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Students at  
UCLA's Royce Hall  
in Los Angeles on  
April 23, 2012.

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# America, the Fascist:

## The Communist Histories of Howard Zinn, William Z. Foster Used in US Schools

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**Commentary**  
The year 2019 is closing out with the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall following shortly after the death of former Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, who wanted, but never got, a Nuremberg-style reckoning for the totalitarian regime that killed more than 10 times as many as the Nazi regime did.

And in this year—the 100th anniversary of the Soviet Union's installation of the Communist Party in the United States—the communist group Antifa accelerated its attacks on law-abiding U.S. citizens, most notably sending journalist Andy Ngo to the hospital with a brain hemorrhage.

### Rising Socialism

The rise of Antifa and the surge of popularity of socialism and even communism among millennials (ages 23 to 38) and Generation Z (16 to 22) indicate that another kind of wall—one that had protected young Americans from communist disinformation—has broken down. The favorable opinion of capitalism among those ages 18 to 29, according to Gallup, sank to 45 percent in 2018—from 68 percent in 2010.

The plunge accelerated this last year. The favorable opinion toward capitalism declined since 2018 by 8 points among millennials and by 6 points among Generation Z, according to a recent YouGov poll commissioned by the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Simultaneously, the number of millennials reporting favorable feelings toward communism rose by 8 points to 36 percent; those saying they are “extremely likely” to vote for a socialist candidate doubled from 10 percent to 20 percent. And with half of the under-38's reporting being “somewhat likely” to vote socialist, we now have a majority of younger Americans likely pulling the socialist lever.

Not surprisingly, the positive attitude toward socialism has followed educational experiences. Millennials and Generation Z are “much more likely” than older people to report that communism was presented “favorably” in their schools: 23 percent of Generation Z said that about K-12 and 36 percent said that about college. Similarly, 25 percent of millennials said that about K-12 and 37 percent, about college. For Generation X, it was only 10 percent

and 22 percent, respectively; with Baby Boomers, 7 percent and 14 percent, respectively.

Indeed, it seems that many are being educated with Soviet disinformation. For example, 21 percent of Generation Z and 27 percent of millennials believe that the Berlin Wall was built to protect East Germans from NATO expansion.

Most Americans don't understand the utter barbarity of communist regimes, with a quarter believing that Nazi Germany was responsible for more deaths than communists, and 72 percent not knowing that communism killed more than 100 million people in the last 100 years. Again, it's worse among younger generations: Only 19 percent of Generation Z and 17 percent of millennials know the communist death toll, compared to 35 percent of baby boomers and 46 percent of the Silent Generation (aged 74+).

Indeed, history lessons emphasize Nazi horrors (rightly), but communist atrocities are either overlooked or downplayed. The regimes are falsely presented as mutual enemies from the get-go. Few know that the Hitler-Stalin pact started World War II: 21 percent of Generation Z, 24 percent of millennials and Generation X, and 25 percent of Boomers do.

Not surprisingly, Antifa is gaining adherents, especially as Marxist professors scare young people with a false history and claims that we are on the precipice of a fascist takeover by “everyday fascists,” such as supporters of President Donald Trump.

Willem Van Spronsen, the anarchist who claimed an association with Antifa, attempted to blow up a Tacoma, Washington, ICE detention facility (which he called a “concentration camp”) before being fatally shot by police. He claimed in his manifesto that we are witnessing “fascism ascend.” For proof, “see howard zinn a people's history of the united states.”

### The Fascist Threat

While Van Spronsen was 69 years old, Zinn's “A People's History of the United States” is the textbook for millions of school children and college students. The most popular U.S. history book ever, it's marching toward 3 million in sales since its release in 1980. Plus, there are free lessons produced by the Zinn Education Project, and dozens of spin-off books, movies, graphic adaptations, and excerpts in textbooks.

When he was asked to write “A People's History” in the late 1970s, Zinn was a celebrity radi-



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cal, known for leading anti-Vietnam War protests and working on behalf of the communist enemy, while teaching at Boston University.

