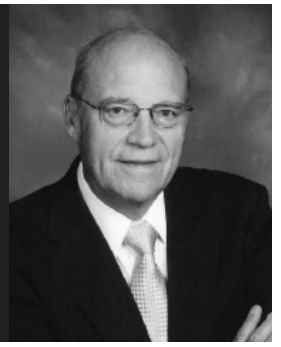




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Democratic Socialists of America

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Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) has mounted a massive disinformation campaign to fool the American voting public. Thousands of members are flocking to the rapidly growing organization. Many DSA members have also joined the Democratic Party, holding key positions in almost every state. Millions of voters have supported DSA candidates running as Democrats. Hundreds of DSA-supported candidates have been elected to county commissions, city councils, education boards, and state legislatures across the country. Two members, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) and Rashida Tlaib (Mich.), have penetrated Congress. DSA-driven policies—Medicare for All (socialized healthcare), the Green New Deal, National Popular Vote, \$15 minimum wage, illegal alien amnesty—are rapidly becoming Democratic Party policy. All this is possible because DSA has managed to convince the US mainstream media and most of the public that they are harmless European socialists who don't want communism. They want America to be more like Sweden or Norway, not like the Soviet Union, China, or Cuba.

According to the DSA website:

Socialists have been among the harshest critics of authoritarian Communist states. Just because their bureaucratic elites called them “socialist” did not make it so; they also called their regimes “democratic.” Democratic socialists always opposed the ruling party-states of those societies, just as we oppose the ruling classes of capitalist societies. We applaud the democratic revolutions that have transformed the former Communist bloc.

So why does DSA openly support the communist Maduro regime in Venezuela? Why does DSA also work closely with several European Communist Parties, including those of France, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, and Germany?

Why did DSA National Political Committee member David Green write in 2007:

What distinguishes socialists from other progressives is the theory of surplus value. According to Marx, the secret of surplus value is that workers are a source of more value than they receive in wage Surplus value is the measure of capital's exploitation of labor Our goal as socialists is to abolish private ownership of the means of production.

The answer is simple. DSA might talk a good game about being democratic and giving the people a voice, but it is essentially a communist organization, one that is fully committed to socialist revolution, including undoing the Constitution and the rights it protects and doing away with the free-enterprise system. It is also a willing component of the world revolutionary movement.

Rejuvenating Socialism

Three years ago, DSA was an obscure, graying Marxist sect of about 6,000 members—only about 20 percent of whom were consistently active. DSA had some strength in academia, organized labor, churches, and locally in the Democratic Party, but its influence was way down from its 1980s heyday.

Today, off the back of the 2016 Bernie Sanders presidential campaign and the subsequent anti-Trump protest movement, DSA boasts nearly 60,000 mainly young activists, a string of election victories, a massive social-media presence, and more than 200 locals in all 50 states.

While DSA is effectively an umbrella group for nearly every variant of Marxist and anarchist tendency in America, the influence of Italian Communist Party theoretician Antonio Gramsci is most prominent.

Gramsci believed that Marx and Lenin got it wrong. Revolution would not come from an uprising by oppressed workers. Instead Gramsci believed that the workers had been brainwashed by “capitalism” and the church to accept the sta-

tus quo. Therefore society had to be reconditioned into a socialist consciousness. The churches, media, government, education, art, culture, unions, and political parties would all have to be captured by communists in order to shape the consciousness of the people in a socialist direction. And that's what DSA has tried to accomplish.

DSA national director Maria Svart confirmed the organization's ongoing commitment to Gramscian philosophy when she told a gathering of European communist and socialist parties in Brussels, Belgium, in April 2019: "We have a very 'Gramscian strategy' of . . . bringing an ideological challenge to this whole system."

DSA and Religion

As the late conservative journalist Andrew Breitbart liked to say, "Politics is downstream from culture." Good Gramscians such as DSA understand that culture is downstream from religion.

So right from the start, Harrington's Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) and then DSA maintained a religious and socialism commission dedicated to spreading socialist doctrines through Christianity, Judaism, and, more recently, America's Islamic communities.

Many DSA comrades held senior positions in mainstream Protestant churches and, to a lesser degree, the Catholic Church.

Among the more prominent Protestant DSA comrades were Stephen Charleston, assistant bishop of Connecticut and president and dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Harvey Cox, Hollis professor of divinity at Harvard; Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary; Norm Faramelli, lecturer in philosophy, theology, and ethics at the Boston University School of Theology; and more.

