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Marxists, Communists, Socialists Everywhere!

by Christian Gomez

Book Review of Trevor Loudon's *The Enemies Within*

On April 11, 2012, Representative Allen West (R-Fla.) was asked by a man at a town hall meeting in Palm City, Florida, "What percentage of the American legislature do you think are card carrying Marxists or International Socialists?" West emphatically responded, "There's about 78 to 81 members of the Democrat Party that are members of the Communist Party." When pressed for names, West replied, "It's called the Congressional Progressive Caucus."

As one could imagine and may recall, leftist forces promulgated by the media took considerable derision to the congressman's initial remarks, labeling him an "extremist" and accusing him of McCarthyism. The Left's witch-hunt and constant smearing ultimately left West without a job, losing in that year's election to Democratic opponent Patrick Murphy in a highly contested and tight race. Media pandemonium aside, a thorough investigation into Congressman West's stunning accusations remained lacking, until now.

Communists and Congress

In his recently published book *The Enemies Within: Communists, Socialists and Progressives in the U.S. Congress*, world-renowned anti-communist, author, and blogger Trevor Loudon has taken on the monumental task of not only naming names, but going even further in exposing the vast web of communist, socialist, and far-left progressive influence and penetration in Congress. Looking at various outside Marxist organizations, inside congressional caucuses, and biographical sketches on a select number of individual congressmen, Loudon's new 688-page book reads like a who's who of the radical Marxist Left in Congress. In some ways similar to and reminiscent of Francis X. Gannon's *Biographical Dictionary of the Left*, published in 1973, but in the style of his previous book, *Barack Obama and the Enemies Within*, Loudon identifies who the players are, the groups they are associated with, and how they wield influence, including how they penetrated labor unions and the Democratic Party. Loudon reveals the connections between those in Congress who sponsor socialist-inspired legislation and the various Marxist or Marxist-led organizations who guide them.

Among the groups Loudon exposes are the Communist Party USA, Committees of Correspondence, Communist Workers Party, Asian Americans for Equality, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Workers World Party, Democratic Socialists of America, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Campaign for America's Future, Progressive Democrats of America, 21st Century Democrats, World Peace Council, Socialist International, and Council for a Livable World.

Regarding the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) and its infiltration of the Democratic Party, Loudon quotes from a report prepared by members of the Young Communist League USA (YCLUSA, youth affiliate of the CPUSA) for the Communist Party's 29th National Convention in 2010. In the report, several YCLUSA members wrote:

> Currently, the conditions rarely if ever allow us to run open Communists for office. When members do run for office, it is within the auspices of the Democratic Party. Otherwise, we find ourselves supporting progressive (and in some instances not-so-progressive) Democratic candidates. Despite how much many of us would love to run comrades for office as Communists, we all agree that this is how we currently have to function in this political climate.

Loudon's book is replete with examples of CPUSA involvement in the Democratic Party. In Washington State, Loudon writes, "Communist Party members Tim Wheeler, Joyce Wheeler, and Honeybee Wheeler, openly work inside the Clallam

County Democrat Party." In Missouri, US Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) received words of praise from the CPUSA's newspaper *People's Weekly World* during her 2006 senatorial campaign. That campaign was coordinated in St. Louis city and county by former State Representative John L. Bowman, who is a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, which was originally created as a CPUSA front. Bowman has enjoyed the support of the CPUSA through *People's Weekly World*, and he previously attended a Communist Party award breakfast hosted by *People's Weekly World*, where he was recognized for his work in the legislature. A favorite of left-leaning libertarians is also investigated in the book. "Former Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich," Loudon writes, "enjoyed Communist Party support his entire career." The CPUSA backed Kucinich's presidential campaign in 2004 and even made a video by Communist Party member Bruce Bostik endorsing him. Loudon also quotes from a July 2007 report to the CPUSA's National Committee, in which Communist Party Chairman Sam Webb urged those in the party to "have a positive attitude toward the candidacy of Congressman Dennis Kucinich," describing him as "a leading voice of the broad people's coalition."