While many claim that Zinn offered an alternative “perspective,” one that presents the “people” commonly overlooked in more traditional textbooks, what I found in researching my book, “Debunking Howard Zinn,” was a remarkable similarity to the points made by Communist Party USA General Secretary William Z. Foster in his tome, “Outline Political History of the Americas,” which was published in 1951.

That was the year that Zinn, according to his FBI file and the best analysis of it, was a Party member, teaching a course on Marxism at

the Party headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. Zinn's evil genius was to take the points Foster made in a plodding Soviet style and jazz them up with New Left lingo and seductive rhetoric. But in a side-by-side comparison, the two authors present the same version of the fascist threat.

Foster, for example, writes that in 1933 Germany, “the workers were in a revolutionary mood” but that “the Social-Democrats blocked the revolution, as they had done in Germany in 1918 and in Italy during 1920. They refused to form a united front with the Communists for an all-out fight against Hitler....”

Actually, the communists were ordered by the Soviet Union to reject efforts by all socialist and leftist groups in order to wait for the opportune moment when the communists, and the communists alone, could sweep in for a revolutionary overthrow. This went along with Marx's and Engels' denouncement in “The Communist Manifesto” of socialists who “wish to attain their ends by peaceful means” and “endeavor ... to deaden the class struggle....”

In Foster's telling, the “victory of the Nazis” allowed “the capitalist Jew-haters, Soviet baiters, warmongers, and blatant imperialists” to come “to the fore” in hopes of saving “decaying capitalism.” Not only did Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Japan become fascist or “essentially fascist,” but “the ranks of the capitalists in the other countries of ... the world were filled with fascist conceptions and policies.” Fascism spread to the Americas, with Hitler's agents “bus[ing] themselves in Canada and the United States,” targeting “the huge blocs of the foreign-born.”

American “native fascist organizations,” also “numerous, strong, and malignant,” included Huey Long, Fr. Charles E. Coughlin, and the Ku Klux Klan. The “big-business elements,” such as the Hearst newspapers; the American Liberty League, launched by the Du Ponts; the America First Committee, launched by Robert E. Wood, “head of Montgomery Ward”; Charles E. Lindbergh, “a Morgan stooge”; and the American Legion were all part of the fascist menace.

These “fascists” were “brazenly encouraged and cultivated” by the House Committee on Un-American Activities “under the leadership of the notorious Hamilton Fish, Martin Dies, and J. Parnell Thomas.” Actually, as I point out in “Debunking Howard Zinn,” Rep. Samuel Dickstein in the 1930s used the Dies Committee to “lead] the congressional attack on domestic fascism”—and with a recklessness that outdid Joseph McCarthy's.

Promoting the Soviet line, Foster claimed that fascism signified “the breakdown of bourgeois democracy” and the “crisis of capitalism.” FDR's antifascist actions and speeches were simply efforts to repel “the threat of German and Japanese imperialism against the world interests of United States imperialism.”

“The ‘ruling capitalist classes,’ “convinced that capitalism could be saved by war and fascism,” hoped that Hitler was organizing war “toward the east, against the hated socialist republic, which they had been trying to destroy since November 1917.”

The “capitalist governments of the western democracies” allowed Hitler “to reoccupy the Ruhr and to invade Austria,” then sold out “Czechoslovakia at the infamous Munich conference in September



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1938.” They permitted “Mussolini to overrun Ethiopia.” They took “no steps to halt Japan's invasion of China” and refused “to sell munitions to Republican Spain, while the armies of Hitler and Mussolini cut that democratic government to pieces.”

The launch of World War II on Sept. 1, 1939, with “Hitler's invasion of Poland,” was “the inevitable result of the whole profascist line of the western democracies.” Left out of Foster's account is the fact that 16 days later, on Sept. 17, the Red Army, adhering to the terms of the Nazi-Soviet pact, came to Germany's assistance on the eastern front and quashed the Polish resistance against the Nazis.

