

# Anti-Communist Reading List with Summaries

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## Summary

The past couple of years or so has seen a simultaneous eruption of changes to American culture and social norms that seemed to come out of nowhere and all at once. In many cases, the changes represent ideas that are not new, but which have now been severely imposed on citizens whether they like it or not. Failure to profess acceptance of certain ideas has resulted in public shaming, job loss, and other sanctions.

A number of conservative writers and Christian writers have done good, even excellent work educating their readers about these ideas and the Communist, Marxist, and other leftist origins of them. These resources are useful and should be used. For those willing and able to read at length to obtain a comprehensive understanding of what America is up against, the following annotated bibliography will be useful in the order presented. Those unwilling to read at length may benefit from this writer's summaries (below) of the two books he believes to be most useful to most readers. The downsides of using the summaries instead of reading the entire books include the danger of this writer unintentionally misrepresenting aspects of the books, and most importantly, the loss of information, especially the author's reasons and supporting arguments for their statements.

## Annotated Bibliography

*You Can **Still** Trust the Communists ... To Be Communists (Socialists and Progressives Too) Third Edition*, Fred C. Schwarz and David A. Noebel, ISBN 978-0-578-76103-9, published in 2020 by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, P. O. Box 129, Manitou Springs, CO 80829. This edition may be out of print. The second edition was published in 2010, and has ISBN 978-0-936163-20-8. This edition appears to still be available, but lacks the useful Addenda contained in the third edition. The original first edition that was published in 1962 is still useful and relevant and may be read online at <https://www.schwarzreport.org/resources/you-can-trust-the-communists-to-be-communists>. For general audiences, this remains the single most valuable resource out there on Communism. One weakness of the book is that the first edition discusses the Marxist-Leninist flavor of Communism only. The second and third editions do have material on other flavors of Communism that are particularly relevant to our present situation in America. However, as a practical matter, these different flavors concern Communist tactics against us, not any basic beliefs or theory. And, if Communism is victorious in America, it will be the Marxist-Leninists who will end up on top.

*We Will Not Be Silenced*, by Erwin W. Lutzer, ISBN 978-0-7369-8179-8, published in 2020 by Harvest House Publishers. Lutzer is a pastor and the book shows it in his concern for the souls of both believers in Jesus Christ and unbelievers. Lutzer gives far more emphasis to the current situation in America than Schwarz and Noebel. Perhaps the most serious defect in the book is that Lutzer does not appear to understand the Communist philosophy of Dialectical Materialism. Set against this is the good job he does of explaining things such as propaganda, the Big Lie, how Sodomists acquired such massive influence, and so on.

*The Church in Babylon*, by Erwin W. Lutzer, ISBN 978-0-8024-1308-6, published in 2018 by Moody Publishers. This book is not about Communism, per se, but it is geared toward helping believers prepare to live in an increasingly evil and persecuting society. Among other things, Lutzer uses the examples of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego during the Babylonian Captivity to illustrate some of his main themes. Whoever wins and loses, there will be a battle ahead and Christians had better be prepared. Unfortunately, while Lutzer tries to prepare his readers for persecution and national cultural defeat, he appears to overlook the very real possibility that God may send America a great revival.

*The Naked Communist*, by W. Cleon Skousen, first published in 1958 has a number of updates and editions available. One such edition is published by Izzard Ink, LLC, ISBN 9781630720612 (paperback) or 9781630720797 (hardcover). A primary advantage of Skousen's book is that he gives much historical background, including biographies of Marx and Engels, some of the history of Communist takeovers of countries, and of the Cold War. From this history, he also offers insights into why some people find Communism attractive and even turn traitor against free countries.

*Animal Farm* and *1984*, both by George Orwell, are widely available in many editions. *Animal Farm* is in the genre of *Aesop's Fables* and is widely regarded as a satire against the USSR of Lenin and Stalin. It is fun and short book whose animal characters bring out the sad lives of those forced to live under Communism. The novel, *1984*, depicts life under a surveillance/police state and the degradation such a state imposes on humanity. Orwell was a staunch Democratic Socialist. Strangely, it never seemed to dawn on him that the kind of dystopi he depicted in these two books is the usual result of Socialism. Socialism, by its very nature, involves government force, and forced "equality" necessarily results in loss of freedom.

*The Black Book of Communism: Crimes, Terror, Repression*, by Stephane Courtois, Nicolas Werth, Jean-Louis Panne, Andrzej Paczkowski, Karel Bartosek, and Jean-Louis Margolin, was first published in French in 1997 and published in English by the Harvard University Press in 1999, ISBN 0-674-07608-7 or 978-0-674-07608-2. This book was actually praised in a review in the *New York Times*; it is difficult to imagine that happening today. It is a history of Communism in a number of countries, which history focuses, as the title says, on crimes, terror and repression in those countries. The accounts are detailed and carefully documented, making this a book that will naturally appeal to history buffs. The statistics are truly appalling and the more so if one stops to read *Animal Farm* during its reading to help one internalize the horrid human cost of Communism.

*Unmasked*, by Andy Ngo, published by Center Street, ISBN 978-1-5460-5958-5 in 2021. The lying "mainstream" media likes to portray all public demonstrations as "peaceful," and, especially during daylight, most are. But many are full-out riots complete with arson, looting, vandalism, and injuries to both civilians and law enforcement officers. A prime mover of this crime is Antifa. Photojournalist Andy Ngo exposes Antifa and its Communist/Anarchist ideology and criminal tactics, tactics common to Communist revolutionaries around the world.

*Jesus Christ: Rock of Human Rights and Freedom*, by Jeremiah Bezael, published in 2010, and a free download at <https://beforgiven.info/jcrohraf.pdf> (Note: This URL is case-sensitive.), is a treatise on human rights from a biblical perspective. While only three of its twenty-six chapters explicitly discuss collectivism (of which Marxism is a subset), it does more than say what is wrong about Communist governments; it provides a biblical foundation for what good civil governments ought to be and do so as to protect citizens while upholding and respecting their civil freedoms and liberty.

## Summaries:

Four summaries are presented, two for each book. For each book, the main summary is followed by a recapitulation of the summary, a summary of the summary, if you will.

## Fastest Reading Contents:

[A Note On Terminology – 1/2 page optional](#)

[A Recap of You Can Trust the Communists to be Communists \(Third Edition\) – 3 pages](#)

[Recap of We Will Not Be Silenced – 2 1/2 pages](#)

## Full Contents:

[A Note On Terminology – 1/2 page](#)

[A Classic Resource – 20 pages summarizing 492 book pages.](#)

[A Recap of You Can Trust the Communists to be Communists \(Third Edition\) – 3 pages](#)

[A Recent Resource – 24 pages summarizing 280 page book](#)

[Recap of We Will Not Be Silenced – 2 1/2 pages](#)

[Appendixes](#)

This author apologizes for the somewhat rough nature of this outline. May God grant wisdom to us all.

### *A Note On Terminology*

Strictly speaking, *Socialism* is what *Communist* countries are practicing now. Those countries we call Communist countries believe that the state will wither away and Communism will replace the dictatorship of the proletariat. (Those concepts will become clear below.) A more general term is *Marxism*. Marxism may be divided into two broad categories: *Marxism-Leninism* and *Cultural Marxism*. The former insists that a violent revolution is mandatory. The latter believes in the possibility of a gradual acceptance of Socialism without a violent revolution, though it is difficult not to notice that Marxist rioters have been rather violent lately. There are many flavors of Marxism in both camps. To complicate matters, there are a lot of people who favor Socialism of some flavor, without realizing that they are acting according to Marxist principles. For this reason, while recognizing these differences of opinion, for simplicity this writer chooses in many cases to lump them all under the term, Marxists.

The term *homosexual* has a neutral, scientific ring to it. But God is not neutral, and Bible translations use different terms for these kinds of perverts. The King James frequently uses *Sodomite* for obvious reasons. Later versions tend to use more “mild” terms. This writer chooses to call both homosexuals and those who support the acceptance of this perversion, *Sodomists*. The reason is to exclude those who are tempted to sexual sin but who, with God’s help, war against it in their hearts. On the other hand, *Sodomism* emphasizes the severity and heinousness of practicing or supporting this sin; it has actually become a philosophical creed.

### *A Classic Resource*

Dr. Fred Schwarz, founder of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade (CACC) wrote, *You Can Trust the Communists to Be Communists* in 1960. This highly accessible book has stood the test of time and it was not until 2010 that Dr. David A. Noebel, the current head of the CACC saw fit to publish an

updated version, only lightly editing Schwarz's original text, but adding references and additional chapters. Noebel published yet another revision in 2020, which version includes reprints of articles by contemporary commentators. The following outline largely mirrors the book's table of contents, but text in parentheses contain the writer's own comments. Much material is not mentioned in an effort to keep this outline from becoming a tome. Also, there are numerous bibliographies throughout the book, making it a good place to begin if one wishes to become truly expert on Communism.

1. Preface
  - a. More than 100 million people have been slaughtered and many times more than that impoverished and persecuted by Communists.
  - b. The collapse of USSR temporarily ended Communism as significant military threat to the USA, but Communism has regained strength with billions under Communism and Socialism.
  - c. Communists have continued to work in the USA and have used increasing Socialism and big, intrusive government to work to bring the USA under Communism. Many Communists, most notably Barack Obama, are in positions of influence at all levels of society.
  - d. Many present ills such as Sodomism, the denigration of traditional families, and the social gospel are, at least partly, the result of communist influence.
2. Trust the Communists?
  - a. Communism is a danger about which it is necessary to be informed.
  - b. The Communists are liars, evil, and untrustworthy, but they have published their philosophy, aims, goals, and methods of operation. To a great extent this means, that at least in a sort of mechanical sense, we can trust the Communists to be Communists. By traditional Western standards, Communists are irrational, but if we understand this "mechanics," Communism ceases to be an enigma and is to some good degree predictable.
  - c. Marxism-Leninism:
    - I. Marxism teaches the universality of class warfare.
    - II. Leninism teaches that Communism will win this war.
    - III. The original class war was between property owners and workers and is supposedly a zero-sum game.
    - IV. To Communists, Russia and China are at (class) war with America. They view every act and situation according to this class war and thus weaponize education, trade, religion, culture, and so on.
    - V. We did not make the Communists our enemies; we are their enemies because we exist.
    - VI. Communists desire "peace," that is, Communist victory in this war.
    - VII. Likewise, due to the perverted Communist world view and ways of thinking, they use many of the same words we use, but assign different meanings to them.
      - i. Truth is any statement that helps the Communist cause. Truth is also whatever the Communist Party teaches, irrespective of empirical evidence.
      - ii. Righteousness is advancing Communism by any means whatsoever.
      - iii. Love is seeking the good of others, and there is no good but Communism.
3. The Recruiting of a Communist
  - a. Schwarz contended (in 1960) that Communism has little appeal for the poor, exploited, and oppressed. This appears to have changed to a good degree in recent years due to changed tactics.
  - b. Most Communists are recruited when college students, especially those fancying themselves to be intellectuals. Reasons this happens:
    - I. A belief (acquired from their professors) that Capitalism is the cause of all evil.

- II. Materialist philosophy that presupposes that the supernatural cannot exist. (Only material things made of matter-energy exist.) This is a major reason why 144-hour Divine creation is such anathema to many.
  - III. Communists appeal to intellectual pride, giving students new and “special” knowledge, puffing them up.
  - IV. God made us with a place for Him in our hearts. Due to materialist philosophy, that place is a vacuum that Communism fills. The recruit has a new “save the world” heroic vision for himself. (Also, as Calvin remarked, there is that in all of us that makes us want to order the world according to our personal ideas.)
4. The Molding of a Communist
- a. The primary reason for the astonishing success of Communism in the world is in their organization and principles of organization.
  - b. Lenin is the originator of the Communist system of organization, which is:
    - I. Organized on military lines
    - II. Composed of professional revolutionaries
    - III. Maximum discipline and indoctrination with total obedience
    - IV. Multiple local organizations (cells)
    - V. Recruits, however rich or elite, must prove themselves by disciplined, obedient work
    - VI. Lenin’s scheme was approved by a majority = “Bolsheviks”
    - VII. Idea is to recruit small number of people who control the majority
    - VIII. Party members are expected to give themselves and all they are and hope to be to the party, a total and absolute commitment. They must absolutely and unconditionally subordinate their personal interests to the party.
  - c. Democratic Centralism
    - I. Local (smallest) cells elect a representative who becomes answerable only to a district council, with no preconditions. These representatives vote on matters. Once decided, the decisions become unquestionable “truth” binding on the entire council and their local cells. All are expected to believe this “truth” wholeheartedly.
    - II. The above process proceeds upwards to higher councils culminating in the Central Committee.
    - III. Democratic Centralism has the feature, odd to us, of vicious fighting before the vote and utter unity after.
  - d. Pervasive surveillance, a culture of informers, and secret police enforce party discipline through fear; this greatly discourages conspiracies and revolts.
5. The Communists at Work, Communist Fronts and Captive Organizations
- a. Communists are committed to being a small party of highly disciplined intellectuals.
  - b. The Communist party seeks to “scientifically” (by lies, false promises, and psychological manipulation) move and direct large masses of people and thus come to power over them. Ideally, these masses will have no idea of the Communist control or that they serve Communist purposes.
  - c. True Communists who are members of the Communist Party will largely hide their Communism; those who openly publicize their Communist ideology are considered immature and are despised. (There will be some significant exceptions such as Communist college professors who indoctrinate their classes.)
  - d. Communist method of gaining control:
    - I. Find out what people want.
    - II. Promise it to them.
    - III. Work hard to get it for them.
    - IV. Thus come to power over them.

- e. Communists make use of many *front* organizations that they control; such fronts outwardly have good purposes, and may even actually do good work, while hiding their evil purposes.
  - f. Concentric circles of Communist control and those doing work for the Communists, perhaps (and frequently) unwittingly:
    - I. Inner core of secret Communists who typically also control the above-ground public Communist Party.
    - II. *Fellow Travelers* are believers in Communism, but unwilling to submit to party discipline.
    - III. *Sympathizers* are believers in some aspects of Communism, so they aid the Communists (often more than they realize).
    - IV. *Pseudo-Liberals* are moral relativists who support the “right” of Communists to be the evil people they are.
  - g. *Captive Organizations* are formerly legitimate organizations that have been taken over by Communists. Disciplined Communist Party members work hard and become useful in the target organization. Because of this they are often promoted to positions of influence and control. Depending on the organization’s management structure, one or a few Communists can redirect the purposes of a much larger organization. (These same hidden Communists can also subtly hamper activity in an organization that is detrimental to the Communist cause. If you have ever observed a company, charity, club, or church suddenly “go bad,” it is quite possible that a Communist takeover was the cause.)
6. Techniques for Seizing Power, Philosophy of Violence
- a. The Communists have worked out theoretical and practical techniques for world conquest.
  - b. When the first Russian revolution overthrew the Czar and installed Aleksandr Kerensky as Russia’s new leader, less than six months later, Lenin and his Bolsheviks had taken control of Russia with just 20,000 followers.
  - c. Lenin broke with Marx and taught that violence is integral and essential to Communist victory. For Lenin, violence was not a necessary evil, but something to be enthusiastically embraced.
  - d. Lenin was adamant that the target state must be utterly destroyed and replaced with a new Communist state. To do this, the Communists must first seize power in the target state. Schwarz gives three examples of techniques for seizing power. The first, discussed in this chapter, is internal revolt through control of labor unions.
    - I. First, the Communists infiltrate labor unions.
    - II. At an appropriate time, they trigger an industrial strike over some grievances, real or imagined that will have general worker support.
    - III. The industrial strike is then transformed into a political strike. The idea is to disrupt the normal flow of goods and services and create unemployment, shortages, and general social disruption by targeting critical industries. These strikes are accompanied by vandalism, sabotage, and violence.
    - IV. Next, due to the violence and disruption, a political strike might be transformed into a revolutionary strike with attempts to seize power.
    - V. Although this process has never yet succeeded, it has caused much misery around the world. (Does this not remind us of how politicians used COVID-19 to condition the people to submission to tyranny?)
7. Successful Techniques for Seizing Power
- a. Labor union control has often been disruptive, but has never led to seizure of power. Quite different means have been used in countries that they have successfully enslaved. The cases of Russia, China, and Czechoslovakia merit special study.
  - b. Russia.

- I. The republican government under Aleksandr Kerensky declared a general political amnesty. As a result, a large number of revolutionary groups, Marxist and otherwise, entered or returned to Russia and went to work. Lenin's Bolsheviks were a small minority among these. Russia was suffering severely from the first World War, having sustained enormous losses and the soldiers, short of materiel, were in a mutinous mood. The people were eager for peace and land.
  - II. Lenin promised the people peace and land, urging the peasants to simply seize the fields of their landlords. This promise of private ownership of land was contrary to theoretical Marxism, but the Communist dialectic (see below) allows people to pick their own rules and Lenin was after power by any means.
  - III. The Bolsheviks gained popularity by their peace and land program but remained a small minority. After one failed attempt, Bolsheviks led revolutionaries to arrest the provisional government and began a reign of terror. Lenin encouraged peasants to seize the land, kill the landlords and divide their estates among themselves. Peasant groups were key elements in Lenin's reign of terror. Worse, Lenin founded the Cheka, which later became the KGB, and used it as an instrument of pitiless violence and terror to eliminate all opposing groups one by one until Lenin was total slave master of Russia.
- c. China, a classic manifestation of the five steps of Communist conquest.
- I. Step 1 – Conquest of the student mind. Students were in a very special class since scholars had been venerated for centuries in China; students were thus influential. The Communists were greatly successful in recruiting students and nearly all the leaders of the Communist party in China had been recruited as students. (In addition to the general reasons Communists have had good success in recruiting students, in ancient China government officials were admitted based on civil service exams on Chinese classic literature, giving students in the Communist party extra reason to expect to help rule China.)
  - II. Step 2 – Organization of students into the Communist Party.
    - i. The inner core came from (student) intellectuals
    - ii. Most of the general membership came from peasants
    - iii. Few members came from the working class, the proletariat.
    - iv. Mao Tse-tung was supreme leader and the entire membership absorbed his thought and obeyed him.
  - III. Step 3 – Scientific exploitation of group self interest.
    - i. The Communists worked hard among the masses, but did not try to convert them to Communist theory, but exploited their desires and grievances.
    - ii. Many Chinese were tenant farmers and many were deep in debt; they wanted their own land and relief from debt. The Communists promised them land and debt relief.
    - iii. China had been evilly oppressed and deeply humiliated by foreign powers. Thus the Communists responded with a program to eliminate White people from Asia. (Because of this sad history, is the Chinese Communist Party a significant force in the current campaign against “Whiteness” that is part of Critical Race Theory?)
    - iv. Mao gathered peasant youth attracted to these promises, trained them, and thus created the Chinese Communist army.
  - IV. Step 4 – Revolutionary Conquest of Power.
    - i. Mao was brilliant (but thoroughly evil) and devised a successful strategy to conquer China. He developed two new techniques that largely contributed to his success against great odds.