Webb continued, "The more he [Kucinich] speaks to audiences of the core forces, the better positioned the movement will be to win in 2008 and to fight the good fight in 2009." CPUSA member and former chairman of the Ohio Communist Party Rick Nagin worked as Labor Coordinator for Kucinich's 2004 presidential campaign in the Democratic primaries. In return, Kucinich endorsed Nagin in 2009, when Nagin ran unsuccessfully (as a Democrat) for Cleveland City Council.

One of the most insidious Marxist organizations Loudon covers is the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), which is the largest socialist organization in the United States and the primary US affiliate of the Socialist International. The DSA itself is an offshoot of the Communist Party. Loudon elaborates how the DSA was formed in 1982 when the Democratic Socialist Organization Committee and The New American Movement, the latter formed by member of Students for a Democratic Society SDS) and the Communist Party USA, merged. "Today DSA cooperates with CPUSA, Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, Freedom Road Socialist organization and other communist groups," Loudon writes. "Its deceptive name helps make them the most effective and dangerous Marxist organization now operating in the US."

In 1995, following a coordinated plan to oust anti-communist Lane Kirkland as president of the AFL-CIO, DSA member John Sweeney took over the organization, removing its anti-communist membership clause and elevating various DSAers to power. The AFL-CIO's power and prestige among labor unions and its close releationship with the Democartic Party has made the AFL-CIO one of ther main conduits of DSA and communist influence over the Democratic Party, of both its party platform and the candidates it nominates for office.

In 1991, both the DSA and the Institute for Policy Studies, which Loudon covers in detail, were instrumental in helping Vermont's openly socialist Independent Representative (now Senator) Bernie Sanders establish the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC). The CPC has since grown in membersip to over 70 US representatives and one US senator (Sanders).

Biographical Bit

The second half of Loudon's book is devoted to biographical expositions of the CPC congressmen, as well as a few others. Loudon documents how many CPC members "continue to be linked to DSA and/or the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), IPS, or other radical organizations."

At the outset, one's impression of the book may be that it solely focuses on "Communists, Socialists, and Progressives in the US Congress," as reads the subtitle of the book. However, upon reading the first half of the book, one quickly sees that while exposing such leftists in Congress is the main focus of the book, it is not all that the book covers, as Loudon goes on to expose the vast interconnecting network of communist, socialist, and other radical progressive organizations outside Congress.

The only criticism of the book is that unlike Gannon's *Biographical Dictionary of the Left*, Loudon's *Enemies Within* does not mention the Council on Foreign Relations or discuss the internationalist agenda of the leftists in Congress. In other words, it does not make the connection between the pinstripes and Reds. The book, although well researched and thoroughly cited, provides only a narrow focus on the overtly or open communist, Marxist-Leninist, and socialist connections in Congress, which are primarily found within the Democratic Party roster. Nevertheless, Loudon's book performs a valuable service in demonstrating without any doubt that communism did not die or fade away after the Berlin Wall fell at the purported "end of the Cold War." Loudon, unlike so many authors, reveals that communism is not dead; in fact, it's alive and perhaps more active than ever before within the halls of Congress, in the very heart of our constitutional republic—subverting it from within.

After the dust settle, *The Enemies Within* will leave

any open-minded person convinced that the problems we face in Congress are much larger than ever realized. One cannot pore over this 688-page book, with the overwhelming evidence presented in it, and honestly say, "Communism is dead" or scoff at the remarks made by Congressman Allen West. Trevor Loudon authoritatively makes and closes the case that communist and socialist penetration is indeed on the rise.

—*The New American*, February 3, 2014

New Class—Crony Capitalist/Communist

by Ileana Johnson Paugh

I was elated but very suspicious when communism failed suddenly in Eastern Europe in 1989. I suspected that the communist elites had decided to go underground to recoup and gain the trust of the west while attempting to rebuild their ranks.

The communists' economic system of surplus was such a dismal failure that it was necessary to hide for a while. People were starving literally and figuratively for capitalism, economic freedom, personal freedom, religious freedom, and a better life for their families. They had reached the breaking point where suffering would change into revolt.

The Romanian military finally turned against their handlers and joined the exploited and long-suffering citizens, deposing the brutal and totalitarian regime with its despised dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena.