### US Imperialism

Like Foster, Zinn accuses the United States and Allies of interfering in the Bolshevik Revolution and joining “England and France in appeasing Hitler throughout the thirties.” Roosevelt allowed “American businesses to send oil to Italy in huge quantities” (no mention of the Soviets selling oil to Italy) and sponsored a neutrality act when “a Fascist rebellion took place in Spain in 1935 against the elected socialist-liberal government.”

Zinn charges, “It was not Hitler's attacks on the Jews that brought the United States into World War II, any more than the enslavement of 4 million blacks brought Civil War in 1861. Italy's attack on Ethiopia, Hitler's invasion of Austria, his takeover of Czechoslovakia, his attack on Poland [silence from Zinn on Russia's attack on Poland]—none of those events caused the United States to enter the war.... What brought the United States fully into the war was ... not humane concern for Japan's bombing of civilians ... at Nanking.... It was the Japanese attack on a link in the American Pacific Empire [Pearl Harbor] that did it.”

Zinn improves upon Foster's smear by presenting parallels between the United States and Nazi Germany and gives the impression that on a spiritual and ideological level there was a Nazi-American pact. To convey that both were imperialistic regimes, Zinn provides a long list of American involvement in Latin America (including instigating the war with Mexico and taking “half of that country”) and in the Far East.

Anti-Semitism and racism plagued both Germany (with concentration camps) and the United States (with “prison-like” camps for Japanese-Americans). The United States bombed Nagasaki, in Zinn's telling, probably as a “scientific experiment.” Zinn

U.S. Communist leaders (seated L-R) Eugene Dennis, William Z. Foster, Benjamin Davis Jr., (standing L-R) John B. Williamson, Henry Winston, and Jacob A. Stachel, following their arrest, on July 26, 1948.

fudges time frames and uses the exaggerated numbers of German casualties from Holocaust denier David Irving's long-discredited 1963 book to show that the United States and Allies were actually worse than the Nazis.

Zinn adds rhetorical flourish to the false information with multiple leading questions and suggestive descriptions. Was U.S. policy “simply poor judgment, an unfortunate error? Or was it logical policy of a government whose main interest was not stopping Fascism but advancing imperial interests of the United States?”

Like all American wars, World War II was “waged by a government whose chief beneficiary—despite volumes of reforms—was a wealthy elite” who were “convinced that capitalism could be saved by war and fascism.” (See Foster's “ruling capitalist classes.”) For Zinn, the “alliance between big business and the government” went “back to the very first proposals of Alexander Hamilton to Congress after the Revolutionary War.” Foster's take on the American founding is that it reeked of hypocrisy and was supported by “bourgeois self-seekers.”

At the end of World War II, the Nazi regime may have been defeated, but Zinn asks, “what about fascism—as idea, as reality?” (Just as Foster presents capitalist countries “filled with fascist conceptions.”) Zinn asks, “Were its essential elements—militarism, racism, imperialism—now gone? Or were they absorbed into the already poisoned bones of the victors?”

The answer is implied: “The war not only put the United States in a position to dominate much of the world; it created conditions for effective control at home.” In persecuting citizens accused of being communists, the U.S. government stymied reform. In other words, you don't need to have Storm Troopers with swastikas on the street.

The postwar period for Foster, too, means that “Wall Street imperialists” in the “anti-Communist crusade” were using U.S. “agents” to bring Nazis back “into positions of economic and political power” in Germany, Spain, France, and Italy, as well as in Asia and Latin America.

Of course, Foster is presenting American efforts to prevent communist takeovers as interventionist support of fascism. According to him, American “big capitalists” also made “their bid for world mastery” by establishing “ruthless fascist policies,” such as “the Taft-Hartley Labor Act, the loyalty tests for government and industrial employees, the disgraceful actions of the House Commit-

tee on Un-American Activities, the growth of anti-Negro, anti-Jewish movements, the recently adopted McCarran-Mundt-Nixon police state thought-control law to outlaw the Communist Party and other progressive groups and the railroad of communist leaders to prison....” Foster calls the FBI a “huge national secret police.”