1. First, Mao combined political warfare with military action. Mao sent agents into an area to engage in assassination, sabotage, rumors, blackmail, and so on. They undermined the people's will to resist. Only then would military forces move in.
2. Mao was extremely skilled in guerrilla warfare. He used large forces to attack small detachments, then fled. They hid their uniforms and weapons and merged in with the local peasants.
- ii. Russia supported Mao. Fools in the USA tried to establish a peaceful coexistence between Mao and the Chinese Nationalists. This suited Mao just fine. (Historical evidence suggests that the American foolishness was instigated by Communist agents.)
- V. Step 5 – Communist dictatorship and universal slavery. The Dictatorship of the Proletariat was established, that is the Communist Party obtained complete control of all people and all the institutions of China. Any competing influence or authority was destroyed.
- d. Czechoslovakia.
  - I. Communists probably envision using this method against America. (China has observed how Ronald Reagan used economic warfare, including the highly costly Strategic Defense Initiative, to bankrupt and severely weaken the USSR. So the Chinese Communists are doing that to us by stealing intellectual property, dumping below-cost goods on us, and interfering in our elections and other institutions, including the family and traditional values. They are major financiers of Black Lives Matter and similar ilk. In sum, they are not only rapidly strengthening their military against us, but weakening us at the same time. Military blackmail is a real possibility.)
  - II. Communists came to power in Czechoslovakia using an internal Communist minority that operated while the looming power of the Russian Red Army hung like a threatening cloud over the small country. It was thinly disguised blackmail.
  - III. After World War II, Czechoslovakia was the most prosperous and free of the Eastern European countries. Three years later, it was a Communist prison.
  - IV. This conquest was achieved by a series of small steps, each step a small step towards Communism, but each step was presented as an alternative to to invasion by the Red Army.
  - V. In addition, the Communists heavily infiltrated the government of Czechoslovakia beginning with coalitions with socialist and democratic parties.
  - VI. “Better Red than Dead” described this surrender to blackmail idea in the 1970s and 1980s in the USA.
8. Consolidation of Power, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat
  - a. The dictatorship of the proletariat is theoretically the rule of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, unrestricted by law and based on force. But in practice the Communist party exercises this rule to put themselves in absolute power.
  - b. To enforce this absolute power, the Communists will:
    - I. Disarm the people.
    - II. Liquidate potential leaders of revolts or counter revolutions.
    - III. Take control of all information sources, education, and media.
    - IV. Take over the economy; everyone works for the party where told or starves.
    - V. Establish a dense network of informers and snitches that includes nearly everybody. The density of the network assures that those who refuse to inform are quickly detected and punished. (Today, the surveillance state does much of this job. The spying and tracking done by companies like Google and Microsoft, and by governments is far



more dangerous to liberty than appears. China permitted Christians to operate openly long enough to track and acquire information about them in order to facilitate the current crackdown and wave of persecution. In America, people have lost jobs and careers due to “racist” remarks made years ago.)

- VI. Freedoms of travel, association, speech, press, religion, and so on are severely restricted or abolished entirely. (COVID restrictions on travel, the silencing of the findings of scientists and physicians who disagree with the official government party line, and general tyranny regarding masks and vaccinations give the appearance of being preparations for future Communist tyranny.)
- VII. When revolts do occur (and they do frequently in China) the government simply stomps on them with overwhelming military force.

9. Allies of Communism.

- a. Communist parties are intentionally small, composed of highly dedicated, disciplined, thoroughly indoctrinated, and intelligent members. But these few are able to manipulate multitudes to serve their cause. This manipulation takes many forms, but the focus of this chapter discusses attitudes that well-meaning people, including patriotic Christians, may have that unwittingly favor Communism.
- b. The first attitude is intellectual dishonesty, in this case, substituting wishful thinking for hard and honest examination and analysis of evidence, merely because the conclusions are unpleasant. In this case, the evidence under consideration is the rapid advance of Communism in the world and the danger to the Free World (such it was in those days; different evidence applies today in many cases).
- I. Schwarz gave five categories of evidence that Communism is greatly successful and is an extremely serious threat. (This chapter is based on the world situation in 1960. In the intervening time:
  - i. The USSR has since collapsed economically and militarily, involuntarily shedding portions of its former empire, but the Communists have regained control by force and liquidation of “undesirables,” and the CIS has once again become a dangerous military opponent. The FSB (formerly named the KGB) under Vladimir Putin has re-asserted Communist control of the CIS, Russian troops have invaded and control portions of Ukraine, and state-sponsored computer hackers and other troublemakers operate with impunity.
  - ii. Communist China was a mere backward third-world country. In another six years, China would be further devastated by Mao’s decade-long Cultural Revolution. Although the Chinese people suffered horribly, China did not significantly threaten other than nearby countries; it had a huge land army, but little significant naval or air power. Now China is a severe surveillance state; it is nearly impossible to do anything in China without their government spy app on your phone. They are very rapidly catching up to the USA in military technical sophistication, thanks in large part to spying and industrial espionage. They have destroyed America’s manufacturing base, control strategic minerals, and are, by debt traps and other methods, roping many third-world countries into their “Belt and Road” scheme by which they intend to control all world commerce. They are actively interfering in American politics and culture. Finally, they are severely persecuting Christians and other religions that will not submit to Communist teaching. China has become a serious, dangerous enemy, and if America does not stop pandering to them, stand firm against them, and actively take measures to defend ourselves from all the various ways by which they are attacking us, the road ahead looks dark indeed.

- iii. Therefore, Schwarz's points in this chapter are, if anything, more pertinent to us today than to America in 1960.)
  - iv. These five categories of evidence that Communism is a dangerous and present threat to America:
    1. Numerical evidence.
    2. Military evidence.
    3. Educational evidence.
    4. Economic evidence.
    5. Communications evidence.
- II. Numerical evidence. In 1917, Lenin conquered Russia with a Bolshevik party of about 40,000 people. By 1959, one billion people lived under Communism (out of 2.7 billion in the world in 1969). For every child learning anything (true or false) about Jesus Christ, five children are learning about Communism in detail.
  - III. Military evidence. Either Russia or China could devastate the USA with a nuclear attack. The only response we could make would be to retaliate, if we can still can. (Both countries are making rapid progress in military technology and are helping each other. Both countries have killed millions of their own citizens, demonstrating that they are likely willing to take heavy casualties to obtain victory, thus negating the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction to a good degree. Their military progress makes the destruction less assured with each passing year.)
  - IV. Educational evidence. Both Russia and China are on a war footing to dominate the world. They thus force students into fields of study that will benefit their war against the USA: mathematics, science, technology, languages, and so on. Thus their technical prowess is very high per capita. (And Red China has over four times the population of the USA.)
  - V. Economic evidence. (Russia produced few consumer goods and shoddy ones at that. China is the world's factory; it produces some high quality goods under the severe supervision of major corporations and a large amount of counterfeit and low quality consumer goods.) But military goods are another matter altogether. The complete control the Communists have enables Russia and China to direct their economic power to military purposes. (Further, Communist government subsidies allow China's government and state owned or controlled companies to sell at lower prices than any other company in the world. The effect on the free world is devastating.)
  - VI. Communications evidence. The Communists have long had a world-wide information distribution program. In 1960, this consisted of high quality published literature and books distributed in many languages. This literature was for both propaganda and agitation. Propaganda is Communist theory for the few. Agitation tries to woo the masses to Communism and against America. (In these days, Communists and others have flooded the internet with sophisticated (using Artificial Intelligence) "bots" that spew massive amounts of fake product reviews, political comments on Facebook and Twitter, and "scholarly" web sites.) The sum of all this is that the Communists are successfully deceiving nearly the whole world.
- c. The second attitude is the false idea that cultural interchange will yield valid information about Russia or other Communist countries. (As of 1960:) The USSR controls all communications and media. Tourists are provided guides whose sole purpose is to control what the tourist hears and sees, that is, anything but the real USSR. For this reason, visitors to Russia simply cannot get an accurate picture of the USSR. (Formerly, *Intourist*, the travel agency of the USSR conducted tightly controlled guided tours that non-Communist-sympathizing foreigners uniformly found frustrating and irritating. A sophisticated Russian-

speaking visitor may well be able to get a more accurate view of the CIS today, but due to heavy FSB control, visitors of any significance are likely to obtain only a distorted picture.)

10. Brainwashing.

- a. Ivan Pavlov is mostly known for his salivating dogs. But one day Leningrad was severely flooded and his dogs were left trapped for several days without human help. They were found with their muzzles just sticking out of the water, having been cold, frightened, hungry, and exhausted for several days. Pavlov noticed that they had lost their previous conditioning, and some went into a profound depression. Pavlov found that he could condition them in an entirely different manner. Pavlov continued his investigation, ending with experimenting on not dogs, but humans in his last ten years, (1926-36). He induced what were essentially mental breakdowns in his human guinea pigs, shattering their personalities and replaced the old patterns with those desired by Communists. Since then, the cruel techniques, which include continual physical pain, exhaustion, induced confusion, and fear, have been greatly refined and they are even able to create false memories. This *brainwashing* takes a great deal more effort than simply beating a “confession” out of a prisoner, but can produce useful “converts” to Communism who actually love their captors, and so on.
- b. *Brainwashing* is also loosely used to refer to refer to propaganda that uses indoctrination by repetition, Hitler’s “big lie” technique. Communists are quite adept at this, and will repeat lies, big and small, continually. The lies do not have to be big to be effective; they need only be repeated frequently and continually. Of course, others do the same thing, notably advertisers. It is these lies that have many people in the world favoring Communism and Socialism and hating America.

11. The Difficult, Devious, and Dangerous Dialectic

- a. (Schwarz discusses the version of the Hegelian Dialectic that is used by Communists, and he insists that it is important to understand the Communist dialectic. This writer begs to disagree. The philosophical details are dense and nearly impenetrable; it is sufficient to know only the basics of their theory and the implications of the fact that Communists use their dialectic. That is much more accessible, understandable, and *very important* knowledge. Also, there is an older and more general use in philosophy of *dialectics*; it is the process of using logic and discussion, including the Socratic method of teaching, by which one may arrive at truth.)
- b. The Communist dialectical philosophy is the most difficult to comprehend, least understood, and possibly the most important aspect of Communism. It is what directs Communist thinking and is the cause of their ever-changing “truth” and actions. It is the source of their motivation, basic strategy, and confidence in the future victory of Communism.
- c. Out of the many people who are opposed to Communism on the basis of its evil fruit, few are able to name, much less explain, Communism’s foundation: Dialectical Materialism.
- d. The *Materialism* part of Dialectical Materialism is quite simple: Nothing exists except matter-energy, or matter in motion. There is no Creator God or human soul or anything spiritual or supernatural at all. Humans are thus devoid of free will, being mechanically determined by their genetics and environment.
- e. (Schwarz discusses some philosophy, but in insufficient detail to be meaningful; were subjects such as *realism*, *idealism*, and *the Hegelian Dialectic* examined in detail, virtually all readers would be soon lost. In fact, the well-known process of thesis-antithesis-synthesis was not from Hegel, but from Johann Gottlieb Fichte. Hegel did however also use a three valued logic system. Since all of these philosophical issues, including the Communist Dialectical Materialism, are founded on unproven axioms taken on blind faith apart from,

and even contradicting, God and the Holy Bible, it is sufficient to jump right into what Communists believe, which beliefs combine ideas from Hegel, Kant, Marx, Engels, and so on.)

f. Features of the Communist Dialectic.

I. Progress.

- i. Progress is inherent in change. All changes produce progress. The progress is toward the Communist “New Man.” (A tire changes from full to flat. That is progress?)
- ii. They teach that nobody can stand on the bank of the same river twice; the second time it is a totally different river. Everything is in the process of development and change.
- iii. Hidden within apparent purposelessness of change is progress toward the “New Man.” This idea of progress and its goal is an unprovable axiom taken on blind faith. Communists live by faith, not sight of present reality. (This idea directly contradicts the natural law of thermodynamics and Scripture teaching on human depravity.)
- iv. (Sometimes this progress-driving force is called *History*, an idea of vaguely personified matter that has a will of progress towards perfection. Marx’s thought is unclear on this. The philosophically alert reader will correctly note the strong resemblance to pantheism and monism.)

II. The dialectical nature of progress.

- i. The Communist end goal is fixed and certain, but the path of advance is not a straight path toward the goal. The path is marked by many retreats and changes in direction.
- ii. Schwarz likens this to the backward and forward motion of a hammer as it drives a nail.
- iii. An example is that Communist theory says that the family and capital will both vanish. But practical experience has taught them the hard way that both are essential to society, so Russia has promoted strong families and China uses state sponsored and controlled capitalism to weaken the USA.
- iv. (There are no rules or logical methods by which to generate a thesis or an antithesis to match a thesis. Nor can anyone prove or disprove anybody else’s thesis/antithesis pair. The synthesis generation process has the same problems. The result is that users of the Communist Dialectic simply make up their own “truth” at need.) Consequently, Communists make up whatever morality or philosophy they wish and change it as rapidly as they wish. Their programs and activities reflect this.
- v. Communists thus have no compunctions about infiltrating legitimate Christian churches. (The FSB thoroughly controls the Russian Orthodox Church in the CIS.)

III. Conflict.

- i. The Communists have adapted the dialectical philosophy of Hegel and Fichte to suit their evil agenda.
- ii. They teach that the driving force in any situation is the conflict of two opposing forces. The established force is the thesis, and the opposing force is the antithesis. This conflict is the dynamic that pushes progress forward.
- iii. Everything is interpenetrated by its opposite. Nothing exists in isolation.
- iv. Initially, this conflict generates slow progress.

- v. Eventually, this slow progress gives way, the antithesis negates the thesis and a new synthesis results. The direction of progress is parallel to the original direction, but different.
  - vi. This dialectic is a valuable tool that allows Communists to lie and spin fairy tales under a cloak of logic and scholarship. Any event or decision may be “explained” by using the dialectic.
  - vii. Among these fairy tales is the inevitability of capitalism giving way to socialism and the inevitability of sudden and violent revolution.
12. Program for Survival.
- a. Motivation.
    - I. People are largely driven by self-interest.
    - II. The Communist threat is future in many people’s minds; this is inadequate to overcome immediate personal concerns.
    - III. Individuals can (theoretically) have tremendous impact if they can recruit others to a cause, who recruit others, and so on.
    - IV. Money alone is an insufficient incentive to be against Communism for most people. Appeals to religion (not only Christianity), nationalism, morality, and love of family may be more successful. On the other hand, Communists are experts at finding out how to appeal to people.
    - V. Many people, when presented with the facts about Communism, do nothing because they are not truly, deep down, convinced that it is a threat.
  - b. Knowledge.
    - I. Because of the deceitfulness of Communists and their sly infiltration techniques, it is perfectly possible for ignorant anti-Communists to vigorously promote Communism faithfully and well.
    - II. It is thus necessary that people be armed with a knowledge of Communism from a Christian moral perspective, and not from any pretended neutrality.
  - c. Organization.
    - I. Organization is the genius of Communism and Communist organization triumphs over disorganized forces.
    - II. Too much organizational unity can defeat combined efforts when disparate groups with contradictory viewpoints and motivations try to work together. But already unified groups such as a Baptist church or hobbyist club, both armed with the same knowledge and both group’s own already in-place motivations and unity can work together toward a common purpose.
    - III. Each individual must take responsibility and do his or her part.
    - IV. The task is large, even huge, but God is far bigger and we must seek and depend on His aid and strength.
13. The Heart Mind and Soul of Communism
- a. In 1917, Lenin had 40,000 followers. In 1966 Communism controlled more than one billion people.
  - b. Schwarz says that anyone not alarmed by these figures is not rational or has no concern for the future. (The large population of just one country, China, distorts the significance of the figures. Nonetheless, today Communism is resurgent due to Putin’s efforts in Russia, China’s imperial ambitions, and severe Communist influence and infiltration in the USA. Arguably, the USA is in more danger today than in 1966.)
  - c. This raises the question, how this huge success of the Communists been achieved? How have Communists succeeded in mobilizing large numbers of people to give their lives to the Communist cause?

- I. Communism is a religion of promise. (It is worth noting that not all religions have one or more gods or supreme beings. Communism is a true religion in that it pretends to provide a complete philosophy of life and being, moral standards, purpose of life, and promise of glorious future. By contrast, Capitalism is merely one aspect of economics. For example, a totalitarian government could require all citizens to save for their retirement, and invest in productive enterprises, or else. In other words, Communism, a complete religion and world and life view, pits itself against one concept within a whole body of economic ideas and questions. And economics is merely one part of human life.)
- II. Communists appeal to the poor that all of their misery can be solved by Communism. (History shows that Communism not only makes all but the most destitute poorer, but takes away their liberty.)
- III. The Communist theory of the to-emerge Communist “New Man” is used to present a vision of paradise on earth, with no more sin, violence, evil, hatred, and so on.
- IV. Communists claim that their ideas are scientific, therefore their promises must come to pass. (Science has lately gotten a bad name in some circles due to being infected with the human sin that pervades everything, and also for spurious reasons. But when Schwarz wrote, there were many who remembered a time without electricity on the farm, polio, and infections with no penicillin with which to treat them; science was thus revered more than now when we take so much for granted without thanking God for raising up the hardworking people who make and continue to improve our modern world.) Communists have three unproven, supposedly scientific hypotheses on which they have constructed their claims to being scientific.
  - i. Atheism is the first foundational hypothesis. Morality is thus open to being whatever those in power say it is and mere pragmatism.
  - ii. Materialism is the second foundational hypothesis. It flows directly from Atheism. Mankind is nothing more than matter-energy in motion, a highly evolved animal that came into being by chance. He has no spirit or soul.
  - iii. Economic Determinism. Marx “discovered” that the animal called humankind is entirely determined by the prevailing mode of economic production. In other words, the entire human personality, thoughts, emotions, and so on are controlled by the economic environment. The family, concepts of liberty and justice, and all of life are products of economics. Therefore capitalism is the source of all the evil in the world and of all undesirable human characteristics. Therefore a scientific and radical program to purify mankind must be undertaken.
  - iv. The inescapable necessary scientific sequence steps to “save” humanity are as follows:
    1. Destruction of the capitalist system by violent revolution. Reform is not possible, only a violent revolution will do the job, and only the disciplined Communist party is fit for the task. (There were dissident Marxists at the time such as Gramsci, but their influence was more minimal than today.)
    2. Institution of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is necessary because after the revolution, many people diseased by capitalism will remain and infect others. This is the absolute, tyrannical, rule of the Communist party without consent of the governed and without respect to any higher law. They must now proceed to eliminate the disease of capitalism from their herd of human animals.
    3. Liquidation of those classes of society that are incurably diseased by capitalism and considered dangerously infectious. Theoretically, this is merely