James Cone, the father of Black Liberation Theology and colleague of Obama's Reverend Jeremiah Wright, was very close to DSA, as was Jim Wallis, of Sojourners and formerly President Obama's faith advisor. Wallis has played a major role in moving American Evangelical Christianity to the left in recent years.

Prominent Catholic DSA comrades included John Cort, Catholic Worker and Archdiocesan Labor Guild; Monsignor George Higgins, interfaith justice; and Sister Mary Emil Penet, founder of the Sister Formation Conference. DSA comrades also include Unitarians, Muslims, and Jews.

DSA and the Unions

After many communists were expelled from the

AFL-CIO in the 1940s and '50s, most of American organized labor came under moderate—or sometimes criminal—control and stayed that way up until the early 1990s. During this time unions would often endorse Republicans and refused to tie themselves exclusively to the Democratic Party.

Circa 1994, AFSCME president Gerald McEntee approached the AFL-CIO with his idea for Project '95, a coalition effort aimed at retaking the House for the Democratic Party. However, moderate AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland refused to cooperate. In response, McEntee and SEIU leader John Sweeney began plotting Kirkland's removal. They soon built a coalition that included not just the core of the old communist-led CIO (the Auto Workers, Steelworkers, Mine Workers), but the Machinists, leftist Ron Carey's Teamsters, the Carpenters, and the Laborers.

When the dust had settled, John Sweeney, who formally joined DSA just before the election, emerged as America's top labor leader.

The new leadership quickly removed the AFL-CIO's constitutional clause banning communists from holding office in AFL-CIO unions—with predictable results.

According to DSA's *Democratic Left* Spring/Summer 2000 edition,

And there's good news: More DSA members and alumni of DSA's Youth Section are moving up through the administrative and organizing reaches of AFL-CIO international unions, and global labor solidarity groups, than ever in recent memory.

Today DSA has huge influence in the 1.8-million strong SEIU, the government workers union AFSCME, various education unions, and in the AFL-CIO itself. National Nurses United, one of the main players in the push for socialized healthcare, is a wholly owned DSA subsidiary.

And in today's America, the unions and the Democrats are locked at the hip.

In an essay in *Democratic Left* Spring/Summer 2000, then DSA vice-chair Harold Meyerson wrote:

The strategic importance of unions in American politics has increased almost exponentially since John Sweeney took the helm at the AFL-CIO in 1995. It's the unions that have brought the Democrats back to the brink of retaking Congressional power.

DSA controls America's unions, and the unions largely control the Democratic Party.

DSA and the Democratic Party

Under DSA founder Michael Harrington's able leadership, DSA began a concerted campaign to move the Democratic Party to the left. Hundreds of DSA comrades joined the Democratic Party and held regular meetings at Democratic conferences through DSA fronts such as the "New Directions Movement" and "Democratic Agenda."

In the early days, DSA had dozens of prominent Democrats on its membership roster, including New York City mayor David Dinkins; St. Paul, Minnesota, mayor Jim Scheibel; Ithaca, New York, mayor Ben Nichols; Irvine, California, mayor Larry Agran (who briefly ran for president); and several state representatives, including Michael Paymar (Minnesota), Babette Josephs (Pennsylvania), and Harlan Baker (Maine).

Congressional DSA comrades have included Neil Abercrombie (later governor of Hawaii), Major Owens (New York), one-time second-ranking Congressional Democrat David Bonior (Michigan), Mary Jo Kilroy (Ohio), and senior member of the Armed Services Committee Ron Dellums (California). Current Congressmen who have been in DSA include Jan Schakowsky and Danny Davis (Illinois), and Jerry Nadler (New York), who as chairman of the Judiciary Committee oversees the Justice Department and the FBI—and may lead the impeachment of President Trump. The goal now is to build DSA-controlled groups working semi-autonomously under the Democratic Party banner.

Key elements of this takeover are the Congressional Progressive Caucus, which was founded by Bernie Sanders with DSA help in 1991; Progressive Democrats of America (founded by DSA member Tim Carpenter in 2004); the DSA-infiltrated Working Families Party; and the mass organizations Our Revolution and Indivisible. Our Revolution, which boasts 300,000 members, is completely controlled by DSA. Many chapters in fact double as DSA branches.

