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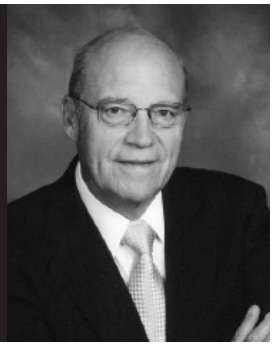

Death by a Thousand Cuts

by Fay Voshell

There was a form of torture and eventual execution employed by Chinese authorities from about 900-1905. The formal name is lingchi, meaning death by a thousand cuts. The victim being put to death did not expire immediately, but instead bled to death very slowly and excruciatingly.

Lingchi describes what is happening to Western European nations. They are slowly dying because of Islamist terrorists' thousand cuts.

But it is clear that, although the nations of Europe receive cut after cut, most of the leaders of those nations, as well as the leaders of the European Union, still will not acknowledge that Europe is being bled to death. That is because they will not or cannot diagnose, much less get rid of, the ideological disease that causes internal bleeding.

They do not comprehend that importing surgeons of death hidden among millions of immigrants is a recipe for national suicide. They also don't realize that dealing with one wound at a time won't staunch the hemorrhaging. Examining the latest wound and waiting for it to scab over while the next one is being inflicted will not heal the bleeding body politic.

Nor will the same, tired, and futile political placebos offered as palliatives for the latest wound—like the attack in Great Britain—actually deal with the underlying problems. Candlelight vigils, lighting up landmarks with the colors of the flag, speechifying and rationalizing terrorist behavior will never, ever deal effectively with the knife wielding inflictors of death and destruction

Tragically, the European nations just have not exhibited the will to do what needs to be done.

But they must. They simply must.

It was Viktor Orban of Hungary, who in a fiery speech just last year, eloquently defined the problem and the malaise of Europe's leaders. He realized Europe's (and thus Hungary's) national identities would be erased by the influx of foreigners whose ideology was adamantly opposed to the still largely Christian character and identity of Europe. He also recognized that the bureaucracy of the European Union was committed to the eradication of national boundaries and histories, wanting instead a cosmopolitan immigration policy that reinforced an ideology of internationalism.

Orban pointed the finger directly at Brussels:

"If we want to halt this mass migration, first we must curb Brussels. The main danger to Europe's future does not come from those who want to come here, but from Brussels' fanatical internationalism. We should not allow Brussels to place itself above the law. We shall not allow it to force upon us the bitter fruit of its cosmopolitan immigration policy. We shall not import to Hungary crime, terrorism, homophobia, and synagogue-burning anti-Semitism. There shall be no urban districts beyond the reach of the law, there shall be no mass disorder, no immigrant riots here, and there shall be no gangs hunting down our women and daughters. We shall not allow others to tell us whom we can let into our home and country, whom we will live alongside, and with whom we will share our country. We know how these things go. First, we allow them to tell us whom we must take in, then they force us to serve foreigners in our own country. In the end, we find ourselves being told to pack up and leave our own land. Therefore, we reject the forced resettlement scheme, and we shall tolerate neither blackmail, nor threats."

Orban made it clear that the Hungarian people have a right to retain their national identity, which was bought with the treasure of blood and revolution in 1848 and once again in 1956. Doubtless recalling the defeat of Hungary by the Ottomans at Varna in 1444 and the subsequent Islamization of the Balkans, he stood up for the Christian inheritance of the Hungarian people. He stated the heritage of Hungary and Europe are worth preserving:

"We adhere to the ancient law, and also measure our deeds by universal standards. We teach our children that their horizon should be eternity. Whether we shall succeed, whether finally we see the building of a homeland which is free, independent, worthy, and respected the world over—one which was raised high by our forebears from 1848, and for which they sacrificed their lives—we cannot yet know. We do know, however, that the current European constellation is an unstable one, and so we have some testing times ahead. The times in which we live press us with this question, which is like a hussar's sabre held to our chest: 'Shall we live in slavery or in freedom?' The destiny of the Hungarians has become intertwined with that of Europe's nations and has grown to be so much a part of the union that today not a single people—including the Hungarian people—can be free if Europe is not free. And today Europe is as fragile, weak and sickly as 'a flower being eaten away by a hidden worm.'"