- a “scientific” process similar to killing diseased livestock to prevent contagion. When there is no hoof and mouth disease, there is no hoof and mouth disease.
4. Segregation of those diseased, but capable of useful work in conditions of isolation. It is only bourgeois morality that damns this useful work in isolation as slave labor camps. Conditions are brutal, the food horribly meager and hardly fit for pigs, and the average time to death is about three years.
  5. Hospitalization of those diseased but curable in corrective labor camps.
  6. Reeducation of the total population in new relationships of labor, with emphasis on labor, not reward. Because the Communists control the entire economy, laboring people are exploited in every possible way. Tardiness is sabotage, and absenteeism treason. Under these conditions, a new attitude towards labor is engendered and the new Socialist Man is in the making. (Recall the USSR: Union of Soviet **Socialist** Republics. Socialism, “From each according to his ability, to each according to his work” is a step on the path of progress to the Communist “New Man,” where “From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs,” prevails.)
  7. The emergence of the young generation with characters uninfluenced by capitalism and appropriate to a socialist environment. Education and indoctrination in Communism make the children able to fulfill the most exacting needs of the new Socialist master.
  8. The perfection of human nature.
  9. The withering away of the state (civil government), the dictatorship of the proletariat.
  10. The emergence of Communism. Every person is a perfect, happy human being.
- v. In over 100 years, the Communists have yet to produce even a single example of any progress toward perfection of human nature. Communism is inherently evil in its postulates, initial hypotheses, works, and actions. (**“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit”** (Matthew 12:33 ESV). )
- d. What can we as individuals do against Communism? Everybody can do these four things:
- I. Educate yourself. Ignorant opposition to Communism can even aid it.
  - II. Take courage. We must not despair. (There is a God in Heaven!) Rather engage in the battle. (This is becoming a sterner and nastier battle than Americans have faced in the past. Formerly, it was simply socially unacceptable to be an anti-Communist. Now it may cost one reputation and even career.)
  - III. Exercise faith. Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Schwarz said that if we pray, live righteously, and trust Him, He will not fail in our hour of need. (God has punished many nations for their sins. He may or may not have mercy on America. It is according to His sovereign will to what degree and when He will chastise or destroy us severely for our sins, or forgive us and send us a massive revival.)
  - IV. Consecration. The Communists are a fanatical, purpose-driven, self-sacrificial bunch. Will we serve our Risen Savior with even equal devotion?
14. Worldviews of Destruction. (The previous chapters were written by Dr. Fred Schwarz. This and the following chapters were written or inserted by Dr. David Noebel.)
- a. **“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ”** (Colossians 2:8 NKJV). (Noebel inserts extra text in brackets after certain words; out of respect for God’s Word and for clarity, this writer creates the following table:  
**Verse Word Inserted Words**

anyone	educator, politician, rock star, news anchorman
philosophy	Naturalism, Postmodernism, Marxism, Pragmatism
men	Marx, Darwin, Nietzsche, Wellhausen, Freud, Dewy, Foucault
world	Socialism, Darwinism, Higher Criticism, Humanism, Relativism, Existentialism

- b. Western civilization in general and the USA in particular have rejected Christ for other ideas and people. These ideas have had destructive consequences.
  - c. Christianity is a worldview, a 24 hour/day relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Those who believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God are also committed to particular views of God, the purposes of God in Creation and history, humanity, sin, redemption, and human destiny. The sum of these views is a worldview.
  - d. Lord Acton made the famous statement that power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. He observed that no person, class, party, country, or church is wise enough or unselfish enough to be trusted with unlimited power. He held that twenty or thirty ideas hold the key to explaining modern history, the majority of which are religions or substitutes for religion.
  - e. Noebel defines a worldview as a bundle or set of ideas that contain a particular perspective regarding each of the following disciplines: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.
  - f. The twentieth century saw many advancements, but also much increase in immorality and mass murders unheard of in human history, a century of slaughter. (Per capita, this historical comparison may be disputed, but Noebel's categorization of the horrors still stands.) Government and other violence has killed from 170 to 360 million people.)
  - g. Noebel lists a number of worldviews and their proponents responsible for these deaths but focuses on the various flavors of Marxism. The Marxists are now the tenured establishment in academia. Those not Marxists are generally Secular Humanists.
  - h. Most Christians miss the point that Secular Humanism, Nazism (National Socialism), Fascism and Communism are religious worldviews.
  - i. Darwinism is a major underpinning to all of the nastiest worldviews and then some.
  - j. Many liberal theologians such as Barth, Tillich, and Bultmann, helped turn people from Christ to Nazism.
  - k. Noebel gives some space to explaining Nazism, Fascism, Secular Humanism, and Marxism in brief. He notes that, "Marxism has been the greatest killing machine in history." Marx considered his work to be parallel to Darwin's.
  - l. In the subchapter on Secular Humanism, Noebel notes Margaret Sanger's role in promoting feminism, the sexual revolution, abortion, and the murder factory, Planned Parenthood.
15. Barack Obama's Red Spiritual Advisor
- a. The "Reverend" Jim Wallis has been a friend of Barack Obama for many years. Wallis drafted the "faith-based policies" of Obama's campaign. Wallis has been in bed with nearly every South American Communist regime, and is committed to Communist revolutions in South and Central America. He has a long history of supporting Marxist causes, including the Vietcong.
  - b. Wallis publishes *Sojourners*, a radical Socialistic magazine, and supports the Liberation Theology heresy.
16. The Socialization of America
- a. Noebel notes that in 1883, Karl Marx died, John Maynard Keynes was born, and The Fellowship of the New Life, later renamed the Fabian Socialist Society was founded.
  - b. Noebel discusses Socialism and notes that it is the economic system of the Marxist-Leninist (Communist) worldview. Marxism is the root of both Socialism and Keynesian economics,



the theory that supports bloated government spending and debt. Keynesian economics is Socialist in its very nature.

- c. An astonishing number of members of the US House of Representatives belong to Socialist organizations, some of which are entirely composed of US Representatives. These include, with numbers of members) the Progressive Democrats of America (6), Congressional Progressive Caucus (83), Congressional Black Caucus (42), and the Democratic Socialists of America (who do not identify their members).
  - d. Zygmond Dobbs conducted the research for the book, *Keynes at Harvard*, and tells us that Keynes was an anti-Capitalist revolutionary, Socialist, Sodomist, and molester of little boys.
  - e. Keynes despised free enterprise, considered homosexuality superior to heterosexuality, despised the gold standard, did not believe in the family, and despised savings as against Socialism.
  - f. Keynes had a close relationship with Soviet spy, Henry Dexter White, Assistant to the Secretary of the US Treasury.
17. Postscript
- a. Noebel gives a short biography of Fred Schwarz and credits his work with vast influence in the American conservative movement. Others have come to the same conclusion. Schwarz had substantial influence on Ronald Reagan who won the Cold War.
18. Appendix – Is Communism Dead? You decide.
- a. The appendix contains a large number of short quotations from both Communists and Marxists of various stripes in the USA and also quotations from people who have observed the very substantial influence of Communism in American Universities, government, and other institutions. An example of each of these follows.
  - b. Rep. Maxine Waters (D. CA): “And, guess what this liberal will be all about? This liberal will be about socializing...basically taking over and the government running all your companies.”
  - c. Senator Ted Cruz (R. TX): “If you asked the Harvard faculty to vote on whether this nation should become a socialist nation, 80 percent of the faculty would vote yes and the 10 percent would think that was too conservative.”
19. Addendum A, *The Revolution is Winning*, by Andrew C. McCarthy, nationalreview.com, July 18, 2020. (These addenda are from various sources and authors and, besides whatever editorial revisions were made, the addenda are the difference between the 2010 second edition and the 2020 third edition of *You Can Still Trust the Communists*. These addenda greatly help link the present craziness to Marxist activity. As such, they are as valuable as the rest of the book and should not be denigrated merely for being addenda.)
- a. Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers became a Distinguished Professor of Education at the University of Illinois. He designed the curricula used by hard left academics; Ayers thought it was a moral imperative to convert schools into social justice indoctrination labs. Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, Weather Underground leaders, became prominent in Democratic Party politics. They held a coming-out party for then community organizer Barack Obama.
  - b. Another Weather Underground terrorist, Susan Rosenberg, became vice chairwoman of Thousand Currents, a grant-making foundation for the radical left, and part of a network of financiers and fund raisers that include the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, the Kellogg Foundation, Soro’s Open Society Foundation, Buffet’s NoVo Foundation, and the Tides Foundation. Thousand Currents, via intermediary, BLM Global Network Foundation, funds Black Lives Matter (BLM). BLM has three primary founders: Opal Tometti, Alicia Garza,

- and Patrisse Cullors. Cullors said, “Myself and Alicia in particular are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super-versed on, sort of ideological theories.”
- c. Then, there is Chesa Boudin, son of Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert who were part of the Brinks armored truck robbery. He was raised by Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, and has been elected district attorney for San Francisco. His candidacy was backed by the far left, including Angela Davis, BLM, and Bernie Sanders. Chesa Boudin has greatly hampered the police and has refused to prosecute certain crimes. (This is a classic case of Communist infiltration into legitimate institutions, but much more openly than most.)
20. Addendum B, *Today's Revolutionaries Aren't Like Their '60s Predecessors*, by Victor Davis Hanson, nationalreview.com, July 23, 2020.
- a. They are far more dangerous.
  - b. In the 1960s and early 1970s, the US was convulsed by massive protests and a morally depraved counterculture.
  - c. The enemies of the counterculture had grown up in the great depression, won World War II, and created a booming post-war economy. (And landed on the moon, gave us microwave ovens, computers, and many other useful inventions.)
  - d. Now, a half century later, many of the radical ideas of the hippie generation are thoroughly embedded in our society such as the welfare state and bloated socialistic government. Their moral perversions have resulted in divorce, loss of nuclear families, unrestricted immigration, and so on. The hippies are now the establishment in power. The current radicals are not protesting against conservatives, but old liberals who hold power. These old liberals often sympathize with the protesters, being themselves on the left, especially in “Blue States.” (This is why rioters are allowed to burn, vandalize, loot, and harass innocent people freely, while those who attempt to defend themselves against such criminals are persecuted and prosecuted.)
  - e. Unlike Martin Luther King’s dream of integration and colorblindness, modern radicals want racial differences to be the foundation of American life, dividing us between non-white supposed victims and white supposed victimizers. (This deliberate stirring up of conflict is fundamental to Marxism.)
  - f. There are other differences: then, teachers and professors were competent products of fact-based teaching and inductive thinking. Now they are less educated and less competent.
  - g. Then, education was relatively inexpensive and students lived in bare-bones dorms. Students graduated with little debt and marketable skills. Now they graduate deep in debt, often with degrees that are worthless to employers.
  - h. Ideologically, many former hippies have not changed their views and sympathies (although some have changed when they entered the real world). They may be rich, powerful, and older, but these are mere externals.
21. Addendum C, *Four Steps to Ideological Subversion*, by Eileen F. Toplansky, American Thinker, June 22, 2020, americanthinker.com.
- a. There exists / did exist an interview on You Tube of Uri Bezmenov, a former KGB spy and state media propagandist who defected from the USSR to Canada in 1970. In the interview, Bezmenov explains how “ideological subversion” is used by Communists to undermine and destabilize Western countries. Basically, there are four steps to ideological subversion, or “mass brainwashing.”
  - b. The first step is demoralization, and it takes 15 to 20 years, the span of time to educate one generation. In the USA, we have had Marxism-Leninism pumped, unchallenged, into three generations of American students. Exposure to the truth is ineffective, because one who is demoralized is unable to evaluate true information. How else can someone believe that America is “systematically racist”? (*Demoralize* has two basic meanings: first, to cause

- someone to lose confidence and hope. It generally has this meaning in the context of war or conflict; second, it means to debase and corrupt the morality of a person.)
- c. The second step is destabilization, and it can take place in as little as five years. The focus is on destabilizing sectors such as the economy, law enforcement, foreign relations, media, and national defense. (In this context, *destabilization* means to induce instability, malfunctions, and unreliability in something.)
  - d. The third step is the crisis stage. After a society is well destabilized, it collapses into chaos and inevitably, people plead for the government to step in and make things right. Either a foreign nation steps in or Communists take over.
  - e. The last step is normalization, that is the establishment of a “new normal,” loss of freedom and liberty and solidified Communist control and dictatorship.
  - f. American media are willing accomplices in this process. They promote ideas whose solutions only create bigger problems and distract us from important issues.
  - g. Americans need to wake up.
22. Addendum D, *Black Lives Matter Strikes at American History*, by Daniel Greenfield, Front Page Magazine, June 16, 2020, [frontpagemag.com](http://frontpagemag.com).
- a. Numerous statues of heroes and dignitaries of the past have been vandalized by BLM and other mobs. The victims included statues of Abraham Lincoln, abolitionists, and those of all political stripes, including Black people. Many, were people who never set foot in the USA or who lived before the thirteen colonies even existed.
  - b. Authorities in many places are cooperating with this erasure of our history.
  - c. The objective is to destroy the historical memory of Americans. They will then replace it with Communism and honor Marxist criminals. (This erasure of history is characteristic of totalitarians; Islam ignores most history before Mohamed.)
23. Addendum E, *Prepping a Communist Revolution*, by Selwin Duke, American Thinker, June 12, 2020, [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com).
- a. Two destabilizing events recently occurred back-to-back: COVID-19 and massive riots. These well illustrate how America is institutionally incapable of making decisions in her own best interests. (Because too many Communists and haters of America are in power.) The reaction to COVID-19 and the riots reflect a country long demoralized, a harbinger of tyranny, such as the lock downs (and mandatory masks), treatments worse than the disease. At least COVID-19 was novel, but there is a long history of how to deal with riots. This demoralization and destabilization are the first two steps listed by Yuri Bezemenov.
  - b. Our level of demoralization is easily seen by the immorality that is accepted and even protected and the virtues that are denounced.
  - c. The powers that be are actually protecting the rioters.
  - d. The cancel culture is enforcing subjection to Marxist propaganda.
  - e. Demoralization must be replaced by morality. (Only truly possible through sincere repentance and faith in Jesus Christ alone.)
24. Addendum F, *Just Say “No” to the Revolution*, by Mark Tapson, Front Page Magazine, July 7, 2020, [frontpagemag.com](http://frontpagemag.com).
- a. The rioters, cancelers, politically correct Communists, and crazies are meeting with a stunning lack of resistance. The Democrats support the chaos and the Republicans (generally) are too sissy and chicken to take action. Conservative citizens are too law-abiding to fight fire with fire (or return evil for evil). (Those who do resist these criminals get arrested instead of the rioters.)
  - b. Instead of resistance, most people humiliatingly submit to the crazies. For example, a band, *Lady Antebellum* renamed itself *Lady A* due to the word *antebellum* (which simply means before the war). Other examples of this kind of stupidity abound.

- c. Enough is enough. (Some bold suggestions are given below, but likely few will heed; for most, money and career are more important than morality, being liked and popular are more important than obeying God, and going to Hell is better than being with Christ in Heaven.)
  - d. First and foremost, get off our knees. Americans do not bow and scrape before anybody or anyone (except Almighty God).
  - e. Speak the truth fearlessly and teach your children and demonstrate to them what courage and integrity look like. Get your children out of public schools or lose them.
  - f. Do not kowtow to politicians whose idea of fighting COVID-19 is to let felons out of prison and prohibit singing in church.
  - g. Take a leaf from the left's playbook: organize and flood politicians with emails and calls to do what is right.
  - h. Take another leaf and pack their offices with noisy protesters who refuse to leave until their demands are met. Show up armed. (I profoundly disagree. This kind of discourtesy is unworthy of Americans and especially Christians.) Support cops and local law enforcement.
  - i. Boycott companies that support woke stupidity.
  - j. Neighborhoods should organize for self-defense against mobs.
25. Addendum G, *Marxism in the Classroom, Riots in the Streets*, by Clare M. Lopez, Front Page Magazine, July 25, 2020, frontpagemag.com.
- a. The explosion of rioting was only a matter of time.
  - b. In 1958, W. Cleon Skousen wrote *The Naked Communist*, to warn Americans how Communists planned to destroy America from within, not by Marx's ideas of violent revolution, but according to the ideas of Antonio Gramsci's *cultural Marxism* (See Appendix B). (You can be sure that if the cultural Marxists sufficiently destabilize America, the real, violent Marxist-Leninist Communists will move in and slaughter the cultural Marxists and many others. Probably Red China and Russia will move in militarily.)
  - c. Much of this infiltration that has brought us to near catastrophe began in our schools. Skousen's list of 45 goals (see Appendix A) includes number 17: "Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Socialist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks."
  - d. Under the noses of parents, schools sneakily taught children to hate America and all America once stood for; they possessed neither the critical thinking skills nor the ability to appreciate their heritage of Western Civilization. As Gramsci envisioned, they entered the arts, media, government, academia, and so on.
  - e. Today, we face a situation perhaps only slightly exaggerated in this recent quotation from Jeff Nyquist: "The Constitution of the United States is something alien to **most of the persons who occupy the actual government** formed under it." [emphasis in the original.] So how did this happen?
  - f. John Dewey, Herbert Marcuse, and their ilk brought socialist concepts of progressivism to US schools through the National Education Association. (Over time,) solid rational education degenerated to critical race theory and other falsehoods.
  - g. For example, Howard Zinn's history textbooks that are used across the US from middle school through university distort true history and paint America as irredeemably, oppressive, racist and unjust. Zinn's solution was class warfare that pits identity groups and minorities against one another, rejects American exceptionalism, free-market capitalism, and goads students to anger, despair, and hopelessness about their own country.
  - h. Decades of this indoctrination are to blame for today's havoc.

- i. Black Lives Matter includes Black Lives Matter at School; they try to cram mandatory propaganda into US schools.
  - j. Schools and school boards often do all they can to hide from parents what their children are being taught.
26. Addendum H, *The Frankfurt School and Excellent Foolishness*, by David Solway, PJ Media, July 24, 2020, [pjmedia.com](http://pjmedia.com)
- a. It has long struck David Solway how the Frankfurt School was so successful in dominating the curriculum of American universities and successive generations of students. The major figures, Max Horkheimer, Theodor Adorno, and Herbert Marcuse were the main cause of the political revolution of the 1960s, and which gradually filtered into the culture to produce today's revisionist history and violence. Marcuse's books were especially influential.
  - b. Marcuse argued that we must be intolerant towards classical liberal thought such as, tradition, individual autonomy, civic responsibility, and limited government. He thought these were responsible for deep-rooted social injustice.
  - c. The Frankfurters were the red brigades of the university left. They emphasized the perfectibility of human nature.
  - d. These crucial figures were brilliant and erudite, and "excellently foolish."
27. Addendum I, *Two Plus Two on the Chopping Block*, by Nancy Pearcey, American Thinker, July 26, 2020, [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com).
- a. One woman, describing herself as a "social justice change agent," declared that "The idea of  $2 + 2$  equaling 4 is cultural ... a product of Western imperialism/colonialism."
  - b. So even mathematics is being reshaped by Critical Theory, which claims that all ideas are social constructions by groups using their power to advance their own interests. (The pot calls the kettle black.)
  - c. Other people spew the same silliness as well.
  - d. Many non-Western thinkers were actually seriously influential in mathematics.
  - e. The Bible even gives the approximate ratio for pi in 1 Kings 7:23. (Actually, if one reads the text carefully and correctly includes the thickness of the container in the calculations, within the limits of the precision of the values given, it hits pi exactly.)
  - f. Critical Theory, in line with other flavors of Marxism is not concerned whether something is true or false, but whether or not it advances the Communist cause.
  - g. An idea related to this is that every community (i.e., people group) has its own "truth," which cannot be judged by anyone outside the community.
  - h. But Critical Theory proponents think their beliefs are objectively and universally true.
28. Addendum J, *Chinese Communist Party and WHO*, by Alex Newman, The New American, May 4, 2020, [thenewamerican.com](http://thenewamerican.com).
- a. The Director-General of the United Nations World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia has no medical degree, is a Marxist revolutionary, and was installed with fervent backing from Red China. Formerly he led the murderous Communist organization, the Tigray People's Liberation Front in Ethiopia, designated by the US government as a terrorist organization due to its murders, kidnappings, terror attacks, and more.
  - b. Tedros continues to promote Marxism; he recently named mass-murderer Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe as a "goodwill ambassador for the WHO.
  - c. Tedros is a puppet of the Red Chinese Communist Party.
  - d. The entire UN is using COVID-19 to advance globalism and big government.
  - e. Both the WHO and the UN should be abolished. (Or at least kicked out of the USA.)