According to senior DSA members Carl Davidson and Bill Fletcher, Jr., writing in *Organizing Upgrade*:

At the moment, there are two major caucuses: the social democratic Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) and the neo-Keynesian New Democrat Coalition (NDC)/Third Way Caucus DSA, Working Families Party (WFP) and Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) make up the left wing of the CPC

The Congressional Progressive Caucus gets even greater reach at the grassroots through Our Revolution and Indivisible. Our Revolution grew out of the 2016 Bernie Sanders campaign and has

hundreds of local chapters. Indivisible was formed in the protests around Trump's inauguration, first around a manual on how to organize. It now boasts a reported 3,800 local groups.

The implications? Socialists shouldn't work 'within the Democratic party,' but with one of its clusters, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, especially its DSA/WFP/PDA left wing and its mass allies. The Progressive Caucus is by far the largest of the Democratic Caucuses, with numbers above 100 members. . . . The goal would be to develop and expand the CPC, win over as many of the New Democrats as possible.

DSA and Presidential Politics

DSA is about power, so it always sought to influence those fellow leftists who one day may be serving in the White House.

In 1962, two decades before he founded DSA, Michael Harrington published his opus on American poverty, *The Other America*. Harrington's book argued that upwards of 50 million Americans lived in a "system designed to be impervious to hope." Harrington's book is widely credited with inspiring President Johnson's "Great Society," the massive and disastrous expansion of the federal welfare system that is still blighting the nation today with its intergenerational welfare and related endemic crime.

DSOC/DSA leader Michael Harrington also enjoyed a close personal relationship with Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, and endorsed his 1980 presidential campaign.

In 1979, Harrington invited Kennedy to address one of DSOC's Democratic Agenda conferences.

Although Senator Kennedy declined to appear, he did send a message of support to the DSA stating, "I share your conviction that progressive economic and social programs must gain a high priority in the direction of our party and our nation I welcome the opportunity to work with you."

President Clinton's speechwriter David Kusnet was a DSA comrade. The Clintons were also very close to influential Los Angeles philanthropist Stanley Sheinbaum, a well-known DSA donor and member. DSA also claims that several of its members served on Hillary Clinton's Health Care Task Force—her failed attempt to socialize American healthcare. Notorious DSA comrades Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven were standing directly behind President Clinton in the oval office when he signed the 1993 Voter Registration Act. This legislation, promoted by Cloward and Piven, was designed to en-

courage higher turnout among low-income Democratic-leaning voters—a strategy still being followed today.

Barack Obama could hardly turn around without tripping over a DSA comrade. Writing in the Chicago magazine *In These Times*, in March 2008, editor and DSAer Joel Bleifuss asserted: “In particular, Obama can be linked to the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), the Democratic Party-oriented organization that is a member of the Socialist International.”

A former communist turned DSA activist, physician Quentin Young was the father of the American “single payer” or socialized healthcare movement.

As Young told Amy Goodman: “Barack Obama, in those early days—influenced, I hope, by me and others—categorically said single payer was the best way, and he would inaugurate it if he could get the support.”

During Obama’s first presidential campaign, several DSA comrades climbed on board, including Harry Boyte, co-chair of the campaign’s Civic Engagement Group; Eliseo Medina, Latino Advisory Council; Cornel West, National Black Advisory Council; and Jose LaLuz, who served as president of Latinos for Obama.

Once Obama was elected, Eliseo Medina, a leader of the illegal-alien-amnesty movement, served as an immigration advisor to the president. Obama appointed one-time DSA comrade Ron Bloom as his “Car Czar,” and Rosa Brooks, the daughter of prominent DSA leader Barbara Ehrenreich, was appointed senior advisor to the under secretary of defense for policy, Michele Flournoy.

Several of the current crop of 2020 Democratic presidential hopefuls have DSA connections.

Bernie Sanders owes his career to DSA. Sanders addressed his first DSA group in Los Angeles in 1986, and has addressed multiple socialist affairs since.

From the Spring 2000 edition of DSA’s *Democratic Left* editorial: “DSA honored independent socialist Congressperson Bernie Sanders of Vermont at our last convention banquet, and we have always raised significant funds nationally for his electoral campaigns.”

DSA boasts that its efforts put Sanders into the US Senate in 2006, and there is no doubt it formed the backbone of his presidential campaign in 2016, as it will again in 2020. Even Sanders’ biographer Stephen Soifer was a DSA comrade.