The former communist rulers and underlings scurried like rats, forgetting to destroy all the damning evidence and documents collected over decades of terror, describing the utter depravity of power and abuse against unarmed and defenseless citizens, who were tortured, imprisoned, killed, and their personal possessions, savings, guns, homes, and land confiscated.

Thus began the difficult road to build a free market, a democratically elected government, and to recoup through the justice system the wealth confiscated by the communist goons.

The problem was that those in power were still the former communist elites who had given themselves new titles and affiliations to various parties that were now forming the fragile and corrupt parliamentary democracy.

One former communist party apparatchik after another took the helm of the country. Money borrowed from the west and earmarked for economic development seemed to disappear overnight. The new rulers started amassing vast fortunes and companies with the money and property confiscated from innocent citizens accused of political dissent during the prior communist regime.

The former proletariat (the workers—and we were all workers) benefited in several ways, primarily in the increased standard of living.

1. Thousands of churches were built. Bibles and religion could be practiced openly again.
2. The borders opened to the European Union and a mass exodus of temporary workers commenced.
3. Food became plentiful—no more bare shelves, endless daily lines, fights over food, and empty markets. Well-stocked supermarkets and malls opened in larger towns.
4. Higher education became more accessible to all and tuition was low. When it was free, communist party members' children had first choices.
5. Primary and secondary education became globalized, Romanian history forgotten, while students were more and more alienated from their own cultural identity, encouraged and prompted to become "global citizens."
6. The gypsy population, the Doma people who call themselves Roma, migrated back and forth to the EU in search of work and lucrative businesses in the West.
7. People could now afford to take trips and vacations abroad and were allowed to do so.
8. Citizens were no longer watched by the Security Police all the time.
9. The population was free to own guns, hunt, and fish.

In spite of some progress, no accountability was put in place because people did not understand democracy, having been ruled by one tyrant after another over the centuries. People were indentured slaves from the moment they were born.

We did not own anything—the communist elites

staked their claim to other peoples' homes, land, anything on the farm, chickens, pigs, cows, milk, goats, sheep, vegetables, corn, wheat, eggs, cheese, or whatever a farmer produced.

Citizens welcomed capitalism with open arms—it was a new era they dreamed about from movies they had seen on TV and on popular series like Dallas. Things began to privatize and the political class was born from the seeds of the former commies now turned into venture capitalists with other people's money.

Without any vote or referendum, the political class started to dismantle and sell, piece by piece, the aging and non-profitable communist industrial base, factories, steel plants, refineries, oil wells, minerals, coal mines, gold mines, and to cut down forests for timber. The money was pocketed and shared with other politicians who proceeded to build a huge population control machine—cabinets and agencies meant to control and terrorize, much more powerful than the previous communist dictatorship.

When the money was spent and the economic crisis ensued, the political class cut salaries 25 percent and pensions 15 percent. The people objected to this forced austerity vehemently, but nobody listened to them. The political class was in trouble and needed more money.

The political class spent the public money, billions and billions of dollars, and all they had to show for it were ill-designed infrastructure projects, roads full of potholes, high unemployment, interstates that few people could afford to use, and walking around money for meager briberies for low information voters who were used to the communist nanny state and were unable to think or care for themselves independently. Historical buildings were left to crumble and rust, museums to decay, factories were abandoned, and streets turned into slaloms of pothole avoidance.

The corrupt political class dismantled the old regime and created new institutions, not because the country could not exist or run without them, but because cronies wanted special business treatment, special interests, a special position, or a title they've always dreamed of holding without much education, merit, or effort and were willing to pay.

Every year the new legislative coalition created new organizations, new structures, new bosses, new state secretaries, undersecretaries, new ministers, mayors, prefects, new institutions, and an ever richer industrial complex.

The former members of the political class never went away, they remained in the system and bloated it, corrupt and without a moral compass, disregarding the law, evading taxes, bribing, and further corrupting the entire political class system.

The economy was always in a state of collapse under communism. The population welcomed "capitalism" with a child-like naiveté and enthusiasm. They woke up eventually when they realized that this capitalism was of the crony variety. The neo-communists and their crony capitalists pushed the theft and corruption to the highest level.