29. Addendum K, *John Brennan – Marxist*, by Discover the Networks, Front Page Magazine, May 13, 2020, [frontpagemag.com](http://frontpagemag.com).
- a. Brad Johnson, a retired 25 year veteran of the CIA reports that in recent years, the nation's intelligence community has turned away from its core responsibilities of promoting the safety and security of all Americans and has embraced a far more political agenda.
  - b. The intelligence community's 2017 report about global trends overwhelmingly supports global government integration and the globalist movement, hardcore leftist ideas deeply antithetical to American sovereignty.
  - c. Former CIA director John Brennan's "modernization" plan systematically destroyed the CIA's operations division, the heart of the CIA's central mission to steal vital secrets around the world. He told NPR, "We don't steal secrets." The Brennan plan called for other nations' intelligence services to provide the CIA with intelligence collectors. It is thus impossible for the US to keep its operations clandestine.
  - d. In light of Obamagate and the damage Brennan did to America's intelligence gathering capability and national security, a look at Brennan's track record is in order:
    - I. When 21 years old, he voted for the Communist Party USA's candidate, Gus Hall.
    - II. In 1980, in his Master's thesis, he denied the existence of absolute human rights and argued for some degree of government censorship of the press.
    - III. In 1980, Brennan joined the CIA as an intelligence director. In 1998 he played a key role in preventing an operation that would have killed Osama bin Laden who later masterminded bombings of two US embassies, and later the 9/11 attacks.
    - IV. Brennan made a number of statements supporting Hezbollah from 2006 to 2009.
    - V. Brennan defended the George W. Bush administration's unconstitutional warrantless wiretapping.
    - VI. Besides being caught in numerous lies, Brennan dismissed any notion that Islamists would attempt to form a caliphate in the Middle East.
30. Addendum L, *America's Love Affair with Marx*, by E. Jeffery Ludwig, American Thinker, April 25, 2020, [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com).
- a. With the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, the Cold War virtually disappeared.
  - b. In the 1990s, Red China, the People's Republic of China (PRC) was admitted to the World Trade Organization and they set up empowerment zones in which capitalist multinational corporations could operate.
  - c. Chinese restrictions on numbers of children won the hearts of Western Liberals who think overpopulation and global warming cause poverty. "Sustainable" use of resources is the goal. For many, sustainability means Capitalism and Communism working together side by side. How else can we fulfill Marx's idea of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need."?
  - d. The highly educated of the West combined climate change, population control, compatibility of Communism and Capitalism, and the utilitarian doctrine of the greatest good for the greatest number. And the educated elite say what this greatest good is.
  - e. But this leaves out the individual, individual liberty, and Judeo-Christian morality, and conflicts with these values.
  - f. Those who grew up before 1991 were brought up in a world that was anti-Communist. Politicians of both major parties believed in private property and liberty (or professed to). The USSR were the bad guys and we were the good guys. We had prosperity and liberty, and they did not.
  - g. Once the USSR collapsed, the idea of two sides in the world evaporated from our consciousness. But the left marched on and took over one of our two major political parties. (The Democratic Party is almost entirely under Communist control, and the GOP is heavily

- influenced by Communism.) There is a great struggle now between liberty and private property on the one hand and Marxist policies and programs.
- h. Those under 30 are ignorant of Communism and life under it, with all its horrors. This is in contrast to earlier years when anti-Communism was integral to our culture.
  - i. The left has made great progress recently against hundreds of years of Western tradition. Our heritage cannot be taken for granted. Resistance is needed.
31. Addendum M, *Electing Communists in the US*, by C. Mitchell Shaw, The New American, February 17, 2020, thenewamerican.com.
- a. Mainstream media have spent the last four and one half years focusing on the falsehood that Russia influenced US elections to help Trump. (Hillary Clinton, like her womanizing husband, is a Marxist-Leninist. And Communist Russia wanted her opponent to win? I have a certain bridge for sale, cheap ...)
  - b. Meanwhile, pro-Chinese Communists are working within and outside of the Democratic Party to flip one state after another to the left. The goal is to use Democratic Party control as a transitional stage to Communist Control.
  - c. An organization, New Virginia Majority (NVM) has worked for twelve years, targeting, minorities, women, low-income workers and others susceptible to being bribed with the promise of money from the public till. They registered more than 300,000 voters, knocked on more than 2.5 million doors, and organized within minority communities to help win significant policy changes like Medicaid expansion, which covered nearly 400,000 people. The bribed voters turned out en masse and made Virginia squarely Democrat.
  - d. NVM is a front for Liberation Road, formerly named Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), America's most influential Maoist organization. It has close ties to Red China.
  - e. Why did not Mainstream media cover this if they were not themselves red?
  - f. Virginia is not their only target. There are many other front groups, and many existing groups have been infiltrated. They have been successful in taking over politics in selected areas, especially in the South. They took over Durham, NC, for example.
  - g. Their tactics for taking over North Carolina are simple: infiltrate and sow discord (class warfare).
  - h. The result is that the Democratic Party has been pushed further and further to the left.
  - i. Another example of their using low-information voters has been the movement to give convicted felons the right to vote, notably in Florida.
  - j. The Reds want an electorate that is uninformed (bribed and misinformed), but active.
  - k. It is not enough to try to do what the Reds do; we must teach the electorate our country's true history, the value of freedom, and the consequences of losing it.
32. Addendum N, *Leftist Rioters ... Are Literal Revolutionaries*, by David Limbaugh, PJ Media, July 31, 2020, pjmedia.com.
- a. All the non-stop craziness going on in our society shows that there is some kind of intelligent design at work.
  - b. Limbaugh thinks it is spiritual warfare, but will focus on the human end.
  - c. Limbaugh believes George Floyd was murdered (that is, the police actually intended to kill Floyd?). Nobody objects to (genuinely) peaceful protests.
  - d. But it is not fair to condemn all cops for the actions of a very few.
  - e. There should be a more widespread condemnation of the rioters, looters, and anarchists; nor is there justification for all their murders and other violence.
  - f. The rioters are implacable; they want nothing less than destruction of our society.
  - g. The rioters are outright Marxists, or what Lenin called, "useful idiots," those who unwittingly advance Marxism. They think and act like Marxists.

- h. Marx divided people into different groups (Capitalists vs. workers) and condemned one group and everyone in it for oppressing the other group. Just like Marx, today's rioters define the terms so as to condemn the accused class irredeemably. For Marx, it was systemic class oppression, for today's rioters, it is systemic racism and economic disparities. Neither Marx nor rioters allow dissent. It is their way or the highway. Their views are absolutely mandatory. Dissenters are shunned and canceled and their freedoms denied.
  - i. The leftist oligarchy is like them.
  - j. We used to be thankful we were not in Nazi Germany, the USSR, or Red China. (This still ought to be the case.)
  - k. Pray for discernment for Americans and reconciliation (strange way to put it; the hate is all on one side), peace, and healing.
33. Addendum O, *In Defense of Fathers and Mothers*, by Paul Kengor, The Guardian, June 26, 2013, theguardian.com.
- a. The US Supreme Court made gay marriage a right.
  - b. It was not always this way; Obama made a speech in 2008 praising fatherhood. But gay marriage changed all this. Liberals now embrace a form of family that excludes fathers or mothers in the name of "gay rights."
  - c. Kengor claims that it is not right to discriminate against Sodomists. (God makes His sun shine and rain fall on the just and unjust, and it is not our job to unfairly punish certain kinds of sin. But there are legitimate reasons for discrimination in many cases. For example, someone with a history of shoplifting would be rightfully discriminated against for a job in a retail store. Likewise due to their dominating sin and very high incidence of pedophilia, Sodomists should never be trusted for jobs involving children.)
34. Addendum P, *Black, Red, Pink, Green*, by Trevor Loudon, The Epoch Times, August 2, 2020, theepochtimes.com. (The Epoch Times is put out by the Falun Gong religious movement. Obviously, they will have no love for Red China. Their heathen religion, an offshoot of Buddhism and Taoism, will, of course, color their reporting.)
- a. (As of the article's writing) Kamala Harris is still expected to be Biden's running mate, but Karen Bass is rapidly gaining ground. Given Biden's dementia, she could soon be the most powerful politician on the planet. But who is she?
  - b. She bragged about growing up around a lot of "red diaper babies," and people openly in the Communist Party.
  - c. She went on to join the Black Panther Party.
  - d. She became involved with Maoists and their nationwide pro-China Communist "Line of March."
  - e. Bass founded and led for many years the "Community Coalition" in South Los Angeles, a nest of Maoists.
  - f. In the late 1980s, she was involved with the Democratic Socialists of America.
  - g. She was a speaker at the 1993 West Coast Socialist Scholars Conference.
  - h. The list goes on.
  - i. Bass has visited Cuba many times and has publicly praised Fidel Castro.
  - j. According to Biden, Bass was being thoroughly vetted as a potential running mate.
35. Addendum Q, *Antifa: A Communist and Anarchist Movement*, by Discover the Networks, August 7, 2020, a digest of a longer article at [discoverthenetworks.org/organizations/antifa](https://discoverthenetworks.org/organizations/antifa).
- a. Antifa is a revolutionary Marxist/anarchist militia movement that seeks to bring down the United States by means of violence and intimidation. They are responsible for a level of street violence not seen since the 1960s.



- b. “Antifa” is a shortened form of “antifacist”; their adherents are commonly seen waving their black and red flag of anarcho-communism. Their long term goal is to establish a Communist world order. (There is a bit of conflict here. Traditional anarchists want to do away with civil government. But the Communists will install a very totalitarian government. Since historically, anarchy is very unstable, the Communists will win.)
- c. Antifa explicitly disdains politics; they believe violence is the only answer.
- d. They reject the validity of America’s existence and candidly express desire to wipe the United States off the face of the earth. Likewise, they reject law enforcement as illegitimate as well.
- e. One group, “Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement” is promoting armed violence.
- f. Antifa is international, and has committed terrorist bombings in Greece, Italy, and Mexico.
- g. Antifa frequently attacks Trump supporters and conservative groups, especially if they gather for a protest, march, or other public demonstration.
- h. Antifa equates fascism with capitalism. They also consider any conservative to be a fascist.
- i. Antifa groups are in all 50 states, with the possible exception of West Virginia; some states have dozens of local groups. They appear to be growing rapidly. They lack centralized leadership, but have a highly networked, well-funded, and global presence. Local groups are autonomous cells.
- j. When Antifa participates in street demonstrations, they often use a technique known as “black bloc.” They dress entirely in black and cover their faces with black masks or scarves, making it nearly impossible to identify the criminals.
- k. A common tactic is to commit serious crimes of violence and property destruction to provoke a police reaction, then label the reaction as evidence of a “fascist power structure” engaged in oppression.
- l. The article lists a number of significant Antifa protests and riots. They routinely attack people with fists, clubs, rocks, knives, and pepper spray. Many of Antifa’s victims have been hospitalized. In most cases, those attacked were mainstream conservatives, not racists or extremists.

*A Recap of You Can Trust the Communists to be Communists (Third Edition)*

That was a long summary, over 20 pages summarizing a 492 page book. Even that may seem too long in this impatient age. So let me try to summarize the summary down to the most bare essentials:

1. Communism had suffered a severe setback with the collapse of the USSR and loss of its satellite countries. But this was largely a military setback. In the intervening years, Communist Russia has made a substantial recovery militarily, and is aggressively promoting Communism worldwide. Red China has also risen from being an impoverished Third-World country to global superpower status and is rapidly increasing its military strength, economic strength, and global influence, especially in Third-World countries. It is imperialistic and bent on world dominion.
2. Apart from nuclear and other military threats to America, Communists have made huge strides in influence around the world and here in the USA. Most of these gains have been by means of steady and stealthy infiltration of our institutions over decades. Much of the “stupidity” that is anathema to Christians and conservatives and that has come from “liberals,” “progressives,” and other left-wing groups is actually a direct result of Marxists and Communists of various stripes. While a lot of this has been visible on the surface, much more has been hidden from the general public until recently. Red China, Russia, and others have provided domestic Communists with large amounts of financial and logistical support. Red China, in particular, has

aggressively used economic warfare, theft of industrial and military secrets, direct interference in American elections and politics, and a heavy influx of propaganda against us.

3. Communist teach that their program will result in perfected humanity, but it has only ever succeeded in producing millions of dead humans. In the meantime, they consider themselves to be at all out war with us, their public pretenses notwithstanding. They are doing everything possible to destroy us. They are therefore intent on destroying our military, civil and religious institutions, and the moral fiber of our people.
4. It is therefore important for Americans, especially American Christians, to have some basic knowledge about Communism. Communists are not all agreed on all points, but they do have the same basic foundation.
5. Marxism teaches the universality of class warfare, traditionally between capitalists and workers, and that economics is a zero-sum game, that is, if anyone gains, someone else must lose.
6. Leninism teaches that Communism will win this war. Wherever Communism wins, it must be by violent revolution and mass slaughter.
7. Communism has an underlying philosophy: Dialectical Materialism. It is crucial that this be understood at a basic level in order to predict Communist behavior and defend ourselves from them.
  - a. The Materialism part simply means that there is nothing in the universe but matter-energy in motion. There is no God and no supernatural of any kind. Humans are just another animal; humans do not have souls. Darwinism and Big-Bang cosmogony have thus greatly supported Communism. Christians who promote some version of a “Framework Hypothesis” or anything other than the 144 hour / six day Divine creation as recorded in Genesis are unwittingly helping Communism.
  - b. The Communist Dialectic is derived from Hegel and Fichte, but is not exactly the same.
    - I. Superficially, they use the familiar scheme of thesis-antithesis-synthesis. But Marxists teach that there is a positive driving force in history that causes conflicts. In fact, all change produces progress towards the final goal of Communism. As such, this is simply another form of pantheism or monism, that is, the world is god. At any one time, the established force is the thesis, and the opposing force is the antithesis. This is the dynamic that pushes progress toward Communism forward. Everything is interpenetrated by its opposite; nothing exists in isolation. The conflict thus generates Communist progress, but slowly. Eventually a crisis is reached, and the thesis negates the antithesis and a new synthesis results, which synthesis becomes a new thesis.
    - II. That is the theory. In practice, there are a number of severe problems.
      - i. Once the synthesis of the Communist perfect “new man” is reached and heaven on earth is established, what is the new thesis, antithesis and so on that moves things past their ultimate goal? Does the process stop? If so why?
      - ii. There are no objective rules by which one may reproducibly select or determine a thesis based on empirical observation, evidence, or even whimsy. Communists claim that this process progresses towards Communist victory, but they have no way to validate their irrational “analysis.” Once a thesis is selected, there are no objective rules by which one may determine its antithesis. Likewise, there are no objective rules by which one may determine or predict the synthesis. There is no objective standard by which one person may validate the selections or predictions of another.
      - iii. As a consequence the Dialectic gives Communists complete freedom to arbitrarily create “truth” out of thin air any time they please. They can produce seemingly closely reasoned “scholarly” works, and whenever normal boolean/Aristotelian logic fails them in their quest to justify this or that particular falsehood, they pull their Dialectical rabbit out of their hat and get on with it. ***This is the most important***

***thing people need to understand about Communists.*** The result is that Communists are inherently routine, pathological liars.

- iv. They are consequently “justified” when they change courses of action at any time and for any reason. Due to their belief in their Dialectic, they actually expect to make frequent course changes and reverses. For example Red China embraced capitalism to a large extent so as to become a major economic power. They have not abandoned Communism; they are merely living according to the Dialectic. ***This is the second most important thing people need to understand about Communists.***
  - v. For much the same reason, Communists are under no moral constraints at all, so long as their goal is Communist victory they are excellently moral in their own eyes.
- III. In practice and with respect to biblical morality, Communists are pathological liars, criminals, and completely amoral, whatever their outward pretenses.
- c. Failure to understand Dialectical Materialism has resulted in much misunderstanding of Communism and this has allowed them to advance their agenda greatly.
8. The Communist Party is composed of highly disciplined, motivated, and obedient workers who have, by stealth and sneakiness, infiltrated many large and small educational and civic institutions, churches, organizations, corporations, and worst of all, government at all levels.
  9. Remember the Dialectic. The old Communist doctrine of capitalists versus workers is not the only conflict they stir up and aggravate. That conflict has not worked in prosperous America. Most lately, they are stirring up conflict between Blacks and Whites. They seem to include Latinos with the Blacks and Asians with Whites. The goal, rhetoric aside, is not racial reconciliation, but increased hatred between Americans. Unfortunately, quite naturally, Whites are getting sick of this stuff, and there will be a strong tendency to take it out on Blacks, but the Communists who stir them up are to blame. Part of their rhetoric is to label all Whites racists. They do not make the proper distinction between racism, a determined belief that categorizes one race or another more or less inherently valuable than another. This is very different from prejudice. Humans are prejudiced for and against all kinds of things on the basis of prior experience; it is how we live in a world with less than full information. For example, we flip a light switch; we are prejudiced that the light will come on, on the basis of past experience, and are surprised when it does not. Black crime and public misbehavior by a few adds to prejudice by Whites. People tend to be prejudiced, again, by experience, toward Asians, expecting them to be good students. If a person is prejudiced against Blacks, to slam him as a racist is unfair, particularly if the prejudice is due to Black criminality or bad behavior against him.
  10. Due also to the dialectic, the Communist definition of truth is whatever helps Communism. Hence, they have outright lied that America is institutionally racist, that we must accept all kinds of immoral behaviors, that all Whites are racist, that slavery is something that needs to be addressed after more than 150 years after slavery was abolished, and so on.
  11. Communists also greatly help sexual perverts, not because they agree with them, but in order to destroy America’s morality and sense of right and wrong.
  12. The constant barrage of male bovine droppings from the media is no accident. It is the Communist tactic of big lies, lies repeated often, at work.

This writer heartily recommends *You Can Trust the Communists to Be Communists*. Yet, there are some deficiencies and things that ought to have been said:

1. In spite of the theoretical basis of Dialectical Materialism, it remains true that the Communists are liars and criminals with evil ends. Although their consciences may be seared, the fact is, their theory is merely an excuse for sin and rebellion against God.
2. The book seems to emphasize education of Americans. But education is inadequate when the populace eagerly snaps up every government benefit available, including free government

schools, and all manner of subsidies, welfare, and so on. Until Americans repent of accepting bribes funded by other taxpayers, they will not be real anti-Communists. Other pandemic moral problems abound. Those who are promiscuous or unfaithful to one spouse and children are not going to criticize sexual perverts. When free godless entertainment is available 24/7, most people are not going to do the hard work of being responsible citizens, informed voters, and fully informed jurors, much less work for biblical government here in America.

3. Younger generations now spew out vast amounts of personal, private information about themselves, their families, and associates. This will come back to bite them badly; they are their own informers. No secret police are needed.
4. Why should the Communists be the only ones to help people with *legitimate* grievances?

#### *A Recent Resource – 24 pages summarizing 280 page book*

A prominent pro-family activist here in Indiana recommended two fairly recent books in a general email to his audience. Both are by Chicago pastor Erwin W. Lutzer. The first, *The Church in Babylon*, uses the examples of Israel's captivity in Babylon and the lives of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to challenge American Christians to "seek the welfare of the city" while living righteously for God in a thoroughly heathen culture without compromise. He also has much practical advice. It is this writer's impression that many people may find the book helpful.

If there is a weak spot in the book, Lutzer sees technology as a great evil and blames it for many ills. It is true, any tool can be used for good or evil, and sinners will invent many new evil uses for any new technology, and this includes computers and the internet. But before most people had access to the internet or its predecessor, ARPANET, there was television. The average number of hours people watched television each day was astounding; nearly another full-time job. And before television, "**Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new**" (Acts 17:21 ESV). Sinful, lazy humans will always find excuses not to do the hard work God requires of them. Lutzer could have done a better job of addressing the true heart issues. A test for addicts to any dissipation: If I hold a machine gun to your head and tell you not to do it, are you able to not do it? "**And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell**" (Matthew 10:28 ESV).