Senator Elizabeth Warren worked closely with DSA supporter Heather Booth to create her signature Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In 2013, Warren was given an award by the DSA-controlled Midwest Academy, a Chicago-based Alinsky-style training school for communist agitators. I mean “community organizers.”

Senator Amy Klobuchar comes out of Minnesota’s Wellstone movement. Klobuchar’s mentor Senator Paul Wellstone was actively involved with DSA for at least 15 years. He was reportedly about to announce a presidential run when he died in a plane crash in 2002.

Representative Tulsi Gabbard’s first congressional race was launched by one-time DSA member and Hawaii’s first lady Nancie Caraway. She has worked extensively with DSA comrades over the last few years.

Former Representative Beto O’Rourke employed many DSA comrades in his unsuccessful 2018 race for US senator from Texas.

South Bend, Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg’s father, Joseph Buttigieg, was a DSA affiliate and leading Gramsci scholar. As a teenager, young Pete was on the DSA mailing list and won a prestigious national essay competition on the topic of his socialist hero Bernie Sanders. Mayor Pete worked closely with some DSA members in South Bend.

DSA always tries to cover its bases.

Public (Grassroots) Enemy No. 1

DSA is usually portrayed in the media as a dynamic bunch of idealistic young socialists, fully committed to justice, fairness, and democracy. In reality, DSA is a Marxist revolutionary organization fully committed to destroying America’s constitutional freedoms and free-enterprise system.

The communistic DSA has influence at every level of the Democratic Party (federal and local), organized labor, academia, and religion.

DSA is a “clear and present danger” to the national security of this nation. Unless this organization is thoroughly investigated, exposed, and countered, expect it to continue to wreak havoc on the Constitution for some years to come. DSA aims to finish what the Communist Party started. We cannot allow that to happen.

—*The New American*, August 5, 2019

Londonstan

by John Glynn

In April of this year, in an article titled “4 Reasons Why London is The Worst,” Maria Ebele had this to say: “London has the reputation of one of the greatest cities in the world. But I’ll let you in on a secret: if you ever want to make friends with a Brit who is not from London, casually drop in conversation that London isn’t your most

favourite place in the world. Then sit back and watch. Most likely, you'll see his or her eyes light up with glee at the opportunity to rip into the nation's capital."

The author has a point. Over the past couple of years, more than 340,000 people have moved away from London amid rising levels of knife crime, according to reports. Extortionate property prices and poor air quality are also cited as reasons for people choosing to leave the capital and set up a new life elsewhere in the UK. Obviously, people want a better quality of life; also, people would prefer not to get stabbed.

However, could there be another reason for the mass exodus?

I ask this because London is acquiring an increasingly Islamic face.

In the words of Maulana Syed Raza Rizvi, an eminent preacher in the city, "London is more Islamic than many Muslim countries put together." Yes, that London, as in the home of red buses and posh accents. The "traditional" picture of London has been replaced with a more worrying one. According to Giulio Meotti, a researcher at the Gatestone Institute, by 2020, "estimates are that the number of Muslims attending prayers will reach at least 683,000, while the number of Christians attending weekly Mass will drop to 679,000." Next year, Islam looks likely to be the dominant religion in the capital.

As Meotti notes, since 2001, more than 500 London churches of all denominations have been turned into private homes. During the same period, British mosques have been proliferating. The proportion of Britons who identify themselves as Anglicans continues to fall, while, according to a NatCen Social Research Institute report, the number of Muslims continues to grow by the thousands. As Jean Patrick Gunberg laments, "Churchgoers are declining at a rate that within a generation, their number will be three times lower than that of Muslims who go regularly to mosque on Friday."

Of course, Islamification doesn't occur in a vacuum. In Birmingham, the second largest city in the UK, an Islamic minaret dominates the skyline. The "City of a Thousand Trades" has a huge Muslim population (22%). There have been petitions to allow mosques to place loudspeakers throughout the city. Why? To call people to prayer three times a day.

Imagine this occurring in Los Angeles, the second largest city in the US.

Demographically, the Britain of today is very different from the Britain of the '90s and early '00s; the most common name in England and Wales is now Mohammed, including spelling variations such as Muhammad

and Mohammad.

Outside of London and Birmingham, other major cities have huge Muslim populations: Manchester (15.8%) and Bradford (24.7%). In the latter city, half the children are Muslim. The cultural, demographic, and religious revolution in which Christianity declines and Islam advances is almost complete. The future of the UK is one rooted in burqas and strict interpretations of Islam.