Government is now huge, turned into a monster by the political class while the people have watched helplessly, unable to stop its growth and escalation of power.

The former commies and the new recruits are now the crony capitalists and the political class.

The few honest politicians get lost in the struggle for power. The political class is composed of parties of liberals, democrats, social democrats, national liberals, communists, labor, and other prominent minorities that dictate policies for the entire country.

—*Canada Free Press*, January 29, 2014

New Communist Manifesto

by Sean Long

Marxist leftists have prepared a nightmarish blueprint for American socialism in a new revolutionary "book of imagination."

The new book, *Imagine Living in a Socialist USA,* was edited by Frances Goldin who praises "life-enhancing socialism" in the preface. The 281 page manifesto showcases 31 utopian essays written by dangerous criminals, prominent liberals, and self-described communists—all for just $10.11.

It imagines a "free" and "enlightened" socialist United States, promoting radical notions such as eliminating prisons and creating mandatory worker-owned businesses. More dangerously, it details "how to get from where we are to where we want to be," and the authors seem determined to destroy "rapacious" and "cancerous" capitalism, by revolution if necessary.

The new book is stocked with pieces featuring Bill Ayers, Michael Moore, and even Mumia Abu Jamal. It's a perfect fit for Karl Marx's library and brought together calls for establishment of grade and competition-free schools and the greatest hits of terrible Occupy Wall Street demands into a strident call for "the Third American Revolution."

Here, are some of the most extreme and famous among this group of radicals and liberal journalists:

Joe Koval Demands Revolution to Kill Capitalist "Cancer"

Joel Kovel's piece makes no pretense about its radical aims, complete with a Marxist slogan in the first paragraph: "working men of all countries unite!"

The author and anti-Israel firebrand invoked environmental hysteria over issues such as climate change, asserting that "our obligation is to remake society from the ground up in the service of life. If this be read as a demand for revolution, so be it."

Socialism, he claims, would foster a society where humans will organize their economy in accordance with environmental demands. Kovel certainly rejected capitalism calling it "a kind of metastasizing cancer, a disease that demands radical treatment—revolutionary change."

Cop Killer and Former Fugitive Advocates the End of Prisons

Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of a Philadelphia police officer, and Angela Davis, former leader of the Communist Party USA, worked together to pen a bizarre essay on crime. It begins by asserting "The concept of 'crime,' like much that we today take for granted, is a sociopolitical construct."

The authors' objections to prisons fit well into their colorful biographies. Abu-Jamal was convicted in 1982 of shooting Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner in the back. His case became a hot-button political issue for radical liberals, including this book's editor who described a life goal as "to free Mumia Abu-Jamal from the bars that constrain him." Free Mumia T-shirts have long been fixtures of the protest landscape.

Davis, for her part, was implicated in a 1970 courtroom shootout, though she was found not-guilty after spending three months on the run. Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev awarded her the Lenin Peace Price in 1979.

These two radicals advocate nothing less than the complete dismantling of the prison system. They argued that a socialist United States would "end mass incarceration by prison abolition." While you may be wondering what they think would suffice to stop crime, they advocate a system which "brings the offender and the victim together to talk to each other."

Yes, let's force victims to engage in dialogue with their attackers.

Bill Ayers Claims American Nationalized Schooling a Failure of Capitalism

No socialist treatise would be complete without the violent terrorist and self-described "communist" Bill Ayers. In his essay, Ayers advocates a radical change to the education system which would eliminate "the laborious programs of sorting the crowd into winners and losers through testing and punishing, grading, assessing, and judging."

For Ayers, education has become a capitalist organization which has less to offer "an inquiring mind" than the "city dump" or "a street corner." The problem, he says, is that capitalism encourages us to "think of education as a product like a car or a refrigerator." He supported completely dismantling the education system, in favor of a poorly defined system without grades that instead focus on "full human development, enlightenment, and freedom."

He never addresses the fact that public education in the United States is run by the government, though he blamed "a merry band of billionaires" for pushing public schooling reforms.

Bill Ayers was a founding member of the openly communist and revolutionary Weather Underground in 1969. Ayers has admitted to facilitating a series of anti-war bombings while a member of this organization.