Zinn similarly claims that under the McCarran Act “concentration camps” were set up to imprison political dissidents like himself. Actually, the camps, intended to detain “potential saboteurs and spies” in the event of war with Soviet Union, were never set up.

To present the FBI as a “secret police,” Zinn claims that the FBI needlessly hunted down civil rights activists (the Black Panthers) and insinuates that the FBI killed Vietnam War protester Mary Moylan when in fact newspapers reported her surrender in 1979, after which she served only one year in prison and then worked as a nurse.

Foster, like Zinn, claims that postwar American fascism takes on a “new garb” that makes the “plague all the more insidious and dangerous.” The “new style fascism ... pretends to be the great defender of democracy,” translating “Hitler's crude herrenvolk principle into subtle suggestions of Anglo-American supremacy.”

The influence is unseen—like Zinn's presentation of the “essential elements” of fascism absorbed into the “bones of the [American] victors.” Zinn's America, too, is full of hypocrisy; its founders' words about democracy ring hollow in the face of unequal wealth.

### Influence on Children

Such claims are particularly alarming when they come in the book used in all public eighth-grade classes in Portland, Oregon, “A Young People's History of the United States.” Its Amazon status as a “best seller” indicates its use in many school districts. In it, middle school students read that Germany became a “war machine,” as did the United States.

Zinn asks the young reader to question what he has read in “schoolbooks” and presents his own book as blazing new ground, exposing suppressed truth. He points out that “Hitler's attacks on the Jews did not bring the United States into the war. Neither did Germany's invasions of other countries [or of Japan's of China], although President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent American aid to Britain.”

Three questions in a row are asked about American “goals.” Was the fight “for humanitarian reasons or for power and profit?” Or was it “to end the control of

some nations by others—or to make sure that the controlling nations were friends of the United States?”

“Noble statements” did not match private conversations. “German bombings were very small compared with British and American bombings of German cities,” Zinn writes, repeating David Irving's exaggerated statistics. As battles were being fought, American diplomats and businessmen were working hard “to make sure that when the war ended American economic power would be second to none in the world.”

Hitler persecuted the Jews, but Roosevelt “failed to take steps to save some of those doomed lives.” Segregation reigned in the armed forces—down to the blood banks. The U.S. “came close to the brutal, racist oppression that it was supposed to be fighting against” in “anti-Japanese feeling” evidenced in their remote “camps” with “prison conditions.”

Instead of simply “allowing Japan to keep its emperor,” the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Japan. The reason is insinuated through questions: “Was it because too much money and work had gone into the atomic bomb not to use it? Or was it because the United States wanted to end the war before the Soviet Union could enter the fight against Japan....?”

Zinn leaves these questions hanging. The statement that at least the war “was over,” is undercut by the question that follows, “Or was it?”

In the chapter about the Cold War, President Truman is accused of building “a mood of crisis” by presenting the Soviet Union and communism as “immediate threats.” In order to stoke fear, “any communism-related revolutionary movement in Europe or Asia was made to look as if the Soviets were taking over more of the world.” In actuality, the “revolutionary movements [flaring] up in Asia and Africa” were simply outcomes of “colonial peoples demand[ing] independence from European powers.” In North Korea, there was “a socialist dictatorship,” and in South Korea, a “conservative dictatorship.”

Echoing Foster, Zinn accuses the “established powers of government and business,” in order to “make capitalism more secure,” of going on a “hunt for Reds.” Concentration camps were “set up, ready for use” to imprison “suspected Communists” [the champions of the oppressed] without trial, and Party leaders were jailed.

The case against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was “weak,” but they were still executed as spies. Students are told, “Later investigations proved that the case was deeply flawed.” Actually, Ron Radosh and Joyce Milton, after conducting exhaustive research that included poring over hundreds of thousands of government documents, demonstrated their guilt in their book, “The Rosenberg File,” in 1983. In 2008, Rosenberg codefendant Morton Sobell admitted that he and Julius Rosenberg had been spies.

