist group. She also helped Somekawa and Somekawa's FRSO comrade and husband Eric Joselyn found the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School.

Gym played a key role in the creation and early publishing days of another FRSO-linked group, the Philadelphia Public School Notebook, a nonprofit news outlet covering the city's public schools. She worked alongside Whitehorse, Joselyn, and several other FRSO supporters on this project.

Gym would later work with the Media Mobilizing Project, Progressive Philly Rising, and the Minneapolis-based FRSO-linked education journal Rethinking Schools.

In recent years, Gym, who is of Korean extraction, has served on the board of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC), which aims to "organize Korean and Asian Americans to achieve social, economic, and racial justice."

NAKASEC grew out of Young Koreans United, a 1990s activist group well-known for its pro-North Korean views.

Gym may officially be a Democrat, but to all intents and purposes she follows the Liberation Road "line." No doubt she will look forward to having an ally in Brooks to help advance her far-left agenda.

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The City Hall building, with the statue of William Penn on top, in the city center of Philadelphia on Dec. 3, 2017.

Virginia Goes Blue: Pro-China Communists Claim Credit

Did a China-based American communist help flip Virginia?

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News Analysis

It's official. The once deep-red Commonwealth of Virginia is now a blue state. As a result of the Nov. 5 election, Democrats now hold all three of the statewide constitutional offices, both U.S. Senate seats, the majority of its Congress members, and both chambers of the State House.

Laura Ingraham of Fox News says it's because of "changing demographics." That's only partially true. Virginia went blue because a handful of well-organized pro-Chinese communists made it happen.

The group in question, New Virginia Majority (NVM), has exploited Virginia's changing population and "liberal bleed out" from the Washington area to flip not just Northern Virginia but also districts across the state. Based in Alexandria and Richmond, NVM has sent hundreds of paid workers and volunteers out across the commonwealth to register and send to the polls hundreds of thousands of new voters—all under the nose of the Virginia Republican Party.

The Democrats have flipped two state Senate seats, and now hold a 10-vote advantage in the Assembly. NVM endorsed and supported 23 Virginia candidates this cycle and won with 15 of them, including two state Senate races and nine Assembly victories.

The 15 who were endorsed by NVM and won are:

- Ghazala Hashmi, Virginia Senate District 10
- John Bell, Virginia Senate District 13
- Wendy Gooditts, House District 10
- Kelly Convirs-Fowler, House District 21
- Elizabeth Guzman, House District 31
- Dan Helmer, House District 40
- Kathy Tran, House District 42
- Hala Ayala, House District 51
- Schuyler VanValkenburg, House District 72
- Rodney Willett, House District 73
- Shelly Simonds, House District 94
- Steve Descano, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney
- Parisi Deghani-Tafti, Arlington County and Fall's Church Commonwealth's Attorney
- Buta Biberaj, Loudoun County Commonwealth's Attorney
- Phyllis Randall, Chair Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

None of this electoral success was down to luck or changing demographics alone.

NVM Co-Chair Tram Nguyen has already published an op-ed in The New York Times saying, "Democrats could learn a lot from what happened in Virginia." The message? "Democrats, do what we did in Virginia—everywhere." By going after the minority vote with



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According to Nguyen: "The national Democratic Party spent millions in Virginia this year, but the state wasn't always such a priority. From its position in the South to its prominent role in America's legacy of oppression, Virginia was long considered reliably conservative—unbreakable. As recently as six years ago, Republicans controlled the office of the governor and the General Assembly.

"Local organizations like mine understood the political potential of Virginia when we got started 12 years ago. We are winning because we recognize the power of an electorate that

includes and reflects the diversity of our state. We don't talk to voters only when campaign season rolls around. We try to reach voters of all colors, women, low-income workers and young people where they are, which has made it possible for us to develop a robust base of support along Virginia's so-called Urban Crescent, from Northern Virginia to Hampton Roads. Long before Election Day, we registered more than 300,000 voters, knocked on more than 2.5 million doors, and organized within communities of color to help win significant policy changes like Medicaid expansion, which covered nearly 400,000 people."

Nguyen (who was part of Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam's transition team) also went on to explain the importance of the ex-convict vote.

"Virginia's state constitution bars anyone with a felony conviction from voting until their rights have been restored by the governor. For more than nine years, we organized formerly incarcerated women and men to help them demand that their full civil rights be restored. The former governor, Terry McAuliffe, restored

Virginia voters head to the polls in Arlington, Va., on Nov. 5, 2019.

the voting rights of more than 173,000 Virginians during his term, more than any other governor in Virginia's history. In 2016, of the nearly 20,000 men and women who registered to vote for the first time as a result of the restoration of their rights, a whopping 79 percent voted. They were a key voting bloc in Virginia, the only Southern state that Hillary Clinton won."