Paul Le Blanc Explains How America is Ready for Revolution

Le Blanc, a historian at La Roche College, examines how a contemporary socialist revolution would fit into the revolutionary history of the United States. He views both the American Revolution and the "Second American Revolution" (Civil War) as times when progressive forces destroyed unjust power structures in America.

He promotes another revolution, saying "Many US socialists have argued that we must undertake a third American revolution that would end the economic dictatorship of capitalism and establish rule by the people over our economy."

He proceeds to explain how the American working class has become dissatisfied with the status quo and how socialist activists can begin to prepare for a revolutionary movement. According to Le Blanc, now is a particularly fruitful time for revolution, as the inequality of wealth provides "fantastic potential for socialist transformation today."

Michael Moore Hopes for an Unstoppable Occupy Wall Street . . . in 2011

Michael Moore, the prominent lefty filmmaker, did not write an original article for this book. Instead, Goldin selected a 2011 article, which Moore wrote to promote the then newly formed Occupy Wall Street movement. Moore promotes the typical OWS slogans, alternating

between platitudes about "a truly free, democratic and just society" and hard-line leftist legislation, like carbon reduction, confiscatory taxes, and a massive welfare state.

Almost sadly, he ends this proposal with an optimistic call to arms, stating "Occupy Wall Street enjoys the support of millions. It is a movement that cannot be stopped."

How did that work out for him?

—*CNSNew.com*, January 22, 2014

NYT Shilling for Communists

by Humberto Fontova

"Everyone knows that the Cubans control (Venezuela's) military intelligence and police intelligence. They control the coordination of the armed forces." Such convictions are held by critics in both countries (Venezuela and Cuba) although they offer little hard evidence to back their suspicions." (Victoria Burnett and William Neuman, *New York Times*, March, 2014)

"Fidel Castro has strong ideas of liberty, democracy, social justice, the need to restore the Constitution . . . but it amounts to a new deal for Cuba, radical, democratic, and therefore, anti-Communist." (Herbert Matthews, *New York Times*, February, 1957)

"This is not a Communist Revolution in any sense of the term. Fidel Castro is not only not a Communist, he is decidedly anti-Communist." (Herbert Matthews, *New York Times*, July, 1959)

So according to the *New York Times*, the only Cubans in Venezuela today function as Marcus Welbys and Florence Nightingales. And the only communists in Cuba in 1959 were kept far from positions of influence by those stalwart defenders of liberty—the Castro Brothers and Che Guevara.

Same as in 1959, many well-informed people much closer to the issue differ with the *New York Times*:

"Venezuela today is a country that is practically occupied by the henchmen of two international criminals, Cuba's Castro brothers. They (the Cubans) have introduced in Venezuela a true army of occupation. The Cubans run the maritime ports, airports, communications, the most essential issues in Venezuela. We are in the hands of a foreign country. This is the darkest period in our history." (Luis Miquilena, who served as Hugo Chavez' Minister of Justice for three years, March, 2014)

One day in May 1959, only five months after the triumph of Castro's "anti-communist" revolution, Castro's own Air Force Chief, Major Pedro Diaz-Lanz told his friend Eddie Ferrer, "I've got to tell the Americans and the world what's going on here and start the fight against these communists. Everybody seems asleep!"

A week later Diaz-Lanz resigned his post and declared publicly that Castro's civilian government was a hollow sham, nothing but a front (maintained with the then invaluable assistance of the *New York Times*) for Soviet-trained communists who were running the show behind the scenes, especially in the crucial functions of the military and police. Diaz-Lanz then bundled his wife and kids onto a small boat and escaped to Miami just ahead of a firing squad.

After weeks of frantically knocking on doors and hoarse from phone calls, Diaz-Lanz finally appeared at a public hearing before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. The date was July 14, 1959.

Mr. SOURWINE (Chief Counsel). Is Castro friendly to the United States?

Major DIAZ. No.

Mr. SOURWINE. But Fidel Castro has said on many occasions [as dutifully transcribed and transmitted by the *New York Times*] that he is friendly to the United States. You are saying that this is not true?

Major DIAZ. He is lying.

Mr. SOURWINE. You know there are many who say that Fidel Castro is not himself a Communist.