The disinformation is also promoted by the Zinn Education Project and organizations it partners with, such as Newsela (which sends out news items in grade-appropriate reading levels), the National Council for the Social Studies (through teacher workshops at the annual meeting), and federally funded (National Endowment for the Humanities) teacher workshops.

Pity the poor “tween” subjected to Zinn's textbook that presents U.S. history as a Sisyphean litany of uprisings by the oppressed who are put down by the ruling capitalist class repeatedly.

To the young adult indoctrinated with Zinn's history, professor Bray's words about “fascism” will ring true. The American system is as bad as the Nazi. To not join Antifa would mean capitulating to “fascism ascend.” To not vote for a socialist or communist would be to default to a fascist candidate.

It's exactly what Foster and Zinn wanted.



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# Democratic Socialists of America Adopts Communist ‘Red Deal’: How Long Until the Democrats Follow Suit?

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Commentary

This country's largest Marxist organization, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), played a major role in pushing the Green New Deal into the highest reaches of the Democratic Party. The Green New Deal is supported by more than 90 members of the House of Representatives and 15 senators, including presidential candidates Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

Now, the DSA has endorsed a related project, the “Red Deal,” which comes from even further left. How long will it take the DSA to bring the Red Deal into the Democratic Party?

## The Red Deal

The Red Deal is the project of the New Mexico-based Native American activist organization The Red Nation—a group of fewer than 50 core members. However, with close ties to Cuba, Venezuela, and Palestinian militants, The Red Nation has some revolutionary credibility on the left.

The Red Nation is openly communist. The organization's Third General Assembly formally adopted “revolutionary socialism and liberation as the primary political ideology of The Red Nation.” The document went on to “articulate the basic principles of revolutionary socialism and Marxism and its connection to Indigenous socialism and communism.”

The Red Nation website explains the origins of the Red Deal: “The proposed Green New Deal legislation is a step in the right direction to combat climate change and to hold corporate polluters responsible. A mass mobilization, one like we've never seen before in history, is required to save this planet. Indigenous movements have always been at the forefront of environmental justice struggles.”

“Democratic socialist congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the main proponent of the GND, is herself a Water Protector who began her successful congressional run while she was at Standing Rock protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Thus, the GND and the climate justice movement in North America trace their origins to Indigenous frontline struggles.”

“With this background in mind, [The Red Nation] is proposing a Red Deal. It's not the ‘Red New Deal’ because it's the same ‘Old Deal’—the fulfillment of treaty rights, land restoration, sovereignty, self-determination, decolonization, and liberation. Ours is the oldest class struggle in the Americas; centuries-long resistance for a world in which many worlds fit.”

So what is the Red Deal? Like the Green New Deal, it's constantly evolving, but essentially it's an attempt to impose full-blown communism on the United States under the cover of restoration of made-up Native American “rights” and bogus environmentalism. “The Red Deal is not a counter program of the Green New Deal. It's a call for action beyond the scope of the US colonial state. It's a program for Indigenous liberation, life, and land—an affirmation that colonialism and capitalism must be overturned for this planet to be habitable for human and other-than-human relatives to live dignified lives.”

“The Red Deal is a platform that calls for demilitarization; police and prison abolition; abolishing ICE; tearing down all border walls; Indigenous liberation, decolonization, and land restoration; treaty rights; free healthcare; free education; free housing; full citizenship and equal protection to undocumented relatives; a complete moratorium on oil, gas, coal, and carbon extraction and emissions; a transition to an economy that benefits everyone and that ends the exploitation of the Global South and Indigenous nations for resources; safe and free public transportation; restoration of Indigenous agriculture; food sovereignty; restoration of watersheds and waterways; denuclearization; Black self-determination and autonomy; gender and sexual equality; Two-Spirit, trans, and queer liberation; and the restoration of sacred sites.”

“Thus the Red Deal is ‘Red’ because it prioritizes Indigenous liberation, on one hand, and a revolutionary left position, on the other.”

And where is the money coming from for this leap into full-blown socialism?