"Houston, I have a problem. My inertial guidance system is going haywire. I am lost. Can you tell me what planet I am on? I thought I was on Earth." The next book may help.

Second, and much more germane to the present topic is Lutzer's, *We Will Not Be Silenced*. This writer will summarize the book, concentrating on what the Communists are up to with the riots, cancel culture, censorship, and the like. The Addenda in *You Can Trust the Communists* are not well connected to one another, being by different authors, not all of whom are Christians. Lutzer does a better job and adds much useful information, not only about what is happening, but why, and how we should respond as Christians. As before, the numbers in the outline follow the book's chapter divisions, and this writer's own comments are in parentheses. There is much pastoral advice in the book; the outline minimizes this material, not because it is valueless, quite the opposite, but to concentrate on Marxism.

0. The Surprising Response of Jesus.
  - a. The disciples asked Jesus an interesting question: "**And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them,**" (Luke 13:23 ESV). As He frequently did, He did not respond with a direct answer, but a warning: "**Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once**

**the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from’” (Luke 13:24–25 ESV). Also, “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13–14 ESV).**

- b. By contrast, there are many calls for evangelicals to make Christianity more inclusive, and even affirm the (supposed) salvation of those of non-Christian religions.
- c. Lutzer dedicates his book to those who stand for the truth, no matter what the cost.
1. How We Got Here.
  - a. Marxists do not believe that America can be fixed; they say it must be destroyed. Supposedly a new America will emerge free of poverty, racism, and white supremacy. Those who resist are to be vilified until they admit their “mistakes” and embrace Marxism.
  - b. Things have changed greatly in the last 20 years.
  - c. Christians are told to shut up and are shamed into silence.
  - d. Christians, and those who favor Christianity are now a decided minority.
  - e. We must better understand those who oppose us.
  - f. Cultural Marxism’s Growing Shadow.
    - I. Leading the attacks against traditional American values is a form of Marxism. Marx introduced a theory of state supremacy that necessitated religious suppression, the curbing of individual rights, abolition of private property, and economic and social controls. (This is the dictatorship of the proletariat.)
    - II. Today, we face what is known as cultural Marxism. (This is close to Gramsci’s version of Marxism; review Addendum G above if needed.) It is a form of Marxism that wins hearts and minds of people incrementally.
    - III. Cultural Marxism is attractive to many due to its illusory promises and approval of popular sins, especially sexual sins.
    - IV. Cultural Marxists seek to capture five major institutions: social, political, educational, religious, and most importantly, family life.
  - g. The Destruction of the Nuclear Family.
    - I. Marx taught that families based on natural law and Judeo-Christian values breed inequality, greed, and systematic oppression.
    - II. One reason the nuclear family is an obstacle to Marxism is that children of the rich tend to inherit wealth, and the poor tend to pass along their poverty. But if the state owned everything, wealth would be redistributed more equally. (Marxists actually do a good job of distributing poverty equally.) Supposedly the monogamous family emerged only with capitalism. (So Adam and Eve were capitalists?)
    - III. Marxism teaches that fathers oppress their wives and children and parents oppress their children. Great social progress can only be accomplished with “feminine ferment” (feminism). One of the benefits of getting mothers into the workforce is that children are then in state-sponsored day care centers and schools where they can be “properly” educated against the errors of creationism, the church, and the Bible.
    - IV. Government handouts are designed to create a dependency on the state that is essential for Marxism to thrive. A boost to such dependency came with COVID-19 bailouts, and we can expect (and are getting) more such. We are incrementally moving towards Socialism.
    - V. The rights of the state must supplant God-given rights according to Marxists.
  - h. Oppression Is the Key to History.
    - I. Enter victimology.

- II. Marxists know they need to exploit the existing and often very real grievances of the working class. (Recall: Find out what the people want, then work to get it for them, then take power over them. Also, due to the Fall, much work can be unpleasant toil. Instead of gratefully thanking God that they are infinitely better off than in those in Hell, many people see work itself as a grievance instead of a Divine ordinance.)
  - III. Women are told they are victims of the past, of social norms, of traditions, and of men. (And if what the people want is not what it should be, brainwash them.)
  - IV. This emphasis on victimhood also applies to race, not to facilitate reconciliation, but to keep the races in conflict with each other (class warfare).
  - V. There is real oppression, but when Marxists (Communists) get power, the oppression is far, far, worse.
  - VI. Many people who know nothing about Karl Marx nonetheless advance Marxist agendas. For example instead of weeding out bad police officers, the movement seeks to neuter police so as to destabilize society and induce anarchy, a step toward Communism.
  - VII. Marxists insist schools must change their curricula to reflect this alternate view of society. Works by Western writers are rejected, bizarre behavior is normalized, Socialism emphasized, and contrary views shamed. The hope is that future generations will embrace Marxism.
  - VIII. Black lives matter. All lives matter (including the unborn). But BLM is Marxist. Their website says, “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and ‘villages’ that collectively care for one another. ... We foster a queer-affirming network.” And one of its founders admitted, “We are trained Marxists.”
- i. Margaret Sanger Advances the Agenda.
    - I. Margaret Sanger was influenced by the ideas of cultural Marxism and was a revolutionary who intended to transform the American family so she could change the world. In 1914, she founded a newspaper, *The Woman Rebel*,” which promoted moral and political anarchy. (Sanger likely used other sources than Gramsci for her cultural Marxist thinking, as (so far as this writer can determine) Gramsci did not start writing until 1914, and in Italian at that. Translation of Gramsci’s works took time. Nonetheless, she was Marxist to the core.) Her motto was “No gods, no masters.” She predicted that the rebellion of women would remake the world, believed in evolution, and thought that the fit should have more children than the unfit.
    - II. Sanger wrote, “Even as birth control is the means by which a woman attains basic freedom so it is the means by which she must and will uproot the evil she has wrought through her submission.” In other words, submission to a husband is evil and staying home and raising children servitude.
    - III. Bastardy serves Marxism because illegitimate children can be rootless and more easily directed to secular values and state benefits.
    - IV. From this, feminism flourished with all its evil results such as abortion, Sodomism, the idea that men and women are alike in all respects, transgenderism, and so on.
  - j. The Benefits of the Women’s Movement.
    - I. Some real injustices have been corrected.
    - II. Especially, it is good that lecherous men are finally being held to account.
  - k. The Media: Leading the Culture.
    - I. The Agenda.
      - i. The media not only reflect the culture, they direct the culture. It is out front and we are expected to follow.

- ii. The cultural Marxist revolution focuses on sex, gender, and race. These themes play dominant roles in (many) people's lives and young people are impressionable.
    - iii. If the biblical teaching about marriage can be redefined, the social order can be transformed.
  - II. The Power of Media Images.
    - i. The 56th Grammy Awards program on January 26, 2014 put on a substantial pro-Sodomist performance as an attack against biblical teachings against Sodomism.
    - ii. The mainstream media support the sexual revolution and will never report on its dark side. They portray those who oppose Sodomism in a bad light.
    - iii. The pressure to accept our society's sexual transformation is upon us.
- l. The Ominous Choice We face.
  - I. There is now the idea that the Church will have to accept the new immorality or become obsolete.
  - II. The left does not want pluralism and exchange of ideas. Their goal is total capitulation to their view.
  - III. Already, Christian colleges are facing pressure to conform.
  - IV. The other possibility is to stand for historic, biblical Christianity and face the consequences. Are we up to the task?
- m. The Silent Church.
  - I. The Church has been strangely silent. (This is not entirely true.)
  - II. Many Christians fear the secular left and its vicious persecution.
  - III. Some want to avoid losing opportunities to bring the Gospel to as many people as possible.
  - IV. We cannot out-shout the left, nor should we.
  - V. Lutzer writes with a heavy heart, feeling like Jehoshaphat when Israel was attacked. **“O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you”** (2 Chronicles 20:12 ESV). God gave Israel the victory.
  - VI. The sovereign God who knows all things and plans all things has made us ready for these times. We are more ready than we realize to present Christ to our deteriorating culture.
- n. The Purpose of This Book.
  - I. Lutzer does not believe that the moral and cultural decline of the USA can be reversed because it has gone too far. (This is untrue; genuine revivals have radically transformed societies in the past.)
  - II. Lutzer is writing not so much to reclaim the culture, but to reclaim the Church. He wants us to prepare ourselves and our families to stand bravely against an ominous future that is already upon us and give people a reason for that hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). It is also call to prayer.
- o. A Wasp, A Knife, and a Horrid Discovery.
  - I. In one of George Orwell's essays, we are given a graphic image of human lostness. A wasp was sucking jam from his plate, so Orwell cut him in half. It continued eating and only discovered its horrid condition when it tried to fly away. It is the same with modern man. (Original quote: “I thought of a rather cruel trick I once played on a wasp. He was sucking jam on my plate, and I cut him in half. He paid no attention, merely went on with his meal, while a tiny stream of jam tricked out of his esophagus. Only when he tried to fly away did he grasp the dreadful thing that had happened to him. It is the same with modern man. The thing that has been cut away is his soul, and there was a period—twenty years, perhaps—during which he did not notice it.”)

- II. Everything might seem normal to us. But the underbelly of America is being eaten away. The America we once knew is gone. The Church has accepted these changes.
- III. There is a firestorm for the future of America and more importantly in our churches; some have already substituted culture for the Gospel.
- IV. Lutzer wants us to have courage and stand for the truth, to speak and not bow.
- p. The Layout and Language of This Book.
  - I. The next eight chapters discuss how the cultural left seeks to remake America. Each chapter ends with a personal word about the response of believers to these attacks.
  - II. Lutzer prefers to use *radical secularism* rather than *radical left* because he is not concerned about left or right politically. He may also use *humanists* also. (Where appropriate, due to the nature of this document, this writer, in this summary, may substitute *Marxist* (a general category), or *Communist* as appropriate.)
- 2. Rewrite the Past to Control the Future
  - a. George Orwell said that whoever controls history controls the future. If you can rewrite or erase the past, you can help people forget who they are and forge a new future.
  - b. In *1984*, Winston Smith's assignment was to make the truth look like a lie and vice versa. If Big Brother made a false prediction, the past was rewritten to harmonize with whatever Big Brother had said.
  - c. Revising history lies at the heart of all social and political revolutions.
  - d. In the Cultural Revolution, Mao ordered that all traces of Western influence be destroyed. Red Guards destroyed monuments and burned Western literature.
  - e. When revolutionaries want to remake a country, they vilify the past to give credence to their vision for the future.
  - f. History to a nation is similar to memory to an individual.
  - g. The Destruction of Monuments.
    - I. The destruction of monuments is part of an attempt to destroy what it means to be an American and discredit her past achievements, especially important founding principles.
    - II. (Lutzer is overly sympathetic to those offended by slavery and other unsavory parts of American History. This is not helpful; an incomplete history will give shallow and incomplete lessons from it. The Holy Bible gives the bad and the good.)
    - III. The riots following the George Floyd incident were not about racism, but revolution. Sympathetic officials did not attempt to control the riots. In the minds of the mobs, the destruction was justified by "destroying white supremacy."
    - IV. The Marxists have a goal: deny us the knowledge of who we are, thus destroying the principles upon which this nation was built.
  - h. A Marxist History of the United States.
    - I. Howard Zinn, a Marxist wrote *A People's History of the United States*. It is loaded with lies.
    - II. The *New York Times Magazine* created the *1619* project that teaches that 1619 is the true founding of the United States because that was when the first slaves arrived in Jamestown. Also loaded with lies.
    - III. The West did not invent slavery; the West ended slavery. (One of the major controversies of the Constitutional Convention was abolition. The anti-slavery forces were forced to compromise, but it is a lie that all the Founding Fathers favored slavery.)
    - IV. All of Western civilization, especially Christianity is also under attack.
  - i. Rewriting the Constitution.
    - I. The US Constitution stands in the way of the Marxists. This is why battles over nominees for the Supreme Court are so fierce.



- II. There is a proposal to create 127 new states out of overwhelmingly Democrat Washington DC to “pack” the house and senate. Admitting a state requires only a simple majority. This would overwhelm all other voters in the USA and make it simple to pass whatever Constitutional amendments or Federal legislation they wished.
- j. The Secularist’s Foundation.
  - I. The *Humanist Manifesto* is a globalist and Marxist document.
  - II. Recall that to Marxists, economics is a zero-sum game. Anyone who is rich, got rich on the backs of the poor. (By contrast, God is a good God who packed the Earth with resources to be used and improved by labor.)
  - III. The Marxists and globalists favor unrestricted immigration because:
    - i. They will counterbalance traditional American values.
    - ii. They will end up on welfare, favoring Socialism.
- k. Learning from History.
  - I. We can learn from history without destroying it.
  - II. We need to ask Marxists hard questions. For example, how does defunding police help Black crime victims. (It hurts them. That is deliberate Marxist policy informed by Dialectical Materialism.)
  - III. Marxists will always seek to eliminate free speech and free exercise of religion. (Otherwise, people will tell the truth and true history.)
- l. America, the Church and Our Future.
  - I. We must respect those with whom we disagree and love our enemies.
  - II. But we cannot surrender to the Marxists out of fear of being called racists, or from other fears.
  - III. The (New Testament) Church was founded in the absence of religious liberty and thrived. Jesus Christ, not American civil liberty is the Church’s foundation.
  - IV. Christians must repent of sin. Those who have replaced the Gospel with accommodation to the culture must repent.
- m. This chapter, like all chapters, has a suggested prayer at the end.
- 3. Use Diversity to Divide and Destroy
  - a. “Don’t solve problems; use them!” That is how a coworker of Saul Alinsky described the philosophy of the famous community organizer who wrote, *Rules for Radicals*, a book dedicated to the devil. Alinsky died in 1976, but his book is still followed by Marxists. (The ideas of Alinsky and Gramsci have much in common.) Alinsky would actually block solutions to problems because he saw problems (and real people’s troubles!) as ways to promote his agendas.
  - b. Alinsky was a Marxist who substituted class warfare between “oppressed” and “oppressors” (according to his definition) for Marx’s original class warfare between capital and workers. He thus strove to continue civil strife and discontent in order to continue the class warfare.
  - c. There was a time when relations between races was improving. But now distortions, name-calling, and accusations are driving people further apart. (Lutzer uses *racial reconciliation* frequently. This is the left’s word and it is unhelpful because it assumes that poorly defined groups hate one another and need to be reconciled. Scripturally, individuals are responsible to treat one another with charity and work out conflicts between themselves.)
  - d. The left uses *social justice*, *political correctness*, *diversity*, and *equality* to perpetuate conflict and work against peace between people.
  - e. *Equality* used to mean equal treatment under the law; the Communists have redefined it to mean equality of condition or outcomes in life.
  - f. God did not make us “equal” or all like. He did make us equally in His image with its attendant value and dignity.

- g. There is no way to make people both free and equal.
  - h. The Quest for Social Justice.
    - I. Justice for all people, applied uniformly and fairly, is a very biblical goal.
    - II. *Social Justice* is usually a code word for enforced equality of condition.
    - III. Lutzer says that biblical justice includes taking the side of the poor and needy. (But biblical justice must be blind to a person's condition or station in life. **"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor"** (Leviticus 19:15 ESV). )
    - IV. Today, *social justice* refers to redistribution of wealth and power to "oppressed" minorities. Oppressors must be identified and blamed for the failures of others.
    - V. Behind this is *Critical Race Theory* (CRT). It views reality in terms of power, dividing people in to groups with no distinction between individuals.
    - VI. *Diversity Studies* are actually designed to fuel differences and enrage.
    - VII. Herbert Marcuse, a Marxist philosopher, sought a coalition of victims, to exploit groups that (felt that they were) oppressed, then blame Capitalism and Christianity, thus to help establish a Marxist state.
    - VIII. *Intersectionality* teaches that there are multiple sources of oppression that intersect in a person's life in ways that put them at risk for multiple layers of oppression.
    - IX. One professor lost his job for correcting student's grammar and spelling. Apparently, correct English is a form of oppression.
    - X. CRT has infiltrated some evangelical churches. But it is pure Marxism.
  - i. White people are assumed to be racists merely because they are White. (Is not that idea racist?)
  - j. Even mathematics is called "racist."
  - k. The Critical Role of Families in Our National Struggles.
    - I. Lutzer claims that *systemic racism* exists in the USA. (Yes it does—against Whites, and sometimes Asians. Due to hypersensitivity about race, there not only is not, but cannot be anything in our legal or political systems that is racist, except against Whites (for example, quotas favoring minorities or women).
    - II. There are certainly individual racists (and every group has its share).
    - III. There are some problems that can only be solved within particular groups. Only individuals and families can deal with them.
    - IV. Families without fathers create major problems. (Significantly, families whose fathers died, leaving a widow and her children. fare far better than families whose fathers are divorced or voluntarily absent, or headed by single mothers by choice.)
    - V. The most powerful influence that holds people down in an underclass is moral relativism, especially sexual immorality.
  - l. The Church in a Toxic Culture.
    - I. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to human conflicts.
    - II. There are many types of church ministries that can help overcome the effects of sin in society.
4. Freedom of Speech for Me, but Not for Thee.
- a. Many have been critical of the church in Nazi Germany for not opposing the Nazis. But after the riots that followed the George Floyd incident we can understand. It is difficult to speak up in a culture of mob mentality: submit or else.
  - b. Revolutions begin with a pretext that will hide the real agenda. You need:
    - I. Triumph of ideology over science, reason, and civil liberties.
    - II. People who are willing to advance the revolution in the name of justice and equality.
    - III. To silence all dissident voices by punishing those who speak out.

- c. Examples of punishments.
  - I. An editor forced to resign for a headline concerning the riots: “Buildings Matter Too.”
  - II. A quarterback was vilified for saying the American flag should be respected.
- d. Many have tried to appease the Communists, but appeasement never works; it just stokes the enemy’s appetite for more.
- e. The left views Christianity and opinions contrary to theirs as actually harmful to people.
- f. The Value of Free Speech.
  - I. The left used to value free speech and defend it. (But they were not in power.)
  - II. More than half of millennials believe “hate speech” should be banned, but hate speech seems to be anything with which one disagrees.
  - III. Arguments for Banning Free Speech.
    - i. Marxist Herbert Marcuse attributed all the evils of society to Capitalism and Marxism would fix the evils. But supposedly, Capitalists dominated speech, so free speech allowed Capitalists to remain and power. Therefore certain kinds of speech must be banned.
    - ii. Marxists therefore should be the ones who say what kinds of speech are allowed.
    - iii. Universities have adopted these ideas, even if the professors have not read Marcuse.
    - iv. People are offended simply by ideas with which they do not agree.
    - v. Supposedly, to support free speech for those labeled “oppressors” is to support oppression.
    - vi. Another argument against free speech is the supposed “emotional well-being” of minorities.
    - vii. One result of this is that many Western classics are no longer being taught, and fluff is substituted.
  - IV. Intimidation on Campus.
    - i. Unapproved speech has to be shut down, by violence if necessary.
    - ii. In one riot, off-campus academics blamed the college for violence, stating that a speaker was a threat to the students.
    - iii. Violence is deemed a substitute for rational thought.
    - iv. One college insisted that a Christian group could not require its leaders to adhere to a set of biblical standards.
    - v. Cultural Marxists see Western culture as endemically racist and sexist. (Loss of free speech is worse in many other countries than in America, including for our friends to the north.)
    - vi. The arguments against free speech are that speech by Capitalists oppresses the poor. This is similar repression in the USSR and elsewhere; speech against Communism hurts the Communist cause that “seeks” to liberate the poor proletariat.
  - V. The Effects of Intolerance.
    - i. The ideas in academia that judge people by the group to which they belong will flow out and negatively affect our society. (Things are changing fast; it now is negatively affecting us.)
    - ii. Individualism, individual merit, and individual rights are rapidly becoming suspect.
- g. Arguments In Favor of Free Speech.
  - I. We live in an “offended” generation. Everyone’s right to free speech must (supposedly) be curtailed so nobody is offended.
  - II. Islam takes being offended to an extreme; any criticism of Islam (or Mohammad) is illegal and punishable, often by death.