Major DIAZ. I am completely sure that Fidel is a Communist.

Mr. SOURWINE. You are completely sure that Fidel Castro is what?

Major DIAZ. "That Fidel Castro is a communist. Also, I'm prepared because the communists have a well-known system of trying to destroy the reputations of anyone who disagrees with them."

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The *New York Times* was quick out of the gate. "In Cuba there are no communists in positions of control," stressed Herbert Matthews in a fresh article. "The accusations of Major Pedro Diaz-Lanz are rejected by everybody."

But as Diaz-Lanz warned, when outing communists, their denial is only half the story. The truth-teller must also be defamed. Not to worry! The *New York Times* was eminently worthy of the task.

"Sources (Castro or his henchmen) tell me that Major Diaz-Lanz was removed from his office for incompetence, extravagance and nepotism," continued Herbert Matthews' front-page article in the *New York Times* on July, 16, 1959, (the very day following Diaz-Lanz' testimony!).

And Castro's US propaganda minions were just warming up. The *New York Times* had sounded her bugle. Now the rest of the media pack rushed in behind her (remember, this was 1959) yapping and howling and wagging their tails, panting to join the hunt. They were all too eager for a chance to mob and maul a man who risked his life and went stone-broke to warn America about what turned out to be the gravest threat in her history.

"It's an outrage that Congress should give a platform for a disaffected Cuban adventurer to denounce the Cuban revolution as Communist!" barked Walter Lippmann a few days later in the *New York Herald Tribune*. "It would be an even greater mistake even to intimate that Castro's Cuba has any real prospect of becoming a Soviet satellite," Lippmann stressed a week later in the *Washington Post*.

Lippmann's Pulitzer Prize the year before, by the way, noted "his distinction as a farsighted and incisive analyst of foreign policy."

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"To our American friend Herbert Matthews with gratitude. Without your help, and without the help of the *New York Times*, the Revolution in Cuba would never have been." (a beaming Fidel Castro decorating Herbert Matthews with a medal during a visit to the *New York Times* offices in April 1959.)

"Foreign reporters—preferably American—were much more valuable to us at that time (1957-59) than any military victory. Much more valuable than recruits for our guerrilla force were American media recruits to export our propaganda." (Che Guevara 1959.)

—*Townhall.com*, April 1, 2014

Two Community Organizers

by Daniel Greenfield

War is what Obama does best. The War on Women. War on Poverty. Class War. Race War.

Walk up to a union member snoozing on a bus, a Latino man crossing the street, a gay cowboy poet earning minimum wage, and community organize him along with a few hundred thousand others into the latest battle in the social justice war that never ends.

"Fight for card check, for birth control, for gay marriage, and illegal alien amnesty."

Every time a battle is won and an election ends, a new source of social conflict is dug up and deployed for war.

As a domestic radical, divisiveness is his natural weapon. Obama plays on fragmented identities, assembling coalitions to wage war against some phantom white heteronormative patriarchy consisting of a middle class barely able to pay its bills.

It's governing by terrorism. The bombs are ideological. The objective is a constant state of war.

The war that never ends has been good to Obama. Its various clashes have given him two terms and very little media scrutiny. They have given him a post-American army of identity groups with few mutual interests except radical politics and government dependency.

While Obama profits from stirring up conflicts at home, making it easy for him to light some fuses and walk away, he loses from conflicts abroad.

A Reaganesque president could have turned the Syrian Civil War or Russia's invasion of Ukraine into an approval rating bonanza. Foreign conflicts pay off politically for presidents even when they aren't involved. But that's not true of Obama who is congenitally incapable of showing strength and reacts to a foreign crisis by playing for time while struggling to resolve the ideological betrayal of using American power abroad.

Internationally, it's the KGB agent, not the community organizer, who profits from conflict. Putin plays Obama's role in the world community, dividing and conquering, doing to America internationally what Obama does to it domestically.

Obama uses a phantom patriarchy, a phantom white privilege, a phantom 1 percent, to mobilize a coalition for his own agenda. Putin uses the United States as a phantom enemy to organize a coalition of "oppressed" tyrants from Belarus to Venezuela to North Korea.