An exaggeration? I think not.

As Innes Bowen noted in a piece for *The Spectator*, of the some 1,700 mosques in Britain, only two—yes, two—now follow the modernist interpretation of Islam. The Wahhabis control many mosques throughout the land. Call it what you will, "ultraconservative," "austere," "fundamentalist," or "puritan," but Wahhabism is premised on an abhorrent doctrine.

Worryingly, major British cities are full of sharia courts. London, for example, has over 100. How did this happen?

According to the aforementioned Giotti, "The advent of this parallel judicial system has been made possible thanks to the British Arbitration Act and the system of Alternative Dispute Resolution. These new courts are based on the rejection of the inviolability of human rights: the values of freedom and equality that are the basis of English Common Law."

Acquiescence bordering on capitulation has also played a role. Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Chief Justice Lord Phillips have previously suggested that British law should "incorporate" elements of sharia law—you know, the law based on the religious precepts of Islam, not the actual law that civilized societies in the west recognize.

British universities have also acquiesced. Take a quick look at the report titled "external speakers in higher education institutions," published by Universities in the UK. There you will read that "orthodox religious groups" may separate men and women during events. As *The Daily Mail* reported, females at Queen Mary University of London had to use a separate entrance and were told to sit in a room without being able to ask questions or even raise their hands. Remember, this took place in London, not Lahore.

According to reporters at *The Telegraph*, the Islamic Society at the London School of Economics held a particularly notable gala. Here, like livestock in a shed, women and men were separated by a seven-meter panel.

This should worry us all, especially those of us who care about the UK as a bastion of civilized values.

—*FrontPageMag.com*, August 16, 2019

The New Heretics

by Steve Apfel

Rome made Galileo a heretic for concluding that the earth was not the center of the universe. It silenced him by house arrest. The day is fast approaching when a bible of correct views will define and silence heretics who argue with it. Debate is closing on opinions entitling you to be tolerated.

Are the accepted views all that wise? What makes them better than unacceptable views? Have we entered a glittering age of enlightenment that it is worth closing down our freedom to think contrary wise, to disassemble the wisdom of the day and disclose where and how it may be wrong? In what ways are the allowed views superior in terms of intellect, common sense, bias, and idiosyncrasy? In fact is new age wisdom an improvement on the edicts of the Pope in Rome?

The problem is that our system ticks every box. You go up against the wisdom of the day at your peril. It might cost you as dearly as it cost Galileo. Not sentenced to house arrest but get an ugly name. Disagree with the killing of unwanted human fetuses and you are ‘anti-feminist.’ Give voters the right to freely elect a right of center party and you are a white supremacist, or a populist or nationalist or even neo-Nazi. Refuse to define evil by the color white and you are racist. Disprove that Barack Obama, the leftwing black leader, could do no evil while Donald Trump the rightwing white leader can do no good—well, civilized society is not for you. Go up against the correct views and you’ll collect more ugly names than you can wear.

If your nerve ends don’t scream that the planet is doomed from climate change, you’ll be lumped with flat-earth nut heads. If sound and camera bites of border-hopping migrants don’t boil your blood, it means you are cool with the Warsaw Ghetto and extermination camps. Prove by law that Israel occupies no one’s land, and you’re a dirty Zionist.

Those are a smattering of new heresies that will land you under ‘house arrest’—meaning you’ve lost the right to be tolerated. What may be dished out to you after this defining moment of isolation? Disinvites to public speaking; disruption by unruly students; cold shoulder treatment by media for the politically correct; and most final of all, a death sentence on social media—Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts may be closed. Were the Middle Ages more closed-minded and less tolerant? Is the college campus much more open than the Vatican

that locked up Galileo?

Ours is not the age of thought but the age of what to think.

I was taught a quick lesson of this at a Shabbat table. I ought to have known better than to make sceptical remarks about climate hysteria. Remarks of a heretic. Questions of an unbeliever. Islam calls unbelievers “Infidels.” I wonder what name the faithful give to those who doubt that the world will revert to steam and swamp from carbon emission? I saw zealotry at the table. I saw hurt and anger. I saw kind faces turn nasty. Was I being serious with questions wild and weird?