- III. The right to free speech is inherently the right to offend others. If you are not able to defend someone's right to say something that offends you, you do not believe in free speech. (This refers to information content, not to incivility, slander, and so on.)
- IV. Martin Luther stood against a millennium of church control and asserted his right to disagree with popes and councils.
- V. The biblical doctrine of the priesthood of all believers opened the door to freedom of conscience and expression.
- VI. The freedom to think and discuss issues is essential for the common good.
- VII. From George Orwell: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."
- VIII. Free speech is the dread of tyrants.
- h. The Response of the Church.
  - I. This is not a moment for timid souls.
  - II. True boldness (for Christ) is when there is a cost for boldness.
  - III. Lutzer asserts, "Many Christians will not be *talked* out of their faith, but they will be *mocked* out of it." (Recall the Parable of the Sower, Matthew 13:3–23, and "**They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us**" (1 John 2:19 ESV). Such never did have true saving faith. )
  - IV. The culture attempts to silence Christians in two ways: shame them, and make their speech illegal, calling it "hate speech."
  - V. For most of its history, the New Testament Church has had to survive without civil freedom of speech.
  - VI. Richard Wurmbrand wrote that (in Communist Romania) parents caught teaching their children about Christ had their children taken away from them for life, with no visitation rights.
- 5. Sell It as a Noble Cause.
  - a. In George Orwell's *1984*, the "Ministry of Truth" used a sinister, subtle language, *Newspeak*, to brainwash the people. The slogan was "War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength." (A goal of Newspeak was to make "incorrect" thoughts difficult to form and communicate.)
  - b. Everything was supposedly done for the good of the people.
  - c. A number of words and phrases have entered our vocabulary thanks to Orwell: *Newspeak*, *Doublethink*, *Thought Police*, *Big Brother*, and so on.
  - d. The purpose of propaganda is to so change people's perception of reality that they will not change their minds in the face of contrary evidence and thus make them impervious to facts.
  - e. Leftists try to punish people who challenge their beliefs. One method is *doxing*, publication of damaging information on them, or publishing their addresses so people can harass them.
  - f. Propaganda shows its power when people want to "defund" the police and let rioters free.
  - g. Appetites can be more powerful than reason.
  - h. This chapter will show how radical propaganda is crafted to deceive people.
  - i. Christians need to understand propaganda to escape its effects and how we might be using it ourselves.
  - j. How Propaganda Works.
    - I. Edward Bernays, in his book, *Propaganda* (written 1928) defends it and asserts the need for "intelligent manipulation" of the masses. Those who do this are the true ruling power.
    - II. Bernays claims that, we are governed, our minds molded, our tastes formed, and our ideas suggested largely by men we never heard of ... It is they who pull the wires that

control the public mind, who harness old social forces and contrive new ways to bind and guide the world.”

III. Almost always, propaganda uses some form of lies or uses one-sided assertions. It almost always appeals to some higher goal such as “justice.”

IV. Appealing to a Higher Good.

- i. Until about 1926, it was considered improper for women to smoke in public. To boost cigarette sales, Bernays came up with the idea to remind women that they were oppressed, and call cigarettes their “torches of freedom”; smoking became a sign of rebellion against “male dominance.” From then on, advertising became not based on need, but on desire.
- ii. Any cause can appear legitimate if hitched to a noble idea. Evil can be packaged as good and vice versa. **“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”** (Isaiah 5:20 ESV). Radical secularists must do both to sell their agenda.
- iii. This is not done by rational argument, but by appealing to human desire.
- iv. Marxist Saul Alinsky told his followers how to mask their agenda: “They have the guns and therefore we are for peace and for reformation through the ballot. When we have the guns, it will be through the bullet.”
- v. Preach noble goals and hide your end game.

V. Using Slogans to Mask Evil.

VI. Slogans are used to mask sinister evil.

- i. For example, in Nazi Germany, disabled children were put to death in “children’s specialty centers.”
- ii. The label is “Social Justice,” but it is about deconstructing everything in society, overthrowing the existing order, and a grab for power.
- iii. During the summer of 2020 riots, the slogan “No justice, no peace,” was used to justify all manner of crime.
- iv. Abortion is called “reproductive health care.”

k. Hitler, Propaganda, and the Power of Hate.

- I. Homosexual activists admit that their ideas of how to use propaganda were borrowed from Hitler, for example the use of lies. (There goes the lie that homosexuals are just normal good people but for their sex lives.) They used *Mein Kampf* as a model for their strategies.
- II. Hitler said, “By clever[ness] and perseverance of propaganda, even Heaven can be represented as Hell to the people, and conversely, the most wretched life as paradise.”
- III. The people of Germany were no different than people in the “flyover” parts of the United States. But Hitler used hate to do what reason could not, and fear made everyone fall in lockstep. Hitler said he used emotion and hatred to rile up the masses, while reason was reserved for just a few. Hitler said, “The most striking success of a revolution will always be achieved when the new philosophy of life as far as possible has been taught to all men, and if necessary later forced upon them.” Those who objected were forcibly silenced.
- IV. The Jews were scapegoated, vilified, and blamed for Germany’s woes. Once the Jews were a hated enemy, genocide could be sold as desirable and necessary.
- V. In brief, Nazism created a parallel universe that identified Communism and the Jews as the real reason for Germany’s woes.
- VI. Driven by slogans and symbolism, Nazism moved forward for a noble goal, the good of the people.

- VII. William Shirer, the correspondent who lived in Germany during World War II and wrote *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, said that although he had access to Allied media and distrusted the Nazi press, a steady diet of falsehood over the years made a “certain impression” on his mind and often misled him. He also encountered outlandish assertions from seemingly educated and intelligent people; he realized it would be futile to reason with them, their minds were so warped by Nazi propaganda.
- l. Creating a Cultural Stream.
- I. According to William Sargant in *Battle for the Mind: A Psychology of Conversion and Brain-Washing*, people may have temporarily impaired judgment and herd instinct seen most clearly in wartime, severe epidemics, and other common danger that increase anxiety and individual mass suggestibility.
- II. During the COVID-19 crisis, people were willing to give their private health information to unknown contract tracers. The plan was that eventually, this information would be so accurate, authorities would know which seat you sat in in a movie and who was around you. Of course, for now officials are assuring us of privacy, but that is the way mass surveillance begins. (Most of these ideas were soundly rejected by the public and never implemented.)
- III. The Chinese have surveillance that is far more detailed on what you believe, where you go, and who your friends are. And participation is mandatory. (Lutzer is clearly unaware of the amount of tracking that goes on for internet, credit or debit card, and cell phone users.)
- IV. Lutzer wonders what will happen when a vaccine is developed. (There is intense pressure to require vaccination to be an employee in some places or participate in certain activities. This is true, even though the safety of the vaccines is still unclear and the vaccines could be more dangerous to young people than COVID-19 which affects them relatively mildly in most cases. Women of childbearing age should be especially wary. Those who are vulnerable, elderly, have co-morbidities or are likely to care for COVID-19 patients are likely to benefit from vaccination for COVID-19; the vaccines are comparatively more dangerous than traditional vaccines, but not *that* dangerous.)
- V. There are efforts underway to require all people to have a digital ID with massive amounts of personal information. There would be loss of rights for those not going along with the Communist New World Order.
- VI. At the same time that people were required to wear masks and social distance, health “experts” said it was OK to congregate in large crowds in order to riot.
- VII. Hitler knew that a mass movement could create impaired judgment and herd instinct. The few doubters would be silenced or worse.
- m. The Power of Collective Demonization.
- I. China, Russia, Germany, and many other countries have experienced cultural streams set on fire by hate and fear.
- II. Collective demonizations of prominent cultural figures were an integral part of the Soviet culture of denunciation that pervaded every workplace and apartment building.
- III. Whether people agreed with the state or not, they had to line up with the party or face shame, humiliation, or worse.
- IV. When the price of nonconformity is public humiliation or loss of income, the powers that be are able to work less hard to enforce the rules.
- V. Humans do not always make decisions based on reason, but often on desire; he who stirs up the most passions wins.

- VI. A desperate people will cling to delusional promises. And you had best get on board.  
(Recall that Communists will often not solve people's problems, but use them to get control of the people. If they can make the problems worse, that is even better.)
- n. Propaganda and the Sexual Revolution.
- I. As mentioned, the Sodomists admit to taking a page out of Hitler's playbook.
  - II. The Marxists believe that hate is more powerful than mere dislike. They say that if you disagree with me, you are evil.
  - III. From George Orwell, "The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."
  - IV. Here are some details on how the sodomites planned to change people's attitudes about homosexuality:
    - i. Lying was essential to "overhaul straight America."
    - ii. Sodomites must always be portrayed in positive light.
    - iii. Desensitization was critical. Sodomites were to talk about their perversions as loudly and often as possible. Any behavior begins to look normal if you are exposed to it at close quarters and among your acquaintances.
    - iv. Intimidation and victimhood were essential. Sodomites were to be portrayed as victims, not aggressive challengers so as to appeal to American's desire for fairness and willingness to stand up for those oppressed (or the underdog).
    - v. Next came the vilification of those who disagreed with them.
    - vi. They ignored those who disagreed with them, simply labeling them as "haters." (The very term *homophobia* is an Orwellian device to dismiss concerns about morality and biblical standards.
    - vii. Sell It as a Civil Right.
      1. The sodomites made their cause a "noble cause" by linking sodomite marriage to civil rights, hijacking the legitimate cause of civil rights for Blacks.
      2. The transgender perverts are doing the same thing. (**"A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God"** (Deuteronomy 22:5 ESV). )
      3. The media are highly complicit in promoting all manner of perversion as normal. (They are under Communist control or influence, this is done to help Communism by demoralizing America.)
    - viii. Sell it as Love.
      1. Sell progressive "Christianity" (which is heresy) as love and you will attract many followers.
      2. Propaganda does not (always) deceive people; it merely helps them to deceive themselves. People often do not perceive reality as it is, but as they wish it to be.
      3. Once you say your views are based on the high moral ground of love, those who disagree with you supposedly must be filled with hate and irrational bigotry.
      4. Love can be sinful, for example love of self or the world. (**"For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"** (2 Timothy 3:2, 4 ESV).
- o. Gaslighting in Our Modern Culture.
- I. *Gaslighting* is a form of manipulation that seeks to sow seeds of doubt in the target to make him question his memory, perception, sanity, and understanding of the world around him. It is used to gain power over the victim.

- II. The purpose of gaslighting is to destabilize you and make you question your judgment. A person who gaslights gives the impression he knows more than you. The messages sent are intended to distort the normal, rational, and even scientific evidence that you intuitively thought you knew was true. As a result, decades of observation and research are discarded in favor of the modern orthodoxy.
- III. Gaslighters will speak nonsense, but speak it with a strong air of authority.
- IV. Absurdity is no longer an argument against a point of view. (Recall that “truth” to a Communist is any statement that helps the Communist cause.)
- V. Using Language to Destroy Gender. (Lutzer should know better; *gender* is a linguistic term, and people have one of only two *sexes*. Marxists pretend that there are many “genders” that are often disconnected from birth sex.)
  - i. Merriam Webster has updated its dictionary to include as a definition of *they* to refer to a person who imagines himself or herself to be neither male nor female.
  - ii. This is Newspeak intended to destroy the biblical teaching that God created us male and female.
  - iii. Pronouns (some made up) and language are both being manipulated to distort the truth and support lies.
- VI. Changing Language to Lower the Crime Rate.
  - i. During riots, arson, looting, and destruction, why do Marxist politicians ask the police not to intervene? They believe that if you are nice to criminals, they will be nice to you.
  - ii. San Francisco has one of the highest crime rates in America. The thought police have found a way to reduce crime: call it by a different name. *Convicted felons* are now *justice-involved persons*. And other linguistic idiocy. (*Mentally retarded* was thought to be a derogatory label, so *intellectually disabled* or *intellectually challenged* were substituted. So now the latter has become the replacement insult. What is the point? People catch on.)
  - iii. They hope criminals will see themselves in a better light and become productive citizens due to the terminology changes. (So if I name a tiger *Housecat* does it become a pet?)
  - iv. The language changes falsely imply that crime is society’s fault, not the criminal’s.
- p. The Response of the Church.
  - I. Military leaders say that if France had invaded Hitler’s Germany in 1939, the Nazi insurgence would have been defeated. A popular saying was, “It is better to kneel speaking German than to die speaking French.” (Remember “Better Red than Dead”?)
  - II. As individuals and churches, we must consider whether we will be faithful to God or bow down to tyrants.
  - III. We need to identify the liars and wolves in our culture and ask ourselves if we are being manipulated out of a biblical world view.
  - IV. The Church must not give up the true Gospel.
- 6. Sexualize the Children.
  - a. Parents, and Lutzer includes Christian Parents, no longer raise their children. Rather culture does, most significantly through the internet. As a nation, we have submitted our minds to electronic devices that shape our thinking and provide endless entertainment.
  - b. In 2004, 60 percent of Americans opposed same-sex marriage. Today, 60 percent approve. The Apple iPhone was released in 2004. (Is this related, or a coincidence? No evidence is given one way or the other.)
  - c. Technology facilitated cultural change more quickly than anyone could have imagined. (Historically, the rate of cultural change, technical and scientific progress, changes to



political systems, and general social change has been substantially determined by the cost and time of travel and of information transfer. The movable-type printing press, the invention of the telegraph and railroads are examples. The modern internet transfers data at nearly the speed of light and at nearly zero cost.)

- d. The cellphone in a teenager's hand is doing more to shape their worldview than one hour of Sunday school or the admonitions of parents. We are failing to pass our faith on to the next generation because they are captives to culture, social media, their peers and indoctrination of government ("public") schools. (Has it not been this way for generations? America has had a moralistic, works-righteousness, powerless, fake-Christian culture where Spirit-dwelt Christians with genuinely regenerated hearts have been a minority. Yes, sinners are sinning more grossly and disgustingly and are going to Hell, but is that really much better than polite, church-attending sinners going to Hell?)
- e. Parents clothe and feed their children, but their hearts are been stolen and molded by a world many of us do not understand.
- f. Parents are bewildered when children claim they are homosexual or transgender. Teachers are complicit in hiding the fact that some children are one sex at home and pretend to be the opposite at school.
- g. The work of Satan is clear in this attack on children. **"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea"** (Matthew 18:5–6 ESV).
- h. The Corrupting Influence of Our Public Schools.
  - I. Any ideological or revolutionary movement must always alienate the young from their pre-revolutionary parents if it hopes to survive into future generations.
  - II. Through laws and coercion, the education of America's children is being taken out of the hands of parents and put into the hands of secular educators. They are against the idea that kids belong to their parents and families, and think they belong to the whole community.
  - III. Using education to change the worldview of children has always been a goal of Marxists.
  - IV. Without the consent (or knowledge) of parents, many schools are adopting the *Comprehensive Sexuality Education* curriculum by Planned Parenthood and SEICUS, which was founded by a follower of pervert Alfred Kinsey. Kids as young as 4 or 5 are being taught about masturbation, and by second grade that all forms of sex are normal and to be enjoyed so long as it is consensual. The result is a tsunami of immorality.
  - V. This is part of the Communist goal of demoralizing America.
  - VI. Christian Colleges Submit to LGBTQ Values.
    - i. The argument is made that Sodomist students will not accept that one cannot be Christian and a pervert at the same time. Thus Christian colleges will not be able to withstand the pressure and thus will have to either compromise or lose their voice and credibility.
    - ii. There is already a call to deny (mostly student loan) funding to colleges that do not accept perversion. So some "Christian" colleges are already surrendering.
    - iii. Pressure is also being brought to bear on Christian businesses and even churches.
    - iv. Will we be faithful or not?
- i. The Larger Culture Goes Woke.
  - I. Toy companies are producing sexless dolls that lack either obvious male or female characteristics.
  - II. Drag queens are reading books to even toddlers in public libraries.

- III. Children are being *groomed* to accept sexual abuse.
- IV. Progress in the Wrong Direction.
  - i. This kind of “progress” is against the natural order of creation and the facts of science. (It is also against what is obvious to our own eyes.)
  - ii. The radicals hold to their crazy ideas, no matter how irrational they are. (There is a method to their madness: demoralize Americans and turn them into irrational liars who parrot the party line.)
- j. What Next?
  - I. Without biblical standards, there is no bottom or limit to perverted ideas.
  - II. Three-spouse *throuples*, polygamy, polyamory (any combination of consenting adults), and pedophilia are all being promoted. Expect these to be legalized at some point.
  - III. It is already illegal in some places to help Sodomists and transgenders to repent and change. Flat out outlawing of the Gospel is even possible.
- k. The Demonic Nature of What’s Happening in the Transgender Phenomenon.
  - I. Parental rights are being rejected. To the despair of parents, some children are often persuaded by peers and government school authorities that they are transgender.
  - II. 80 to 90 percent of transgenders end up identifying with their biological sex.
  - III. Parents are afraid to speak out for fear of attack by the Sodomist mob.
  - IV. In Oregon, children can make their own decisions and get state-subsidized sex change operations without parental consent.
  - V. One parent had a teenage daughter who decided she was transgender and her school accepted the name change with notifying the parents. When the parents found out and tried to reverse the decision, their wishes were ignored.
  - VI. Parents need to be extremely wary of government schools. Home schooling and faith-based (Why not call them *Christian* schools?) schools are options.
- l. Where Is the Church?
  - I. If we are not protecting our children, why do we call ourselves Christ’s followers. Jesus was not neutral when it came to children. He had strong words for all those who would cause a child to sin: **“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea”** (Matthew 18:5–6 ESV). The suicide rate of transgenders is high as 41 percent.
  - II. Protecting our children means keeping them out of government schools.
  - III. We must return to the creation account to remind ourselves that God created us with only two sexes.
  - IV. Godlessness and perverted sexuality always go hand in hand (Romans 1:21–25).
- 7. Capitalism is the Disease, Socialism is the Cure.
  - a. “People, not profits!” the protesters shout. A lot of people who advocate Socialism do not know how to define it. For them, it is summed up in one word: free. Socialism would provide free college, healthcare, a decent living, and so on. Supposedly, the government would insure income equality.
  - b. Why does a book that focuses on the Church’s role in our culture include a chapter on Socialism since Christianity has proven it can survive under any economic and political system. (Survive, yes, thrive?, that is another matter.) The reason is that Socialism is deceptive. Although it may be attractive to some, it necessarily perpetuates poverty, restricts freedom, and demoralizes the population. By its nature, Socialism encroaches on the freedom of the Church and its ability to be generous with Gospel ministries.
  - c. Socialism is *statism*, the supremacy of the state over the individual.