In what was probably the most important part of his speech, he pointed out Brussels had a politically correct list of forbidden sentiments. He said that speaking the truth about what is happening in Europe is stifled:

"Europe is not free. Because freedom begins with speaking the truth. Today in Europe it is forbidden to speak the truth . . . It is forbidden to say that those arriving are not refugees, but that Europe is threatened by migration. It is forbidden to say that tens of millions are ready to set out in our direction. It is forbidden to say that immigration brings crime and terror to our countries. It is forbidden to point out that the masses arriving from other civilizations endanger our way of life, our culture, our customs and our Christian traditions. It is forbidden to point out that those who arrived earlier have already built up their own new, separate world for themselves, with its own laws and ideals, which is forcing apart the thousand-year-old structure of Europe. It is forbidden to point out that this is not an accidental and unintentional chain of consequences, but a preplanned and orchestrated operation; a mass of people directed towards us. It is forbidden to say that in Brussels they are concocting schemes to transport foreigners here as quickly as possible and to settle them here among us. It is forbidden to point out that the purpose of settling people here is to reshape the religious and cultural landscape of Europe, and to reengineer its ethnic foundations—thereby eliminating the last barrier to internationalism: the nation-states. It is forbidden to say that Brussels is now stealthily devouring more and more slices of our national sovereignty, and that in Brussels many are now making a plan for a United States of Europe—for which no one has ever given authorization."

Could one find a more succinct summary of what is happening because of Brussels' commitment to globalism, which is essentially a supranational order that encourages and even requires the extinction of individual nations such as Hungary and other nations within the EU?

He concludes nations must fight for their identities:

"The question upon which the future of Europe stands or falls is this: Shall we be slaves or men set free—That is the question. Answer me! Go for it, Hungary; go for it Hungarians!"

As for the nation most recently afflicted by yet another deep terrorist cut; namely, Great Britain, she would be wise to take Orban's advice. She should regain the British lion's roar.

Perhaps Prime Minister Theresa May could start by calling out the Muslim mayor of London for saying that Britain must get used to terrorism as a regular part of daily life. Perhaps she could advise deporting imams and others who are advocating death and destruction for British "infidels." Maybe a new political agenda could include surveillance of mosques whose leaders believe all non-Muslims deserve death. Certainly, she could advocate beefing up police and armed forces and push for severe penalties for those who would dare to attempt to take down her and the entire British government.

Maybe words like "treason" and "sedition" could come back into use and the penalties for such behavior enacted swiftly and promptly. Certainly, the evil people intent on inflicting yet more cuts to the body of England should be dealt with severely.

Meanwhile, the British must strengthen their resolve to retain their national identity and history—a history that was shaped by Christianity in a thousand beneficial ways. Britain was and still largely is a Christian nation. The battle she faces in order to retain her identity is largely spiritual in nature.

Unless Britain and other oppressed and afflicted European nations take strong steps to preserve their identities and are willing to strike back with force against radical Islamist terrorism, they will continue to be tortured and eventually bleed to death—just as Orban predicted.

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Anarchists Among Us

by Discover The Networks

Refuse Fascism (RF)—which was one of the organizations responsible for the ugly anti-Milo riots at UC Berkeley last month—was established shortly after the November 2016 US presidential election in which Republican Donald Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton. The creators of RF were Revolutionary Communist Party members Carl Dix, Sunsara Taylor (an advisory board member with World Can't Wait), and Andy Zee (a spokesman for the Manhattan-based Revolution Books shop managed by the Maoist activist C. Clark Kissinger).

RF laid out its political and ideological platform in a December 2016 manifesto depicting President Trump as an illegitimately elected "fascist" and declaring: "In the name of humanity we REFUSE to accept a fascist America!" Emphasizing the fact that Trump had lost the popular vote to Mrs. Clinton by some 2.5 million votes, RF characterized the Electoral College—which of course was where Trump had won the presidency—as an outdated and useless "product and legacy of slavery." The illegitimacy of the Electoral College was compounded, said RF, by the fact that "Republican Party representatives and operatives have over the years . . . systematically suppressed the votes of Black, Latino, and poor people" by means of such measures as Voter ID requirements. Moreover, RF tried to draw a connection between nonwhite voter suppression and "the overturning of the Voting Rights Act [VRA] in 2013 by the Supreme Court"—a gross mischaracterization of the Court's decision to strike down an anachronistic VRA provision that required certain states to obtain federal pre-clearance for any proposed changes to their election laws.