NVM worked closely with McAuliffe to win ex-felon voting rights. The organization actually gave the governor an award at its annual dinner for his sterling work.

And the path to success lies in organizing and energizing minority voters who already lean left, but normally vote at very low rates.

"Changes in the shape of the electorate and rising enthusiasm among voters can only go so far, without campaign architecture that channels those changes into tangible political outcomes. ... "Engaging meaningfully with voters of color means talking to tens of thousands of voters to make sure they have the information they need to cast their ballots even after receiving racist Republican campaign communications. ... We didn't need to persuade voters to embrace our worldview—they were already there on the issues. They just needed to be convinced that their vote mattered. To give one example of how this works in practical terms, in precincts in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, turnout this year increased by 24 percent over 2017. ...

"States don't become battlegrounds overnight. Democrats and national progressive organizations have the resources to take their case to the people and win, but they have to start early and organize relentlessly. When they lose, they have to stay in place and keep fighting for every political inch they can get. No place is unwinnable forever."

All this would be serious enough if NVM members were merely well-meaning "liberal Democrats," which unfortunately isn't the case.

NVM is a front for Liberation Road, known until April this year as Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), the United States' most influential Maoist organization.

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areas to get a picture of where there was affordable housing in Northern Virginia," according to the Mason Gazette. This information probably proved very useful when Liss established NVM two years later.

According to an Aug. 25, 2011, post on McClure's blog:

"I have been recently working with New Virginia Majority to make a series of maps to inform planning for precinct walks in Virginia State house districts. ... The core data are lists of individual households by pan-ethnic census categories. ... The results are subjective but do suggest ... the ways that actual communities conform or diverge from the discrete territorial units which define an electoral terrain in a democracy."

All this wasn't theoretical. It was designed to help NVM flip districts across the state by micro-targeting potential Democratic voters in low-income and minority communities. In another post, he wrote:

"In the general elections of 2008, Virginia voted Democratic for the first time since 1964 with Obama carrying the state. Demographic shifts and increased voter participation rather than a shift in political allegiances account for this outcome. ...

"Focusing on Prince William County, Virginia, I applied spatial interpolation techniques in a GIS to translate the 2008 election returns from the geography of precincts to year 2000 zoning classification areas for further quantitative analysis. The goal was to produce actionable intelligence for working class organizations building popular power at the base. ...

"The results are presented as maps and diagrams which might illuminate challenges and opportunities for organizations engaging with electoral efforts."

McClure is still actively engaged in giving advice to his U.S. comrades on winning elections for the Democrats.

An article co-written by McClure and Bob Wing, "The Importance of the Fight for the South—and Why It Can and Must Be Won," appeared on the Liberation Road-linked website Organizing Upgrade on Sept. 4, 2017. It states:

"The far right, racism, militarism, inequality, and poverty are all centered in the South. The majority of African Americans, the main protagonist of progressive politics in this country, live in the South. And the South has more electoral votes, battleground state votes, population, and congresspersons than any other region.

"The South is changing rapidly, giving rise to more progressive demographic groups—especially Black and Latino migrations, LGBTQs and urbanites—and a growing Democratic vote. These trends can only be maximized if the importance of the South is understood as a strategic necessity and the chance to win state by state, is acknowledged and acted upon.

"Hard as the fight is and will be, downplaying the Southern struggle is a losing political strategy and forfeits the moral high ground on the biggest issues facing the country."

McClure and Wing (another "former" Maoist associated with FRSO)

Maoist Groups

NVM is led by longtime FRSO/Liberation Road cadre Jon Liss of Alexandria. Several FRSO cadres have served in NVM over the years, as have many activists from two NVM satellite groups, LeftRoots and the Virginia Student Power Network.

FRSO/Liberation Road comes out of the militantly pro-China American Maoist student movement of the 1970s. While it's more discreet about its Chinese loyalties these days, several of its leading supporters maintain close ties to the People's Republic.