- d. Yes, Marx Does, in Fact, Rule from the Grave.
- I. Marx met Friedrich Engels in 1844 while studying in Paris. Four years later, they released the *Communist Manifesto*.
  - II. Marx was concerned about abuses he saw in England's industrial revolution. Abundant cheap labor caused low wages and poor working conditions. Marx's solution was for the workers to gain control of the means of production. His philosophy was based on the beliefs that:
    - i. Matter is the final reality (Materialism); there is no God nor eternal human soul.
    - ii. Economic forces propel history ever onward and upward.
    - iii. Private property is the source of all evil.
    - iv. (Lutzer's failure to even mention the Dialectic is a serious omission.)
  - III. Marx hated Christianity, God, and the Church. The "artificially constructed" nuclear family had to be reordered; mothers should work outside the home and children educated in government-controlled schools. Communal housing had to replace private dwellings. The goal was a classless society.
  - IV. The basic economic axiom of Marxism is that the economy is a zero-sum game; if someone becomes rich, it is only because someone else became poorer.
  - V. Marx viewed laws as a means of class oppression.
  - VI. Marx taught that after a revolution was complete, capitalist law would be replaced by Marxist law; there are no God given rights, only state granted rights. Thus the state could not be guilty of violating someone's rights.
  - VII. In Latin America, *Liberation Theology*, baptized Communism, is popular because (most of) their systems are corrupt and the poor are exploited. The politicians (and police) accept bribes, the bureaucrats enrich themselves at the expense of the poor and the wealthy exploit the poor. So Marxism's philosophy of equal distribution is attractive. But wherever Communism rules, things are far worse and oppression by the regime is nastier than before.
  - VIII. Capitalism is blamed for all the world's evils; it is the universal scapegoat.
  - IX. Cultural Marxism or Democratic Socialism.
    - i. Democratic Socialism (Cultural Marxism) promises to eliminate the excesses of the Marxist philosophy (violent revolution and totalitarianism).
    - ii. This kind of Marxism supposedly can be combined with democratic values by electing the right candidates to office. (But this country was founded as a *republic*, not a *democracy*.)
    - iii. Lutzer repeats the Socialist principle (as): "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." (This is the Communist principle. The Socialist principle is "From each according to his ability, to each according to his work." This is in the constitution of Red China. To the Communist, Socialism is merely a step toward Communism.)
    - iv. Herbert Marcuse claimed that the traditional idea of violent revolution has ended and is old fashioned. (To a Marxist-Leninist, the violent revolution is not obsolete, but integral to Communism.) Marcuse claims that Marxism incrementally gains strength and adherents by political and cultural control. Utopia is supposed to result.
    - v. The vision of cultural Marxism is an America free of greed, racism, and class structure. Once human beings have been freed from "institutional oppression, their natural goodness will assert itself and traditional "dilemmas of power" will no longer exist. Social justice will prevail and there will be no troubling questions about the "disposition of authority."
    - vi. Individual freedom is supposedly honored, but the state gains more and more power.

- X. The Importance of Climate Change.
  - i. Al Gore has long railed about *Global Warming*. Now the term is *Climate Change* because the evidence for global warming has become increasingly slim. (And because scientists have been caught red-handed fudging the data, and current proposals for carbon dioxide control will admittedly change nothing.)
  - ii. There are two reasons radical secularists are so adamant about climate change:
    - 1. Marxists blame capitalism for being oppressive and exploiting nature. Secularists say all of nature is “sacred.” All species are equal to humans in value.
    - 2. Addressing climate change will give governments (vastly) more control of the economy, something that to Marxists is always a positive.
    - 3. (Most importantly, people, even many Christians, do not believe in 144 hour creation as described in the first two chapters of Genesis. They do not understand that God is a gracious and good God who designed the Earth to be inhabited by the humans He created in His image. The coal, oil, iron ore, and even pottery clay, to say nothing of how trees make wood from a handful of soil and nothing else but water, air, and sunshine, are all God’s gracious provision for human use and intended for our use. Natural resources are not an accident of either Darwinism or Big-Bang cosmogony. God is a wise and super-skilled builder. He built the earth to withstand the reasonably wise human use and consumption of the natural resources that he has bountifully given us. Just as a house built by an honest and skilled contractor will not burn down the first time the furnace is used, so it is with God’s skillfully designed Earth.)
- e. A Case Study of Democratic Socialism.
  - I. Socialism has no way to create wealth, only redistribute it.
  - II. Sweden.
    - i. Sweden is often upheld as an example of successful Socialism, but is actually an example of failed Socialism.
    - ii. Sweden became wealthy due to capitalism, limited government, and low taxes, and it had a high standard of living.
    - iii. With wealth to spare, they experimented with Socialism. They increased the size of government and distributed free goods and services paid for by high taxes. Wage and price controls were instituted to provide income equality for all citizens.
    - iv. Businesses began leaving because Sweden had become inhospitable to them.. The standard of living began to decline and the money accumulated by capitalist policies dried up.
    - v. By the 1990s, Sweden made changes to avoid economic ruin, encouraged private property ownership, lowered taxes, cut regulations, and even partially privatized social security.
    - vi. Today, Sweden’s economy is largely market-driven.
  - III. Venezuela.
    - i. Venezuela is another country that used wealth (from oil) gained by capitalism to transition to Socialism.
    - ii. Hugo Chavez was elected on the slogan “Hope and Change” in a regular election cycle. The people thought the promises of Socialism were too good to pass up. At that time, Venezuela was a prosperous country with economic stability and a growing middle class.
    - iii. Chavez slowly transformed Venezuela to a Socialist country, step by step, nationalizing many companies by just taking them, but sometimes paying off the companies.

- iv. Now, malnutrition and starvation are everywhere and if you criticize the regime you are killed. People who can flee are doing so.
  - v. Inflation is more than two million percent.
  - vi. Corruption is pandemic; Chavez's daughter is a multi-billionaire.
- f. COVID-19 Bailouts and the Push for Socialism.
- I. COVID became a world-wide epidemic including in the United States. Large numbers of "non-essential" businesses shutdown and cities became ghost towns.
  - II. Fear caused us to surrender our constitutional rights to assemble so we could comply with politician's orders to cancel church services.
  - III. Although many of us went along, we should never forget what Benjamin Franklin said: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. (There were confounding factors however. Initially, COVID was little understood and the science was uncertain. Worse, irrational hatred for President Trump made the response to the virus highly politicized and corrupted even scientists. There is also financially motivated corruption as well. As of this writing, physicians willing to prescribe early treatment for COVID are a minority, even though Ivermectin in combination with other drugs and nutrients has proven highly effective. Non-intervention until one is very ill is still standard procedure. In some areas, HCQ, which is somewhat helpful for early treatment, was outlawed or restricted. But overall, the important principle of individual liberty was (and still is) horribly trampled upon. That is the biggest problem. If people were free to purchase the medicines they need without permission from a government-controlled physician, and free to social distance, wear a mask, stay at home, get vaccinated with their choice of vaccine, or some or none of those according to their own needs, we would have been much better off. Some people's choices would be right, other's wrong; by this real-world knowledge is generated as we learn from our and other's mistakes and successes. Limited, localized government helps people adapt to local conditions and there are more varieties of government responses from which to learn. Top-down Federal mandates destroy both knowledge and liberty.)
  - IV. Stepping Toward Socialism.
    - i. The economic effects of the shutdowns were catastrophic. Congress has passed bailouts, and never has any government created this much money to keep an economy afloat. Thus big government, which seemed to many of us to be a threat to capitalism, now appeared to be the right move.
    - ii. The bailouts, so far as we can tell were needed. However, they were not just a step toward Socialism, but a lurch toward it. (They were not needed. There is a better idea. Give the people liberty and allow people to work out their own choices and to help one another. And people need to save for a rainy day. By far, most of the COVID bailout money was wasted or stolen.)
    - iii. Some have predicted that the intervention was merely temporary and the economy will rebound. (It has until Biden got in the White House.)
    - iv. Capitalism is still the order of the day. (Thanks to Biden, Harris, Democrats, RINOs and like ilk, that is changing rapidly.)
  - V. The Making of Fiat Money.
    - i. The trillions in bail-out money was created out of thin air by the Federal Reserve's decree that it exist, created digitally.
    - ii. Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) is the name given to a relatively new idea for an economic plan by which the government never runs out of money. They think the

government can simply create all the money that is needed. So money can appear like magic and Socialism can thrive.

- iii. (This calls for a bit of an extended response. There is no such thing as a free lunch. Like all goods and services, the value, that is the price, of money is subject to the law of supply and demand. As the supply goes up, the price, that is the value, of money goes down. The result is that the real value of the dollar goes down and it thus costs more to buy things. Put another way, because the price of a dollar goes down, a grocer will give you fewer groceries for your dollars when he buys your dollars with his groceries. This is monetary inflation, which almost everybody confuses with rising prices. Prices of goods will rise and fall with supply and demand in addition to the increase in price caused by monetary inflation. Thus, prices, in isolation, do *not* measure monetary inflation. Monetary inflation is a hidden tax, especially on savers, and more especially on savers who invest in dollar-denominated investments. Monetary inflation is thus government sanctioned stealing.)
  - iv. With every step the government takes toward Socialism, the more people will want “their share.” More politicians will promise free money to get elected and more regulations will follow. (In effect, the politicians bribe the voters. **“And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right”** (Exodus 23:8 ESV). )
  - v. The greater Caesar’s role, the greater Caesar’s control.
- VI. Does the Bible Teach Socialism?
- i. The argument is made that **“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common”** (Acts 4:32 ESV) teaches socialism. But that was voluntary. (Had it not been voluntary, at least some people would have been protesting, saying that what they had was their own.) Also, the rebuke and punishment of Ananias and Sapphira is construed as a rebuke for having private property. But Peter said: **“While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”** (Acts 5:4 ESV). Peter strongly affirmed the right to private property and condemned them for lying (and pretending to be holier than they were).
  - ii. **“You shall not steal”** (Exodus 20:15 ESV). This commandment implies a right to private property, as do all other commands against stealing (and fraud, dishonest weights and measures, and so on). (Also, note that in the commandment, the sentence ends with a period. It does not end with “, unless you are the government.”)
  - iii. Out of the Reformation came the concept that it is good for a man to seek to gain wealth by honestly providing things people want; from this came the *Protestant Work Ethic*. **“There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God”** (Ecclesiastes 2:24 ESV).
  - iv. All things must be done for the glory of God and it is not wrong to expect rewards for our labor.
  - v. All forms of Socialism involve forcefully taking from those who have to give to those who do not have.

- vi. Socialism rewards malingering and laziness by detaching work from prosperity. But **“For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat”** (2 Thessalonians 3:10 ESV).
- g. Economic Theory and Human Nature.
  - I. The claim is that Capitalism is based on *greed*, and Socialism is based on *need*. (Lutzer is a little confused here. When the supposed “Communist New Man” appears, it will be “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.” But prior to that time, during which the Dictatorship of the Proletariat reigns, the order of the day is Socialism, where it is “From each according to his ability, to each according to his work.” That is why the official title of the Soviet Union was “Union of Soviet *Socialist* Republics.”)
  - II. The real case is that the *opposite is true*. Businesses in a capitalist economy must meet the customer’s (perceived) *needs* or go out of business. (Lutzer is a little confused here as well. What he is really talking about is a *Free Market Economy* vs. a *Command Economy*. Socialism is an extreme case of the latter. Capitalism is the practice of investing today in the means of production to generate better returns tomorrow. A tractor costs more than a mule, which costs more than a hoe. But the productivity gains are vastly different; a mule will farm about 20 acres. A tractor (depending on size) 2,000 acres or more.) Socialism’s appeal to the lazy is based on *greed*.
  - III. Under Socialism:
    - i. The government sets wages and prices of products.
    - ii. Workers get paid whether they slack off, work a little, or work hard.
    - iii. Corruption is rampant.
    - iv. Universal saying in Communist countries: “We pretend to work, they pretend to pay us.
  - IV. The government does not create wealth. It can only give what it has forcibly taken. Socialism always leads to poverty for most, and wealth for the corrupt elite.
- h. Greed and Corruption.
  - I. All economic systems may be abused by sinful humans due to greedy and corrupt hearts; therefore they all allow greed and corruption to various degrees.
  - II. Socialism teaches early on that you cannot succeed by working harder, but by gaming the system.
  - III. One of the pioneers of the *kibbutzim* said they “became a paradise for parasites.”
  - IV. Mice die in mousetraps because they do not understand why the cheese (or peanut butter) is free. (Think about that when you use free online services that track you and collect information about you.)
  - i. The Response of the Church.
    - I. Lutzer reminds the reader that there are more valuable things than money. In some respects, money makes some of the same “promises” that God makes; money provides, God (truly) provides.
    - II. We must obey God and use our money for good, not greed.
    - III. But money does allow wise Christians to do more good than if they were themselves poor and needy.
- 8. Join with Radical Islam to Destroy America.
  - a. A sign carried by a Muslim demonstrator near Detroit said, “We will use the freedoms of the Constitution to destroy the Constitution.” Why would Marxism and Islam find common ground?

- b. The Muslim Brotherhood has a flexible, multi-phased long-term approach to the cultural invasion of the West using various tactics such as immigration, infiltration, surveillance, propaganda, protest, deception, political legitimacy, and terrorism.
  - c. They do not do terrorist attacks because they know that would stir us up, so they advance their cause stealthily.
  - d. Both the Marxists and Muslims, though thoroughly antithetical to one another, know they can make no progress until Capitalism and Christianity are destroyed.
  - e. Even Pilate and Herod set aside their differences and became friends. **“And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other”** (Luke 23:12 ESV).
  - f. The Opportunity of 9/11.
    - I. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001 that killed almost 3000 Americans, there was a wave of patriotism.
    - II. In response to the wave of patriotism, Muslims and Marxists combined forces against America.
    - III. The leftist media blames America for terror attacks because they claim that America is the reason for all the oppression and poverty in the world.
  - g. The Unity of Mosque and State.
    - I. Separation of institutional Church and institutional State has been enshrined in our Federal and state’s constitutions, but in recent decades, that has been reinterpreted to mean separation of government from Christianity (in spite of the teachings of Romans chapter 13 and elsewhere.)
    - II. Most recently, this applies only to Christianity and Judaism; Islam is promoted and taught in government schools.
    - III. Major media and many in government refuse to criticize Islam or its foul deeds.
  - h. The Muslim Doctrine of Immigration.
    - I. Some think diversity makes us stronger.
    - II. The Divinely induced diversity of languages at the Tower of Babel weakened them.
    - III. We might hope that all the immigrants we welcome to America will (seek to) share our common core values and language.
    - IV. But Islam uses immigration as a weapon to islamize other countries and put them under the yoke of strict, repressive Islamic law.
  - i. The Deception of Political Correctness
    - I. We all make choices every day. In a sense, all of our choices involve discriminating between different things. But “discrimination,” even for valid reasons, is the liberal’s greatest evil.
    - II. Political correctness has hampered people from using common sense to wisely discriminate against harmful and dangerous ideologies and influences. Even our national security agencies are infected with this to our harm.
    - III. The same political correctness that is used to weaken, if not destroy Capitalism also allows Islam (and Marxism) to flourish. *Islamophobia*, is a coined word to denigrate anyone who criticizes Islam.
  - j. The Response of the Church.
    - I. All the Scripture teachings on charity and evangelism apply to Muslims.
    - II. *Interfaith Dialog*, however, is used by Muslims to trick Christians and others and spread lies about Islam. The Muslims have a well thought-out deceptive strategy they use. Nothing is accomplished for the Gospel by participating in these fraudulent events.
9. Vilify! Vilify! Vilify!



- a. Saul Alinsky, in *Rules for Radicals*, said “Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.” Polarization refers to cutting off the target’s support network and isolating the target from sympathy.
- b. The Marxists are not satisfied with “live and let live.” Rather, they demand that we totally surrender to their entire agenda. They have discovered that vilifying those with whom they disagree gets more results than reason and politeness. They are following Alinsky whether they know it or not.
- c. Alinsky said to go after people, not institutions. People hurt faster than institutions. This is cruel, but effective. Direct personal criticism and ridicule works.
- d. Those who use Alinsky’s methods have three (main) weapons: shame, ridicule, and intimidation.
- e. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association reclassified homosexuality from a mental illness to normal behavior in response to Sodomist threats to disrupt their meetings. This was in the absence of any change in scientific evidence.
- f. Sodomists consider anyone opposed to any aspect of their agenda bigots who deserve to be punished.
- g. Public Shaming.
  - I. Proposition 8.
    - i. Proposition 8 defined marriage to be between one man and one woman in California. It was passed as an amendment to the California constitution by voters, but was later voided by activist courts.
    - ii. Supporters were shamed by disclosing their names and addresses, inviting harassment. Many people lost their jobs and businesses were boycotted. Employees were threatened and homes and property vandalized.
    - iii. Six years later, Brendan Eich of Mozilla was pressured to resign because he had donated \$1000 to support the amendment.
    - iv. The restaurant chain, Chick-fil-A, publicly supports biblical family values, and were driven out of Reading, England by protests.
    - v. Our culture is being changed by coercion and force.
  - II. Private Schools are under severe pressure to accept Sodomist policies.
- h. Shame! Shame! Shame!
  - I. Denunciation in the Public Square.
    - i. Demonstrations that protest various groups or ideas are fairly common and perfectly constitutional, if peaceful and free of crime.
    - ii. A furious protest outside a Toronto, Canada library was organized against an author who is a feminist, pro-abortion, and pro “gay” rights, but who refused to agree that men can become women.
    - iii. Vilification on campus.
      - 1. Incoming Texas students were told that if they joined a (any?) conservative organization, they would be *doxed*, that is their personal information would be publicly released so they could be harassed.
      - 2. In Berkeley, CA, when Milo Yainopoulos was scheduled to speak, the police were determined not to deter to pending violence. The event was canceled when rioters beat and pepper sprayed attendees and threw explosives at police.
  - i. Hitler’s Brownshirts and Antifa’s Black Masks.
    - I. With good reason, the recent riots, of which Antifa was a major contributor, have been compared with *Kristallnacht*. In both cases, there was a pretext, the police were told to stand down, there was considerable destruction of property, there were injuries and deaths, and the events were made to appear spontaneous.