"More fundamental," said RF in its manifesto, "is the illegitimacy of such a fascist regime" as Trump's. Noting that "Hitler himself came to power through the process of elections and established legal procedures," RF charged that Trump: (a) "has made clear . . . that he intends to radically attack the rights of immigrants, Muslims, Black people, women, gay and trans people, the disabled, and many others who have been historically oppressed in this society"; (b) "will pursue a geopolitical policy that will be very short on facts and long on aggression, threats of aggression, insane nuclear proliferation, torture and threats of torture, and continually going to the brink of war and no doubt beyond, and all while stoking the fires of xenophobia and scapegoating"; (c) has "no respect for the freedom of the press and expression"; (d) "has already begun to seed the government with Christian fundamentalist theocrats and breathed new life into anti-Semitism"; (e) "has created an atmosphere around women that has further empowered rape culture and already damaged the lives and chances of every woman and girl in this country"; (f) "will seriously and qualitatively exacerbate a situation [vis-a-vis the environment] that is already heading to disaster"; (g) has "super-charged the notion that this is a 'white man's country' in which the rights and existence of Black people and other people of color count for nothing"; (h) "has put proven white supremacists . . . in positions of power"; and (i) has "given impetus to every fascist, neo-Nazi, and bigot to directly express themselves by violently going after people who are not white, male, Christian, or straight." As a result of Trump's ascendance to power, RF warned, "the days of white vigilantism and . . . lynch mobs . . . will now be back with a vengeance."

In an effort to prevent a Trump presidency from even getting off the ground, the RF manifesto exhorted leftist agitators nationwide to pour into the streets by "the tens of millions," so as to "create . . . a profound political crisis" that would stop "the fascist regime" from being "able to take the reins of government." But when Trump's January 2017 inauguration ultimately proceeded on schedule, RF shifted its objective to "driving from office" Trump and his "Legion of Doom" cabinet of "white supremacists, woman haters, science deniers, religious fundamentalist zealots, and war mongers."

Toward that end, RF drafted a petition titled Refuse Fascism Call to Action, which charged that the Trump "regime," in its quest "to establish a fascist order under the signboard of 'America First,'" had already "begun subverting the separation of powers [and] the separation of Church and State, called for a new nuclear arms race, demonized the press, [and] dismissed the very concept of truth [by] substituting their own fabricated 'alternative facts.'" Asserting, further, that "there is method to Trump's madness" that "echoes Hitler" and is "more dangerous to the world than even Hitler," the RF petition claims that President Trump's brand of fascism promotes "xenophobic nationalism, racism, misogyny, and the aggressive re-institution of oppressive 'traditional values.'"

RF is part and parcel of the radical leftist movement of lawless thugs whom David Horowitz recently described as follows: "They are not 'sore losers,' as many had surmised when their hysterical attacks on Trump as an American Hitler began; they are an army of saboteurs bent on destroying the government the voters prefer."

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Settled Science: Climate, Homosexuality, Evolution

by Don Fisher Jr.

"To question any of the liberals' current Holy Trinity is to risk being ostracized, ridiculed, silenced, and even re-educated until conformity to their dogma is achieved. Once again, the science is settled because liberals say so." Don Fisher

Editor's Note: For readers leaning toward the settled science of man-made global warming read Steve Goreham's *The Mad, Mad, Mad World of Climatism*. For readers leaning toward the settled science of homosexuality read the book of Genesis in the Bible and keep in mind that the 'gay gene' is still missing. For readers leaning toward the settled science of evolution check out the following: David Stove, *Darwinian Fairytales*; Richard Milton, *Shattering the Myths of Darwinism*; Norman MacBeth, *Darwin Retried*; Jonathan Wells, *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth?*; Stanley L. Jaki, *The Savior of Science*; Jonathan Wells, *The Politcally Incorrect Guide to Darwinism* and *Intelligent Design*.

"Professor Stephen J. Gould stated that . . . the mechanism of evolution was still unknown." Jaki, *The Savior of Science*, p. 205

"In 1999, a Chinese paleontologist who is an acknowledged expert on Cambrian fossils visited the United States to lecture on several university campuses. I attended one lecture in which he pointed out that the 'top-down' pattern of the Cambrian explosion contradicts Darwin's theory of evolution . . . In China we can criticize Darwin, but not the government; in American, you can criticize the government, but not Darwin." Jonathan Wells, *Icons of Evolution*, p. 58

"For Darwin theory says that there is always a struggle for life going on among the members of every species. So why was not every tender shoot of altruism or morality always promptly sheared off by natural selection?" David Stove, *Darwinisn Fairytales*, p. 150

"I remember well the time when the thought of the eye made me cold all over, but I have got over this stage of the complaint, and now small trifling particulars of structure often make me very comfortable. The sight of a feather in a peacock's tail, whenever I gaze at it, makes me sick!" Charles Darwin quoted in MacBeth, *Darwin Retried*, p. 101.