“Where will we get the resources to achieve these monumental tasks? We call for a divestment away from the police, prisons, and military (two of the largest drains on ‘public spending’) and fossil fuels and a reinvestment in common humanity for everyone (health, wellbeing, and dignity) and the restoration of Indigenous lands, waters, airs, and nations.”

In a Nov. 15 statement on its website, the DSA fully endorsed the Red Deal and committed to a partnership with The Red Nation: “The Democratic Socialists of America is proud to endorse the Red Deal, an indigenous centered set of policy recommendations that was written by The Red Nation. We are also proud to endorse the work of The Red Nation and commit to a long-term partnership with them in the furtherance of decolonizing our society. The Red Nation is a group of radical indigenous people that are fighting back against the US imperialist settler colonialist state. They are not just fighting for land and sovereignty, but for survival.”

The DSA, which claims to be a “democratic socialist” and noncommunist organization,

appears to have no qualms about endorsing communist principles and partnering with a revolutionary communist organization.

## Red Nation

The Red Nation was founded in 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in a fusion between Native American militants and comrades from the pro-North Korea and –Iran Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL). The Red Nation and PSL held numerous events together and worked out of the same office. Several Red Nation activists were also PSL comrades, including Paige Murphy, Sam Gardipe, Michael Butler, and Melissa Tso.

In recent years, The Red Nation also formed a close bond to the Trotsky-oriented International Socialist Organization (ISO).

For several years, ISO website Socialist Worker has carried coverage of The Red Nation's conferences and protests. Most were written by Wisconsin-based Native American activist and ISO member Brian Ward and his California-based comrade Ragina Johnson.

At the Red Nation's Native Liberation Conference held Aug. 11–12, 2018, in Albuquerque, ISO hosted the panel “Solidarity Will Win: Socialism and Indigenous Peoples” featuring ISO comrades Khury Petersen-Smith, Johnson, and Ward and moderated by The Red Nation leader Nick Estes.

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In early 2019, ISO collapsed as the result of a long-simmering sexual harassment scandal. Many ISO comrades moved into the DSA, bringing their The Red Nation contacts with them.

At the DSA's national convention in Atlanta, in July 2019, seven comrades moved the resolution “Amendment on the Red Deal and Rejecting a Green Military.”

Two of the seven, Sofia Arias and Brian Ward, were former ISO comrades. Two more, Rory Fanning and Spenser Rapone, had addressed a major ISO-sponsored conference in Chicago in 2018.

The resolution amendment called on the DSA to: “endorse the Red Deal, launched by comrades in The Red Nation, a radical anti-capitalist Indigenous liberation group, and its principles on the fight for non-reformist reforms. As described by The Red Nation, ‘The Red Deal is not a counter program of the GND. It's a call for action beyond the scope of the US colonial state. It's a program for Indigenous liberation, life, and land—an



A T-shirt printed with the words “My Voice Is My Weapon” worn by a protester at an encampment where the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's protest against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipe, near Cannon Ball, N.D., on Sept. 3, 2016.

affirmation that colonialism and capitalism must be overturned for this planet to be habitable for human and other-than-human relatives to live dignified lives.”

“At the end of this Convention, the Green New Deal Coordinating Committee will be tasked with initiating a more direct working relationship between DSA and The Red Nation. The GNDCC will make direct connection with The Red Nation, dedicate one person to serve as the main point of contact, and collaborate with the comrades on joint actions, statements and local, national and international campaigns around indigenous liberation and climate justice.”

So far, the only Congress member to show an interest in the Red Deal is far-left New Mexico Democratic Rep. Deb Haaland.

In June, Haaland sent a representative to a Red Deal workshop in Albuquerque. According to New Mexico Report, Haaland said The Red Nation activists “are absolutely right, for far too long the U.S. government has not lived up to its obligations to Indian tribes, and this is a new era.”

Haaland, a member of the Laguna Pueblo tribe, is a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal and said she plans to make sure “tribes are included as it is developed.”

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How long will it be before the Red Deal is on the lips of Democratic House members, senators, and presidential candidates?