Like the following. If nuclear power has no carbon footprint and if the end of the world is nigh from carbon emission—well then? How many climate hysterics do you know look to nuclear power for salvation? If you yell, “drowning!” yet refuse a lifejacket because the color is wrong, are you for real? Warnings that we have years to fix the world were being touted in the last century. And how much is the climate industry worth? And how many tens of thousands owe their careers to it? And how many celebs and millionaires owe the good life to it? And what comfy bums sit on UN forums on climate change? And if you follow the money where does the trail lead?

I saw good Jews turn quiet with upset and red with anger. They would not have been half so hurt had I denied the existence of God.

But here is the bottom line, you see. Devotion to the religions of our time is the bottom line. Open borders and climate change and abortion and human rights and Left is good but Right is bad and gender is fluid and diversity trumps merit. These and other new religions had to fill a void left by the failed experiments of bygone days. Nation states led to world wars. Race led to the Holocaust. Class struggle led to Stalin and the Gulag. Hundreds of millions died in the name of false gods. And this may be the problem with the new gods. They are not gods of right and wrong but of right positions and wrong positions

The window permitting free thought is closing even as we breathe. Compared to the Middle Ages, the tech age may not be so tolerant and enlightened as we think.

—*FrontPageMag.com*, June 26, 2019

Siege of Vienna, 1683

by Raymond Ibrahim

“Austria acts against Muslims almost every day be-

cause of their subconscious fear of Turks,” writes Turkish historian Erhan Afyoncu in the *Daily Sabah*. “Austrians have not forgotten the fear and their emperor’s escape in the Battle of Vienna in 1683. When Turks were defeated in the Battle of Vienna, Europeans were so happy . . .”

Because this is true, a brief refresher of the Siege of Vienna is in order, particularly as its anniversary is right around now:

Around July 15, 1683, the largest Islamic army ever to invade European territory—which is saying much considering that countless invasions preceded it since the eighth century—came and surrounded Vienna, then the heart of the Holy Roman Empire and longtime nemesis of Islam.

Some 200,000 Muslim combatants, under the leadership of the Ottomans—the one state in nearly fourteen centuries of Islamic history most dedicated to and founded on the principles of jihad—invaded under the same rationale that so-called “radical” groups, such as the Islamic State, cite to justify their jihad on “infidels.” Or, to quote the leader of the Muslim expedition, Grand Vizier Kara Mustafa, because Vienna was perceived as the head of the infidel snake, it needed to be laid low so that “all the Christians would obey the Ottomans.”

This was no idle boast; sources describe this Mustafa as “fanatically anti-Christian.” After capturing a Polish town in 1674 he ordered all the Christian prisoners to be skinned alive and their stuffed hides sent as trophies to Ottoman Sultan Muhammad IV. Such supremacist hate was standard and on display during the elaborate pre-jihad ceremony presaging the siege of Vienna. Then, the sultan, “desiring him [Mustafa] to fight generously for the Mahometan faith,” to quote a contemporary European source, placed “the standard of the Prophet . . . into his hands for the extirpation of infidels, and the increase of Muslemen.”

Once the massive Muslim army reached and surrounded the walls of Vienna around July 15, Mustafa followed protocol. In 628, his prophet Muhammad had sent an ultimatum to Emperor Heraclius: *aslam taslam*, “submit [to Islam] and have peace.” Heraclius rejected the summons, jihad was declared against Christendom (as enshrined in Koran 9:29), and in a few decades, two-thirds of the then Christian world—including Spain, all of North Africa, Egypt, and Greater Syria—were conquered.

Now, over a thousand years later, the same ultimatum of submission to Islam or death had reached the heart of Europe. Although the Viennese commander did not bother to respond to the summons, graffiti inside the city—

including “Muhammad, you dog, go home!”—seems to capture its mood.

So it would be war. On the next day, Mustafa unleashed all hell against the city’s walls; and for two months, the holed-up and vastly outnumbered Viennese suffered plague, dysentery, starvation, and many casualties—including women and children—in the name of jihad.

Then, on September 12, when the city had reached its final extremity, and the Muslims were about to burst through, Vienna’s prayers were answered. As an anonymous Englishman explained:

After a siege of sixty days, accompanied with a thousand difficulties, sicknesses, want of provisions, and great effusion of blood, after a million of cannon and musquet shot, bombs, granadoes, and all sorts of fireworks, which has changed the face of the fairest and most flourishing city in the world, disfigured and ruined [it]... heaven favorably heard the prayers and tears of a cast down and mournful people.