Oftentimes, those on the political left assume the mantle of moral superiority, and superiority in their knowledge of scientific advances as well. Both are self-serving and usually fraudulent claims, but that doesn't stop liberals from pretending they are our intellectual and philosophical betters. No matter how much factual evidence they're shown that disproves an argument, they continue to spout the same nonsense and then accuse those who don't agree with them of being behind the times or anti-science. Their alleged scientific proof is often filled with holes or is nonexistent altogether, even as the liberal news media promote their unsubstantiated theories. Disagreement is met with angry and sometimes violent rebukes from those who specialize in outrage instead of honest debate.

The most recent area of scientific legerdemain is, of course, climate change, or man-made global warming. For the past decade or so, we've been inundated with dire predictions of earthly catastrophes that have yet to materialize, while we're shamed into reducing our imagined "carbon footprint" in order to save the Earth. We're told the science is settled and that no further debate is necessary, despite no significant change in the world-wide climate or temperature. Meanwhile, there is proof

of faked data, which was revealed in the "Climategate" email scandal, and proof that the methodology for gathering temperature was fraudulent, as exposed by author Christopher Horner in his book *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and Environmentalism*. There is abundant verifiable evidence that man-made global warming is a hoax perpetrated by the power-hungry and embraced by the gullible, but we're told that the science is settled and that dissent is wrong or ignorant or even stupid.

Another area where the debate is allegedly over is homosexuality. Lately, we've been assaulted by liberals who claim that an aberrant sexual orientation is assigned by heredity and that we should accept it as normal. Of course, there is zero reliable evidence to support that theory, and the search for the elusive and most likely completely fictitious "gay gene" is ongoing. However, we're told that the science is settled there, too, because anecdotal accounts that Dave or Jane was always attracted to members of the same sex are supposed to be unassailable truth, regardless of the psychological conditions of Dave and Jane. If we disagree, we're anti-science or, of course, bigots. There is no actual proof that the science is anywhere near settled on this, nor that it isn't a choice, but we're told we need to change laws and the definition of marriage because feelings are all that matter. Oh, and "love wins," whatever that's supposed to mean.

Just as hotly contested as the previous two topics is the theory of evolution, which is now the official version of how mankind came into being on planet Earth. One, and only one, explanation is allowed to be taught in schools, and it has nothing to do with a deity, because not everyone believes in a supreme being. So atheist scientists who don't believe in a supreme being are unwilling to consider the possibility that something other than a self-generated desire to change allowed the species to survive, thrive, and adapt in their environments.

Atheists in science have convinced themselves and other atheists that evolution is reality, but that isn't enough. Their goal is to silence the debate by calling their theory "settled science" as well.

In her book *Godless* Ann Coulter confronted the so-called settled science of evolution and found significant gaps in it. In fact, there is no supporting fossil evidence that proves that theory, and, Coulter notes, "[t]he evolutionists' proof is their capacity to concoct a story." Yet evolution is taught as fact, and any deviation from that belief is eliminated from public schools and universities. Once again, the science is settled because liberals say so.

To question any of the liberals' current holy trinity is to risk being ostracized, ridiculed, silenced, and even re-educated until conformity to their dogma is achieved. There is no room for alternate theories in the world of liberal beliefs.

To the ideological group that purports to be open-minded to other beliefs, liberals show an amazing ability to remain entrenched in their accepted groupthink universe while they accuse any dissenters of not being open-minded. However, the definition of "open-minded" is not to accept anything that's told to us, no matter how bizarre or unfounded in fact. The definition is "willing to consider new ideas; unprejudiced." Nowhere in that short phrase is it suggested that we abandon logic, evidence, or common sense for the sake of the feelings of another person.

Even without evidence, the issue isn't whether or not these theories are plausible. The issue is that scientific theories should be treated exactly as all assertions are treated in our legal system, which is with actual verifiable evidence rather than bluster, outrage, and inflexible adherence to wishful thinking. Prove it, or stop saying the science is settled.

—*American Thinker*, March 25, 1027

International Women's Day

by Paul Kengor

The ability of the communist left to consistently dupe an ever-wider group of suckers never ceases to amaze. It's practically another constant of the universe.