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

# Credible Threat: Pro-China Communists Work to Destroy the ‘New Confederacy’—the Republican Party’s Southern Base

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Commentary

The Republican Party seems oblivious to a major threat developing in its Southern stronghold. Pro-China communists from the Liberation Road group are working to flip Republican held states in the South one by one. Virginia has already fallen.

North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee are next on the list. If the communists can flip toss-up states Florida and North Carolina in 2020, President Donald Trump will likely be a one-term president and the Republican Party will be finished as a national force.

While probably numbering fewer than 2,000 members, the ultra-secretive Liberation Road may be able to remove China's number one enemy from the White House for a measly few million dollars.

Known until April as the Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), Liberation Road is an amalgamation of several Maoist and anarchist factions, some dating back to the anti-Vietnam War movement of the 1960s.

## Turn to Electoral Politics

In 2016, FRSO made a strong turn toward electoral politics in response to the electoral dominance of the Republican Party (especially in the South) and the election of President Trump.

FRSO/Liberation Road, like most parties of Maoist origin, is heavily focused on racial and sexual minorities. The Black Lives Matter movement is an FRSO front group. Ending “white privilege” is a major part of Liberation Road strategy. The proliferation of gender pronouns we now have to deal with also comes partially from Liberation Road.

According to Liberation Road, socialism will come to the United States by rallying minorities against “white capitalism” and minority voters against what they term “The New Confederacy.”

According to the Liberation Road website:

“The New Confederacy is the white united front that, building up over the past 40 years, has used white supremacy, cisheteropatriarchy, and austerity to rally sectors of the white middle strata and white workers around the leadership of the most reactionary forces of capital. The Republican Party is its political instrument.”

Originally based mainly in Massachusetts, New York, and California, FRSO has been moving comrades into Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and other Southern states for some years. Mostly they

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fought the “New Confederacy” through protest and agitation. Tearing down Confederate statues is a favorite Maoist tactic, for example.

Now, after building considerable strength in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida, Liberation Road is strong enough to influence elections and elect members and supporters to public office.

## Grand Strategy

Liberation Road's 2019 Main Political Report lays out the organization's “line” and plans very clearly. If you can stomach the pseudo-scientific Marxist prose that is:

“The waves of protest that spread across the county after the 2016 election showed the force of the people's rage and resistance. But this resistance has grown, for the most part without a strategy to contend for power. We need to move from protest to power. We need to build independent political organization.”

Liberation Road essentially blames the South for all that is wrong with America. They believe that without the South, the United States could soon become a non-racist, gender fluid, climate-change battling, non-patriarchal socialist paradise.

“With the power the New Confederacy has gained through the use of the Republican Party, holding trifectas in 22 states, they destroy unions, deny climate change, push the most homophobic and transphobic propaganda and policy, overrule progressive local movements or laws by state legislative ‘preemption’, and organize to repeal every last trace of the New Deal and the Civil Rights movement.”

Liberation Road has the solution. The Republican stranglehold on the South must be broken county by county, state by state, by mobilizing the large black and Latino populations in the South in alliance with the existing white “progressive” minorities.

“In response, some new efforts by progressive forces have emerged, state by state, to bring together the multi-racial working class with minority nationalities and others to fight back. These efforts have several things in common.

“They have a broad vision of contending for power. They work in the street and in the election booth. They work inside and outside the Democratic Party. They fight austerity, white supremacy and/or cisheteropatriarchy. And they build on the strategic alliance of the working class – of all nationalities, races and languages – with mass movements based in communities of color.”

The question is, how can Liberation Road comrades use their manpower and influence to unite enough forces

on the left and the center to defeat the New Confederacy? In their 2019–2022 draft Strategic Orientation plan, they state:

“We contend that it is only a united front led by an advanced layer of forces in opposition to white supremacy, austerity and cisheteropatriarchy that can defeat this enemy. A politics that both rejects and challenges—that offers a genuine alternative—to white supremacy, austerity, and cisheteropatriarchy is the only durable solution, and a united front must lead with those politics.