- II. Antifa is a violent Socialist, Anarchist organization.
  - III. How did we get to the point in America where police are supposed to be the threat, not the violent Socialists and Anarchists?
  - IV. (Lutzer calls George Floyd's death murder. The arresting officers used a then-standard police tactic to restrain Floyd as a last resort. There is no evidence that any of the arresting officers intended Floyd's death. Floyd had a lethal or near lethal amount of illegal drugs in his system, chronic medical issues, and fought with the police. People who pick fights sometimes lose. People who pick fights with police almost always lose. Had Floyd not resisted arrest, obeyed lawful orders, and politely requested medical attention, he probably would be alive today.)
  - j. The Search for Allies.
    - I. The LGBTQ Sodomists have added an "A" for *Allies* to make LGBTQA. They will brook no disagreements with any part of their agenda.
    - II. Unfortunately many misguided Christians are publicly showing support for the Sodomists.
  - k. The Roots of Injustice. No external changes in society will solve the sinful condition of the human heart.
  - l. Coming Soon to a Church Near You.
    - I. A church in Columbia, MO was severely attacked by social media after the pastor preached a mild, thoughtful sermon on **"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"** (Genesis 1:27 ESV). The matter caused a polarizing debate in the surrounding community.
    - II. In the coming years, Churches are likely to face more of this kind of thing in the future.
    - III. However, there will be people who struggle with temptations; the Church should be prepared to help them.
  - m. The Response of the Church.
    - I. The Marxists want us to shut up. But we must proclaim the truth and Gospel with boldness. **"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness"** (Acts 4:29 ESV).
10. Wake Up! Strengthen What Remains.
- a. **"Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God"** (Revelation 3:2 ESV). These words came from the Lord Jesus to a church He loved.
  - b. It is a matter of debate how much of a culture we should embrace and how much we should reject. Some aspects may be accepted, but much must be rejected, not embraced.
  - c. We are submitting to the culture's most enticing temptations and being willingly deceived.
  - d. Christ calls the church in Sardis, "dead," but does not list specific sins.
  - e. Lutzer speculates that they may have assimilated to the surrounding culture, especially in the matter of sexual sin. But Christ said some were "worthy."
  - f. The Church is under great pressure to compromise in many areas. Some claim that the Church must adapt or die.
  - g. Hearing the Voice of Jesus Today.
  - h. Lutzer suggests that there may be three areas Jesus would address if He were to speak to the Church today as He did via John at Patmos.
    - I. Be Resolved to be Gospel-driven in Your Life and Witness.
      - i. Some formerly Gospel-centered organizations have been taken over by "progressive Christians." (It is entirely possible that this is due to Marxist infiltration.) They have lost sight of: **"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the**

- laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”** (Matthew 9:37–38 ESV).
- ii. **“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’”** (John 14:6 ESV). **“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation’”** (Mark 16:15 ESV).
  - iii. The Gospel is being rejected by Millennials in favor of “Social Justice.” They do not believe the Gospel or traditional Christian teachings. People are forgetting that: **“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”** (Hebrews 10:31 ESV). **“For our God is a consuming fire”** (Hebrews 12:29 ESV).
  - iv. We need to continue to talk about Heaven and warn against Hell.
- II. Be Resolved that You Will Not Bow to the Culture’s Sexual Revolution.
  - III. Hear the Lord Jesus’s words: **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”** (Matthew 5:8 ESV). Hear the Lord Jesus pray: **“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth”** (John 17:17 ESV).
  - IV. Many passages in the New Testament speak to our temptation to exchange purity for fulfillment of our passions. For example, Paul wrote: **“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths”** (2 Timothy 4:3–4 ESV).
  - V. There are many false teachers who use lies and emotionally attractive stories to spread false doctrine and entice people away from the Gospel.
  - VI. **“For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience”** (Ephesians 5:5–6 ESV). We must take care that no one deceives us with empty words.
  - VII. These are serious warnings.
- i. Be Resolved to Love the Lord Jesus Passionately and Suffer Well for His Name.
    - I. **“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”** (John 14:15 ESV).
    - II. The Lord Jesus warned that, **“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold”** (Matthew 24:12 ESV). This describes much of evangelical Christianity today. We are weak because our love for Christ is weak. Our love of worldly values and pursuits is greater than our love for Christ.
    - III. **“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever”** (1 John 2:15–17 ESV).
    - IV. There are many in churches whose lives bear little or no fruit because they have never unconditionally surrendered themselves to Jesus Christ. Their self-centeredness proves it. The desire the approval of men, not God.
    - V. Lutzer blames technology for many ills, including (what Puritans called occasions of sin). Rather, Christians must avoid temptations to sin. (This is no new problem; technology merely makes things easier, both good and evil. Blaming technology misses the real issue: Christians have a duty to flee sin and temptations to it, irrespective of form.) **“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God”** (James 4:4 ESV).
    - VI. We must develop a love for Christ that is greater than our love for sin.

- j. A Final Word from the Lord Jesus to Us.
  - I. We return to the words of the Lord Jesus to the church in Sardis: **“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. ‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy’”**” (Revelation 3:1–4 ESV).
  - II. Christianity is not a matter of show or reputation, but of the *heart*. We cannot follow Christ unless we gladly take up His cross (the work and mission in life at any particular time that He has assigned to us). The word to Sardis was “repent.” Repentance is not one-time but daily, deep, and sustained.
  - III. We must have the courage to both engage the culture and stand against it. The reward: **“The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”** (Revelation 3:5–6 ESV).
  - IV. **“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death”** (Revelation 21:8 ESV). )

### *Recap of We Will Not Be Silenced*

This has been another long summary, 24 pages to summarize a 280 page book. Because the present focus is on Marxism, I have skipped or only lightly summarized much worthwhile pastoral counsel. The book is well worth reading. There are a some deficiencies however:

1. Lutzer did not clearly bring out the fact that the Marxist’s problem with “whiteness” is *not* white skin, but traditional Puritan, American, Protestant values such as individual responsibility, the Puritan ethic of hard work, strong and stable families, chastity, Christ-centered education, absolute and unchanging moral standards, and so on. In similar fashion, mathematics has been condemned as “racist” because of its demand for discipline and because the exact answers demanded by it are absolute truth, not based on human opinion or desires. Indeed, because Christianity is such a strong part of Western Civilization, Marxists hate Western Civilization itself. Even hard-core secular historians have noted that Calvinism was a major pillar of American civilization. This is reflected for example, in the American Constitution; the Constitution assumes that all people are sinners who need to be restrained from sin, even those in civil government. Of course, many Blacks are Christians and hold to traditional biblical morality, but they are frequently insulted as “acting white” by Blacks with underclass, heathen, or Marxist values.
2. Lutzer did not spend time discussing the foundation of Communism, Dialectical Materialism, in any detail. He does not appear to fully understand the dialectic.
3. Lutzer blames technology for much evil, and seems to lack a historical perspective on it.
4. Lutzer seems overly sympathetic to those who are, for no actual cause, offended. It seems to this writer that such people should be educated and encouraged to see that they do not have cause for offense and thus take real and objective comfort.

5. Lutzer's desire to prepare the Church is laudable, but he is unduly pessimistic about what God may do, and has often done in the past.

Now for the recap of the summary of *We Will Not Be Silenced*:

1. Erwin Lutzer begins with **“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few”** (Matthew 7:13–14 ESV). Based upon this, Lutzer encourages us to stand firm in the faith in spite of persecution and not compromise biblical truth. There is a cost to following Christ. This theme not only starts the book but runs throughout it, and the book ends with it.
2. Marxists do not believe that America can be fixed; it must be destroyed. Cultural Marxism, a version of Marxism that believes in gradual change until the people accept Socialism, is leading the attacks against traditional values. (But in the end, if successful, it is the violent revolutionists who will win and make America a Communist hell.)
3. Feminism and destruction of the nuclear family are important to Cultural Marxists.
4. Black Lives Matter (BLM) is avowedly Marxist.
5. The mainstream media are a major force for Cultural Marxism.
6. The present stream of immorality is Marxist to the core and is designed to corrupt the morals of Americans and thus weaken us and make us susceptible to acceptance of Marxism.
7. Marxists destroy monuments and write history books that are mere fiction for propaganda purposes and to deprive Americans of their history so as to change our view of ourselves and our country. By controlling history, they try to control the future.
8. The Marxists are in favor of unrestricted immigration to counterbalance traditional American values, and to pack the voter rolls with those dependent on welfare, and thus favor Socialism and parties that support Socialism, to wit the Democrats and RINOs (Republicans In Name Only).
9. The early New Testament church flourished in the absence of full freedom of religion.
10. “Don't solve problems; use them!” That is how a coworker of Saul Alinsky described the philosophy of the famous community organizer who wrote, *Rules for Radicals*, a book dedicated to the devil. Alinsky died in 1976, but his book is still followed by Marxists. (The ideas of Alinsky and Gramsci had much in common.) Alinsky would actually block solutions to problems because he saw problems (and real people's troubles!) as ways to promote his agendas.
11. Alinsky was a Marxist who substituted class warfare between “oppressed” and “oppressors” (according to his definition) for Marx's original warfare between capital and workers. He thus strove to continue civil strife and discontent in order to continue the class warfare.
12. Marxists must suppress free speech because their lies would be otherwise exposed easily.
13. Marxists sell their snake oil by selling their causes as noble causes.
14. Equality properly means equal treatment under the law consistent with biblical standards. But Marxists have defined it as equality of outcomes. This is *Social Justice*.
15. For a revolution to succeed, free speech must be suppressed. The Marxists do this by viciously attacking those with whom they disagree, even to the point of actual violence.
16. The right to free speech is the right to offend others (politely).
17. The purpose of propaganda is to so change people's perception of reality that they will not change their minds in the face of contrary evidence and to make them impervious to facts.
18. Sodomists used Hitler's propaganda techniques of stirring up hatred and the big lie to gain widespread acceptance of their cause.
19. Propagandists cloak their evil causes as noble causes, civil rights issues, matters of charity, and so on.

20. Because technology allows us to transfer massive amounts of information at nearly lightspeed, social change has come fast. Many parents are not fully aware of the changes taking place.
21. Government (public) schools are horribly damaging children morally and otherwise.
22. Government School “sex education” is pervert propaganda, full of lies, and encourages unchastity.
23. Without biblical standards, there is no bottom to immorality.
24. Socialism is attractive to the indolent and lazy, but makes everyone poor. It engenders corruption and dishonesty. Socialism is a form of *statism* that gives government nearly complete control over the individual.
25. Cultural Marxists have the same foolish notion as Marxist-Leninists: they believe their evil system will cure mankind of evil and make him perfectly good.
26. “Climate change” is mostly a vehicle for introducing Socialism.
27. Sweden prospered with a free market economy. Then they tried Socialism and found it did not work, so they went back to a largely market-driven economy.
28. Venezuela was prosperous, adopted Socialism, and now is a deeply impoverished pit.
29. COVID-19 was used as a step toward Socialism. People gave up liberty and the government poured out bailouts.
30. Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) is a relatively new idea for an economic plan by which the government never runs out of money. They think the government can simply create all the money that is needed. So money can appear like magic and Socialism can thrive. Inflation results, stealing money from people by deceit and hidden taxation.
31. With every step the government takes toward Socialism, the more people want their share. Politicians bribe voters and freedom declines.
32. The Bible does *not* teach Socialism, but in fact affirms the human right to private property.
33. Socialism rewards sinful laziness.
34. Marxists and Islamists have joined forces against America because they are both totalitarian and hate America.
35. Marxists publicly vilify their enemies to isolate them, punish them, and frighten others away from opposing them. All manner of dirty tricks are used.
36. Antifa is anarchist and Marxist.
37. Many misguided Christians are tricked into showing support for Sodomists.
38. The Church must not give up the Gospel and must remain faithful, even in the face of vilification, pressure, and persecution.
39. We must have the courage to both engage the culture and stand against it.

## *Appendixes*

### Appendix A – W. Cleon Skousen’s 45 Communist Goals as listed in *The Naked Communist*

1. U.S. acceptance of coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war.
2. U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.
3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament by the United States would be a demonstration of moral strength.
4. Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Socialist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.
5. Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet Satellites.
6. Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Socialist domination.
7. Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.

8. Set up East and West Germany as separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the Germany question by free elections under supervision of the U.N.
9. Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress.
10. Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N.
11. Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as one-world government with its own independent armed forces. (Some Socialist leaders believe the world can be taken over as easily by the U.N. as by Moscow. Sometimes these two centers compete with each other as they are now doing in the Congo.)
12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.
13. Do away with all loyalty oaths.
14. Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent office.
15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
16. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Socialist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
18. Gain control of all student newspapers.
19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Socialist attack.
20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, policy-making positions.
21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and motion pictures.
22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms."
23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive meaningless art."
24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.
26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."
27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."
28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."
29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a world-wide basis.
30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."
31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of "the big picture" of social studies. Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.
32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture: education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
33. Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the Socialist apparatus.
34. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.
36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand or treat.
39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Socialist goals.
40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.
42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve economic, political or social problems.
43. Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self-government.
44. Internationalize the Panama Canal.
45. Repeal the Connally Reservation so the U.S. cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike.

## Appendix B – Antonio Gramsci: the Godfather of Cultural Marxism

Gramsci viewed churches, charities, the media, and schools as organizations that needed to be invaded by socialist thinkers.

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There's little debate that modern-day American universities, public education, mainstream media, Hollywood, and political advocacy groups are dominated by leftists. This is no accident, but part of a deliberate strategy to pave the way for communist revolution developed more than eight decades ago by an Italian political theorist named Antonio Gramsci.

Described as one of the world's most important and influential Marxist theorists since Marx himself, if you are not familiar with Gramsci, you should be.

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The Italian communist (1891 – 1937) is credited with the blueprint that has served as the foundation for the Cultural Marxist movement in modern America.

Later dubbed by 1960s German student activist Rudi Dutschke as "the long march through the institutions," Gramsci wrote in the 1930s of a "war of position" for socialists and communists to subvert Western culture from the inside in an attempt to compel it to redefine itself.



Gramsci used war metaphors to distinguish between a political “war of position”—which he compared to trench warfare—and the “war of movement (or maneuver),” which would be a sudden full-frontal assault resulting in complete social upheaval.

### **A Shift in Strategy**

In the 1998 book *The Antonio Gramsci Reader*, edited by David Forgacs, Gramsci’s development of a new form of strategy for ushering in the socialist revolution is made clear.

Gramsci argued that the Bolshevik Russian revolution of 1917 worked because the conditions were ripe for such a sudden upheaval. He described the Russian revolution as an example of a “war of movement” due to its sudden and complete overthrow of the existing governing structure of society. Gramsci reasoned that in Russia in 1917, “the state was everything, civil society was primordial and gelatinous.”

As such, a direct attack on the current rulers could be effective because there existed no other significant structure or institutions of political influence that needed to be overcome.

In Western societies, by contrast, Gramsci observed that the state is “only an outer ditch” behind which lies a robust and sturdy civil society.

Gramsci believed that the conditions in Russia in 1917 that made revolution possible would not materialize in more advanced capitalist countries in the West. The strategy must be different and must include a mass democratic movement, an ideological struggle.

His advocacy of a war of position instead of a war of movement was not a rebuke of revolution itself, just a differing tactic—a tactic that required the infiltration of influential organizations that make up civil society. Gramsci likened these organizations to the “trenches” in which the war of position would need to be fought.

Gramsci wrote: “The massive structures of the modern democracies, both as state organizations, and as complexes of associations in civil society, constitute for the art of politics as it were the ‘trenches’ and the permanent fortifications of the front in the war of position: they render merely ‘partial’ the element of maneuver which before used the ‘the whole’ of war, etc.”

Gramsci argued that a “frontal attack” on established institutions like governments in Western societies may face significant resistance and thus need greater preparation—with the main groundwork being the development of a collective will among the people and a takeover of leadership among civil society and key political positions.

### **War of Position vs. War of Movement**

It is important to bear in mind that Gramsci’s ultimate goal is still socialism and overthrow of the capitalist order. His contribution was to outline a different strategy for this to occur.

As described by Forgacs, “War of movement is a frontal assault on the state whereas war of position is conducted mainly on the terrain of civil society.”

Gramsci likened political "warfare" to military warfare, with his war of movement akin to the frontal assault of a rapid military attack upon the opening of a breach in the enemy's defenses to attain a rapid and definitive victory.

In contrast, Gramsci likened war of position to trench warfare, settling in for a long-term struggle with strategic smaller victories to gain more territory bit by bit. The war of position is also characterized by an abundance of supplies to replenish the troops and "a great mass of men under arms."

*Gramsci believed that the support for a capitalistic economic structure would shield the current ruling class from any organized opposition.*

Gramsci argued that a war of position is necessary for advanced capitalist societies where civil society has become a "very complex structure" that is resistant to "incursions," such as economic depressions, that would otherwise weaken the current power structure in terms of ideological support. In other words, civil society provided a support system for the current political structure and those in power who could help it withstand otherwise negative shocks like economic recessions.

Gramsci believed that in advanced capitalistic Western societies, the prevailing ideological support system for a capitalistic economic structure and bourgeois values would shield the current ruling class from any organized opposition.

As a result, he believed it essential to study in depth "which elements of civil society correspond to the defensive systems in a war of position."

### **Gramsci's Analysis of "Civil Society" and Hegemony**

Gramsci defined civil society as the "ensemble of organisms commonly called 'private.'"

More directly, he described civil society as that sphere of social activities and institutions not directly part of the government. Primary examples included political parties, trade unions, church organizations, and other popular voluntary associations.

Gramsci noted that dominant social groups in civil society organized consent and hegemony—they assumed a leadership position by the consent of members. Their leadership role includes fostering an ideological consensus among their members. Gramsci envisioned that these groups would organize their opposition to the existing social order.

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Gramsci, however, viewed civil society in Western societies to be a strong defensive system for the current State, which in turn existed to protect the interest of the capitalist class.

"In the West, there was a proper relation between state and civil society, and when the state trembled a sturdy structure of civil society was at once revealed. The state was only an outer ditch, behind which there stood a powerful system of fortresses and earthworks," he wrote. In short, in times when the state itself may have shown weakness to overthrow from opposing ideological forces, the institutions of civil society provided political reinforcement for the existing order.

In his view, a new collective will is required to advance this war of position for the revolution. To him, it is vital to evaluate what can stand in the way of this will, i.e. certain influential social groups with the prevailing capitalist ideologies that could impede this progress.

Gramsci spoke of organizations including churches, charities, the media, schools, universities and “economic corporate” power as organizations that needed to be invaded by socialist thinkers.

The new dictatorship of the proletariat in the West, according to Gramsci, could only arise out of an active consensus of the working masses—led by those critical civil society organizations generating an ideological hegemony.

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*As Gramsci described it, hegemony means “cultural, moral and ideological” leadership over allied and subordinate groups. The intellectuals, once ensconced, should attain leadership roles over these groups’ members by consent. They would achieve direction over the movement by persuasion rather than domination or coercion.*

The goal of the war of position is to shape a new collective will of the masses in order to weaken the defenses that civil society provides to the current capitalist state.

Gramsci further emphasized the role of a political party to assume leadership and philosophical direction of all these civil society alliances. Additionally, and critically, one of the main goals of the party would be to place foot soldiers in the revolutionary war of position in actual state institutions, as well, such as legal institutions, police, councils, and influential bureaucracies. There needs to be established a foundation of socialists upon which to run the apparatus of the state once its overthrow was complete, Gramsci argued.

### **Priming Conditions for the Frontal Attack**

As Gramsci described it, a war of position involves a “passive revolution” of sorts; transitioning from the dominant bourgeois order to one of socialism without any violent social upheaval.

For social transition to occur, the “necessary conditions” in society must have “already been incubated,” according to Gramsci. Here he is referring to a new collective will among the masses that coincides with having the right people in strategic positions among civil society and state bureaucracies.

Gramsci pointed to the example of the Italian fascism of his time as an example of passive revolution. As he noted, economic fascism “consists in the fact that the economic structure is transformed in a 'reformist' way from an individualistic to a planned economy (command economy).” This “intermediate economy” could serve as the starting point for the next transition to total state control of the means of production, a transition that could occur “without radical and destructive cataclysms of an exterminating kind.”

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Economic fascism takes a step toward collectivization of the means of production without seizing them from the capitalists, Gramsci argued. Fascism serves to “accentuate the ‘plan of production’ element” of the economic structure, making it easier to transition to complete collectivization. This shift helped to facilitate widespread acceptance of the notion of greater centralized control over production without actually wresting control over the means of production from the capitalists or eliminating profit. Yet.

Once all these conditions are in place—i.e. a new collective will, ideological control over institutions of civil society, revolutionaries in strategic positions in the state—the time would be right for the final and conclusive “war of movement.”

This full-frontal war of movement to overthrow the existing state and social order will be assured to not only be successful but also permanent. For according to Gramsci, “in politics, the ‘war of position’, once won, is decisive definitively.”

The Left’s “long march through the institutions” is a deliberate attempt to create conditions right for the final overthrow of our private property society. Their success would spell disaster.

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