I wrote here a few weeks ago about the now-infamous Women's March, a parade of perversity and vulgarity that erupted after the Trump inaugural in January, where none other than Angela Davis—America's longtime leading female Marxist revolutionary—was honorary co-chair and featured speaker. Comrade Angela fired up the female faithful as they donned ridiculous pink hats and cheered her revolution. Now, this week, the female front was enlisted again, this time going not pink but red—figuratively and literally.

Last week we had International Women's Day. If you know little to nothing of the history of this event, then you probably know more than the vast majority of young ladies and oblivious corporate sponsors tapped as dutiful foot soldiers.

The fact is that the origins of International Women's Day are communist-socialist. That reality is so unavoid-

ably obvious that the "About" section at the official International Women's Day website candidly lays out the origins in touting this glorious "collective day of global celebration" and "calls on the masses" to "help forge a better working world." Take a look at this surprisingly honest historical timeline provided at the website:

> **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TIMELINE JOURNEY**
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> 1909
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> In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. […]
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> 1910
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> In 1910 a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named Clara Zetkin (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day—a Women's Day—to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs—and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament—greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result. […]
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> 1913-1914
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> On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. In 1913 following discussions, International Women's Day was transferred to 8 March and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. […]
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> 1917
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> On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death of over 2 million Russian soldiers in World War I. Opposed by political leaders, the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere was 8 March.

I must concede kudos to the International Women's Day website developers for sharing this accurate history. This is spot on.

Readers will, of course, recognize many of these dates and names, especially the Russian ones. They may not identify names like Clara Zetkin. Old Clara was a big-time German commie—or, as leftists will prefer to call her, a socialist or "social democrat." In fact, Lenin and Trotsky and pioneering cultural Marxists like Herbert Marcuse were also social democrats. Clara was a cheerleader for Lenin. I have clips from *Working Woman* magazine, the January 30, 1934 edition, which I copied from the Soviet Comintern files on Communist Party USA. This particular edition included a preview of the coming International Women's Day of March 8, 1934. It featured a glowing review of Clara's lovely book *Reminiscences of Lenin*, including praise for the late despot's "warm smile," "keen joy" for workers, "clear thinking," and "masterly eloquence." This was Clara's valentine to Vladimir the killer in January 1924, at his death, amid her "hour of grief" and "deepest personal sorrow" at the "irreparable loss" of this "great man."

Perhaps passages of this blast-from-the-past could be posted in the "About" section of the International Women's Day website?

But there was much more to this year's International Women's Day. Its call for a better "gender world" was a distinctly and fittingly red one. Indeed, this is almost too delicious, but the January Women's March organizers, who just happened to spearhead this year's International Women's Day, literally urged women everywhere to wear red yesterday. Yes, red, and to do so in "solidarity" with the "masses." That call is issued without apology or irony at the Women's March website, along with two other eye-opening exhortations:

> Anyone, anywhere, can join by making March 8th A Day Without a Woman, in one or all of the following ways:
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> 1 Women take the day off, from paid and unpaid labor
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> 2 Avoid shopping for one day (with exceptions for small, women- and minority-owned businesses)
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> 3 Wear RED in solidarity with A Day Without A Woman

What a perfect color for this year's International Women's Day: red. The color of the revolution.

But the ironies don't stop there. Consider the parade

of duped organizations that this year's comradely organizers managed to hook into their cause. No, I'm not talking about the usual suspects, such as those highlighted at *People's World*, which I quote: "Backers include the National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA), Jobs With Justice, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), National Nurses United (NNU), Restaurant Opportunities Center United (ROC United), and the National Organization for Women (NOW)."

Those are just a smattering of the same-old-same-old; basically, the regular cabal of leftist grievance-mongers that rallied behind the classy Pussy Hats in Washington in January. No, look at this group of unexpected allies: The banner sponsors for this International Women's Day included a select list of 10 prominent corporate partners that served up themselves as this year's cast of useful idiots. The list includes Caterpillar, BP, MetLife, PepsiCo, and Western Union.

Wow, what a group of suckers.

Do the folks at the PR office at Caterpillar have any concept of what they lent their name to? Maybe they do. Perhaps Caterpillar has simply gone radical left. I'm wondering if the women who work at Caterpillar got the day off yesterday. If not, hopefully they didn't get in trouble if they simply "took the day off." And did the boys at Caterpillar don red on the assembly line in solidarity with their repressed sisters?

Hey, Caterpillar, here's a follow-up idea for you, given that you appear to be on this communist-socialist kick: Clara Zetkin's birthday is coming up on July 5. How about making this July 5 Clara Zetkin Day at Caterpillar? And don't forget about this October. Gee whiz, that will be the centennial of the glorious Bolshevik Revolution! Ask yourselves: What would Clara do?