Fred Engst is a longtime FRSO supporter. Born to U.S. communist parents and raised in China, Engst was educated in the United States, where he became immersed in Maoist politics. He returned to China in 2007 and is now teaching at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

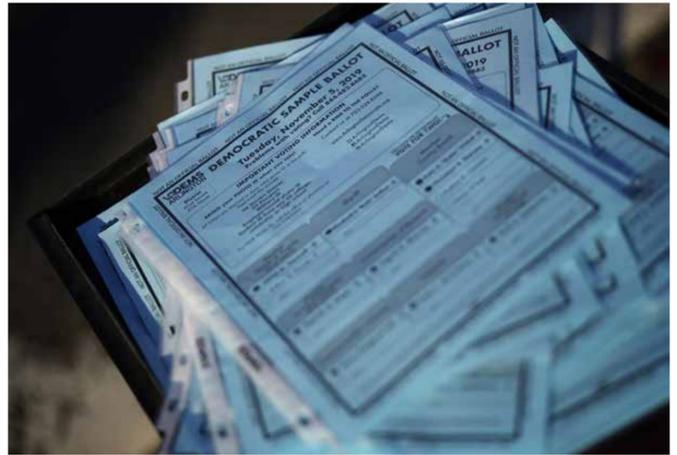
Alex Tom, a leader of LeftRoots and the pro-Beijing San Francisco-based Chinese Progressive Association, in 2012 formed the China Education and Exposure Program to "build a deeper analysis of China for US progressives and leftists and to build relationships with the grassroots movement in China," according to his 2013 LeftForum speaker's bio.

John Marienthal, a San Jose-based FRSO member, has been a leader of the pro-Beijing U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association for more than 40 years and has taught in several Chinese educational establishments since the 1980s.

Steve McClure is a former Washington resident who, in the 1970s, was active in the pro-Mao Revolutionary Student Brigade. He has close ties to FRSO and NVM. Since 2010, he has worked with the Geography Department of Wuhan University in China, and he is a research associate with the State Key Laboratory of Engineering Information in Surveying, Mapping, and Remote Sensing at the university.

McClure has used his skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to supply highly targeted voter identification information to NVM.

As far back as 2005, McClure was using GIS technology to identify low-income voters for Liss's Tenant Workers Support Committee. McClure "plotted lower-income, high-rental housing



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A sample ballot at a polling station in Arlington, Va., on Nov. 5, 2019.

argue that to destroy the Republican Party in the South, black communities must be targeted and mobilized to vote:

"(1) A critical mass of Southern states can and must be won if we are to block or defeat the right in presidential elections. Three of the five or so critical battleground states are in the South: Florida, Virginia and North Carolina. Southern blue and battleground states plus Washington D.C. hold 38 percent of the electoral votes needed to win.

"(2) Winning an anti-rightwing congressional majority depends on winning in the South, as the South has a bigger congressional delegation than any other region and Southern congresspersons also hold key leadership posts within the Republican Party's congressional hierarchies.

"(3) There are tremendous opportunities to build progressive political power and governance at the local level in the South as 105 counties have a Black majority. ...

"While some might dismiss the South, focusing strategically on the Northeast and Pacific Coast as central to a progressive program and the Midwest as the main political battleground, the South's dynamic growth, historical legacy of Black struggle and powerful political weight make it a critical battlefield.

"The nuance is that the South cannot be won as a bloc, but only state by state and county by county. In fact, winning the South in large part means understanding that it is not a monolithic entity and winning it piece by piece: i.e. politically deconstructing the South."

President Donald Trump's victory in 2016 shocked the left and, according to McClure and Wing, has made their goal of flipping the South even more urgent:

"This essay was prepared in March 2015, prior to the 2016 election season that eventually resulted in Donald Trump's victory. However, the far rightwing's capture of the presidency makes this essay's main arguments even more important. ...

"The South is the key center of the far right and the Republican Party; neither can be defeated without bat-

ting for the South."

Liberation Road has a large presence in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina (Durham for All), and Florida (the New Florida Majority). Now that Virginia is safely in the Democrat column, look to see an upsurge of Maoist electoral activity in North Carolina and Florida to turn those states blue in 2020; Tennessee and Georgia will be next. Then, Texas.

Chinese 'Collusion'?

Trump has been tougher on Beijing than has any other president in living memory. It's no secret that China doesn't like Trump and would love to see him defeated in 2020.

Rather than risk war, or suffer huge economic setbacks, wouldn't it be much cheaper and easier to use China's American assets, such as Liberation Road, to ensure Trump's defeat by "democratic" means?

It's inconceivable that the Chinese government didn't know what McClure was up to. After all, they presumably pay his salary or living costs while he is in China.

It's clear that Liberation Road is tied to China. It's also clear that their front-group NVM is heavily involved in U.S. electoral politics and played a decisive role in turning Virginia blue. It's also obvious that Liberation Road's goal is to destroy President Trump and the Republican Party to pave the way for a socialist America.

Is there Chinese "collusion" here? Do we need investigations and executive action against these subversive groups before they're able to fully realize their goals? With less than a year until the 2020 election, there's not much time left to do so.

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Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam speaks at a press conference at the governor's mansion in Richmond, on Feb. 2, 2019.



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Freedom Road Socialist Organization supporters during an anti-Trump march in Washington on Jan. 20, 2017.

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