Administration officials scratch their heads wondering why Putin's won't cooperate with them. It's the same

reason they don't cooperate with Republicans. Their coalition of black nationalists, gay rights activists, abortion-loving professors of feminism and fist-pumping La Raza nationalists, Muslim Brotherhood front men with trimmed beards, and aging Stalinists urging single payer shares little in common internally except a furious resentment and a consuming sense of unfairness.

It needs an enemy to give it meaning. Without a common enemy it will tear itself apart and die.

The same is true of the anti-American coalition that Putin has cobbled together out of Marxist dictators in Latin America, Shiite fanatics in Iran, a North Korean prep school grad who starves his people to build nukes and radical American leftists convinced that every war is a CIA conspiracy. Like allying the NAACP, AFL-CIO, and GLAAD; it's an odd conclave, but as long as everyone focuses on a common foe, they can all be herded in the right direction.

Obama is an adequate national community organizer, but Putin is a global community organizer.

It's not just that Obama is weak and inept, but he's using a rulebook that Moscow is entirely familiar with because its men helped write it. The KGB vets running the show understand Obama intimately because they understood his mentors. The tactics, that Obama and his people imagine are clever and innovative, are minor examples of the tactics that the USSR was using abroad before he was even born.

Obama isn't isolating Putin. Putin is isolating Obama. He's doing it in the same way that Obama did it to Republicans.

Anti-Americanism has nothing to with America. Anti-Americanism creates a phantom enemy.

Osama bin Laden flew planes into the World Trade Center to increase the importance of Al Qaeda. Khrushchev's bellicose posturing was intended to ensure that the USSR would be taken seriously as a world power by framing its presence on the world stage alone with America. For Putin, conflict with America wasn't a reason not to invade Crimea, but an incentive to do it.

Putin is weakened, his popularity is shaky, the energy economy that he built up may collapse and the domestic opposition shows no fear of him despite all the beatings, arrests, and suspicious suicides. Crimea polarizes his domestic debate on favorable terms, between nationalists and "traitors", while increasing his stature as a world leader.

This should be familiar territory for Obama who has reacted to bad economic news by finding targets to attack. The War on Women had a lot in common with the invasion of Crimea. Both were sham wars stirred up by corrupt political figures to distract everyone from their own misdeeds.

Obama needs a Republican enemy to keep his people in line. Putin needs an American enemy to keep his people in line. If Obama understood this, he would also understand that Putin is as likely to work with him to defuse the conflict, as Obama would with John Boehner.

Putin and Obama are both deeply corrupt men whose former popularity has waned and are badly in need of distractions. The soft distractions of photo ops with celebrities, impromptu musical performances, and hunting expeditions won't work. So they turn to the hard distractions of war.

The threat that both men face is the same. Their people are suffering and that suffering has been caused in no small part by the culture of corruption surrounding them. Obama and Putin's friends have robbed both countries blind and the American and Russian peoples are waking up to their crimes.

That's why Putin isn't going to play nice. Unlike Obama, his domestic political opposition isn't in a position where it can be blamed for anything involving his regime. He can't declare that his domestic political opposition is waging a War on Women.

Instead he has to seek his wars abroad.

Obama would like Putin to go away so that he can focus on demonizing the domestic political opposition. Putin would like his domestic political opposition to go away so that he can focus on demonizing America. It's the same old game by two reds with law degrees on different political battlegrounds.

Obama thinks globally and acts locally. Putin thinks locally and acts globally.

Putin is determined to score points from the post-American transition. Reducing American power and influence worldwide was a move that the foreign policy left believed would defuse tensions. Instead it has turned into a gold rush for every petty tyrant and terrorist eager to count coup by humiliating the United States.

Obama wanted a peaceful post-American transition. Instead he's getting worldwide chaos and war.

Putin seeks out a conflict with the United States for the same reason that Obama seeks one out with Republicans; he wants an easy target to beat up on to distract from the economy and political corruption. United Russia, like the Democratic Party, is a party of crooks and thieves, which survives by fighting phantom enemies for phantom causes while robbing everyone blind.

For Obama and Putin, it's not really about Crimea or birth control; it's about power.

—*FrontPageMagazine.com*, March 27, 2014