Vladimir Lenin is fortunate to get credit for devising the term "useful idiots." It's a shrewd label. And this International Women's Day seems to have smoked them out nicely.

—*FrontPageMag.com*, March 13, 2017

Cuba Murders Hamell Santiago Mas Hernandez

by Mary Anastasia O'Grady

Score another kill for the Cuban military dictatorship: Last month it eliminated Afro-Cuban dissident Hamell Santiago Mas Hernandez, an inmate of one of its most notoriously brutal prisons.

The remarkable thing was not the death of a critic. That's routine in a police state that holds all the guns, bayonets, money, and food. What's noteworthy is that the world hardly blinked, which is to say that two years after President Obama's détente with Raul Castro, the regime still dispatches adversaries with impunity. It also routinely blocks visitors to the island, even of the leftist stripe—more on this in a moment—in order to keep the population isolated. "Normalization" to the contrary, Cuba is the same totalitarian hellhole that it has been for the past 58 years.

Forty-five-year-old Mas Hernandez was a member of the "Patriotic Union of Cuba, a group working for a peaceful transition to democracy. He was healthy when he was arrested in June and sentenced to four years in prison for "disrespect for authority"—a k a failure to bow to the masters of the slave plantation. His real crime was advocating for a free Cuba while black. There are few more lethal combinations.

The black Cuban in supposed to show gratitude to the revolution to sustain the myth that he has been elevated by communism. The grim reality is the opposite, but heaven help those who dare to say so.

In November, Mas Hernandez was transferred to Combinado del Este prison, a dungeon not fit for animals. There he developed a kidney infection. His wife told the independent media in Cuba that he lost almost 35 pounds. According to his overlords he died on February 24 of a "heart attack." Funny, that epidemic of heart

disease among those who cross Castro.

His death ought to prick the conscience of the free world. But while the island is crawling with foreign news bureaus, the story has not appeared in the English-language press. President Obama may have opened Cuba to more tourists, but the regime takes pains to keep its 11 million captive souls and their misery invisible.

The Castro family is a crime syndicate and many American businesses want a piece of the action. Sheraton Four Points now runs a hotel owned by the military regime. The luggage company Tumi spent the winter promoting Cuba travel on its website. (Note to self: Buy that new suitcase from someone who isn't blind to tyranny.) The upshot is that more US dollars flow to Cuba's military coffers than ever before.

Mr. Obama argued that more contact with outsiders would empower Cubans. The regime agrees. It has been open to foreign tourism and investment since the end of Soviet subsidies in the early 1990s, and millions of Europeans, Latin Americans, and Asians have flooded the country. But its secret police keep a tight leash on visitors.

British real-estate developer Stephen Purvis, Canadian businessmen Cy Tokmakjian and Sarkis Yacoubian and US Agency for International Development contractor Alan Gross all did time in Cuban jails for being too independent of the mob boss.

Last month Castro took the audacious step of refusing visas to three prominent Latin American politicians who could hardly be regarded as enemies of Cuba.

Organization of American States Secretary-General Luis Almagro was invited to Cuba by Rosa Maria Paya. She is the daughter of the late Cuban dissident Oswaldo Paya, who was killed in a suspicious car accident in the summer of 2012. Mr. Almagro was slated to receive an award named for Ms. Paya's father from the Latin America Youth Network for Democracy. But Mr. Almagro, who is a Uruguayan leftist, was denied entry to the island.

The regime also blocked Mariana Aylwin, the daughter of Patricia Aylwin, the first elected Chilean president post-Pinochet. Ms. Aylwin is a Christian Democrat and a former education minister and was to accept a posthumous award for her late father. She remains an important voice in the Chilean Christian Democrat Party, which is a member, with the Communist Party among others, of the governing coalition.

Ms. Paya also invited former Mexican President Felipe Calderon to the event. Mr. Calderon is a member of Mexico's center-right PAN, but as head of state he was friendly toward Cuba. One memorable moment was when he welcomed Raul at the Rio Group summit on the Mayan Riviera in 2010 at a time when Orlando Zapata, another black Cuban dissident, lay dying in a military prison. Mr. Calderon was also denied a visa.

Cuba is not reforming. As always, dissidents are sent to prison death traps, and now Castro insults highly placed onetime friends by refusing them access to the island. Tourists are welcome, but only to drink state propaganda and leave behind hard currency. Any suggestion that Cubans have a right to self-determination remains a crime against the state.

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