“The clearest path to organizing that united front is through engaging in the electoral arena. Why do we place so much emphasis on the electoral arena in this moment? Because we believe this is the arena of struggle in which we are most clearly presented with the opportunity to construct the united front—to bring together social and political forces across and beyond self-interest. ...

“Struggles become generalized when they enter into the broadest arena of politics. ... The clearest and most practical way to do this is through elections, which necessarily involve and implicate the entire public.”

## Working Through the Democratic Party

Liberation Road has learned from communist mistakes of the past and is committed to a very flexible strategy in its relations with the Democratic Party.

“Our approach is distinct from the Popular Front policy of the Communist Party prior to and during WWII, when it was a non-critical junior partner in the broad front of Left and center forces against Nazism and Fascism.

“That is, we are not calling for a political program that is just about electing any Democratic politician. Instead, we are calling for a clear progressive program that we fight for, through primaries, non-partisan races, and outside struggles; and commitment to a fight against our common enemy.

“This will look different depending on conditions: in Blue states, it may be the case that the advanced forces could struggle to a position to play a decisive leading role in a united front against the New Confederacy; in purple and red states, we may play secondary roles as we develop our forces and build organization and strength to ultimately contest for leadership in that front.”

## The Power of ‘For All’

As serious revolutionaries, Liberation Road comrades know that the masses can best be unified around clear and meaningful slogans. Lib-

eration Road has chosen two simple words to unify the base it wants to mobilize—“For All.”

This is already evident in Liberation Road's newly created voter mobilization organizations: Richmond For All in Virginia and the more established Durham For All in North Carolina and Memphis For All in Tennessee.

“We believe that the way to build the ‘us’ is the For All. This represents a unity of the advanced and the link between the particular subjects of the united front.

“Here we propose that the For All frame be the generally adopted one for our organization, and that our work engage in the struggle for political power. We suggest that it is on the basis of For All that we can facilitate a broad unity on the foundation of the specific grievances of oppressed peoples that also invites a generalized public support and participation.”

## Why We Must Have an Enemy

If any body is wondering about the incessant propaganda from the left against President Trump, the Republican Party, conservatives, and traditional Christians—all components of the New Confederacy—Liberation Road makes its purpose clear.

“For there to be an us, there also has to be a them that we can define through relation to us. This is why it's critically important to have an enemy—the racists-billionaires, and the New Confederacy, and their political organization, the Republican Party. The naming of an enemy gives us the narrow target needed to direct the united front forces against. This in turn sets the foundation to define the lines of demarcation between the enemy and the people's united front.”

## Why the Republican Party Should Take Liberation Road Seriously

While they will never admit it, Liberation Road is working in the interests of China and the world revolutionary movement. They fully understand that the United States, and specifically President Trump, must be taken down if the revolution is to succeed.

Liberation Road's many front organizations are richly funded through several major foundations and the Democracy Alliance—a network of more than 150 leftist billionaires and multi-millionaires including presidential candidate Tom Steyer, George Soros, socialist lawyer Steve Phillips, and many others. Liberation Road and their on-the-ground allies do not lack for resources.

Liberation Road has already flipped once reliably Republican Virginia. It took them 10 years, but they have already replicated much of their winning strategy in several other Southern states—some of which could go blue in 2020, or more likely 2022.

Liberation Road already heavily influences the local government in Durham, North Carolina's most important city, and also has a strong influence in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Liberation Road is also influential in Jackson, Mississippi, a town run by radical mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

In Florida and Georgia, FRSO was a major part of the coalitions that almost elected Andrew Gillum and Stacey Abrams to their respective governor's mansions in 2018. In Florida, FRSO and its allies lifted Democratic voting by around 40 percent, which normally would have guaranteed victory.

Only because President Trump ignored the Republican Party hierarchy and endorsed strong insurgent conservative Ron DeSantis were the voters able to narrowly stave off a shock Democratic victory.

While Republicans seem to be focusing on the Midwestern states, the big shock of election night 2020 might come from the South.

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Activists gather protesting the Dakota Pipeline during the Native Nations Rise protest on March 10, 2017 in Washington.

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