The formidable king of Poland, John Sobieski, had finally come at the head of 65,000 heavily-armored Poles, Austrians, and Germans—all hot to avenge the beleaguered city. Arguing that “It is not a city alone that we have to save, but the whole of Christianity, of which the city of Vienna is the bulwark,” Sobieski led a thunderous cavalry charge—history’s largest—against and totally routed the Muslim besiegers.

Although a spectacular victory, the aftermath was gory: before fleeing, the Muslims ritually slaughtered some 30,000 Christian captives collected during their march to Vienna—raping the women beforehand. On entering the relieved city, the liberators encountered piles of corpses, sewage, and rubble everywhere.

It is this history of Islamic aggression—beginning in the fourteenth century when Muslims first established a foothold in Eastern Europe (Thrace), and into the twentieth century when the Ottoman sultanate finally collapsed—that informs Eastern European views on Islam. As one Pole, echoing the words of Sobieski, said, “A religious war between Christianity and Islam is once again underway in Europe, just like in the past.”

Whereas Western nations cite lack of integration, economic disparities, and grievances to explain away the exponential growth of terrorism, violence, and rapes that come with living alongside large Muslim populations, Eastern nations tend to see only a continuity of hostility.

—*American Thinker*, July 15, 2019

Climate Fraud

by Bob Weir

In 1968, Stanford University professor Paul Ehrlich wrote *The Population Bomb*, which became a bestseller. The premise of the book was that worldwide famine was going to destroy humanity. According to the professor, this frightening scenario was scheduled to happen in the 1970s and 1980s, due to overpopulation, as well as other major societal upheavals. Hmmm . . . sounds as though he was giving mankind about 12 years before Armageddon would occur. Whom does that remind you of? Anyway, his solution was immediate action to limit population growth! We know how well that worked out!

During the 1970s, we entered a period of academic conjecture on a subject that came to be known as global cooling. This theory was based on studies that suggested that a buildup of glaciers was occurring and could cause imminent cooling of the Earth's surface, leading to another Ice Age. Glaciers are made up of fallen snow that, over many years, compresses into large, thickened ice masses. Presently, glaciers occupy about 10 percent of the world's total land area, with most located in polar regions like Antarctica, Greenland, and the Canadian Arctic. Glaciers are remnants from the last Ice Age, when ice covered nearly 32 percent of the land and 30 percent of the oceans. At 10 percent, we're doing well.

As we moved into the 1980s, another climate scare was taking root. Acid rain gave new meaning to the term "the sky is falling." According to the alarmists of that era, there was a form of precipitation that contained an acidic quality with elevated levels of hydrogen ions. They claimed that the acid rain was having harmful effects on plants, aquatic animals, and our infrastructure. Nothing much was said about walking in the rain or drinking rainwater. After a series of studies and the emergence of a new term called the "ozone hole," life went on pretty much the same as always.

. . . that is, until around the late 1990s, when a new phrase was adopted by the usual suspects who seem to live for the chance to predict disaster in every human encounter with nature. This time, it was global warming that pushed their body temperature up. No, they admitted, the Earth is not cooling; it's warming. The term refers to the

emission of greenhouse gases being released by those huge, greedy, and irresponsible companies prospering in the modern industrial economy. This "warming" would, according to the teenage scientific experts carrying signs on college campuses, melt the polar ice caps and flood major cities around the world. Keep in mind that this was only about 20 years after they were convinced that glaciers were growing sufficiently to turn all human and plant life on the planet into icicles.

When every other catastrophic prediction failed, the chronic complainers needed to find a descriptive term that would cover everything bad in the universe. Voilà! Around 2010, "climate change" burst onto the scene with an evangelical fervor that would capture the imagination of even the most committed infidels. After all, the use of such a comprehensive term for any environmental occurrence would give them cover no matter what happened. Devastating hurricanes in the Caribbean? Climate change! Lower than normal temperatures in Southern states? Climate change is the culprit! Sweltering temperatures in northern states? You wanna guess what caused it? Tsunami in the Philippines? You know it has to be climate change!

The fact that these calamities have occurred since countries began to record weather hundreds of years ago has no effect on those who have been systematically convinced that it all started, coincidentally, just as they approached puberty. Armed with a new and formidable weapon, which appears to demonstrate their inflexible moral authority over "climate change deniers," these fanatics feel compelled to destroy anyone who doesn't kneel before their truculent orthodoxy. You may have gotten a taste of it on social media if you took an opposing position when someone declares that the world will end in about a dozen years. Ruthless attacks will be your reward for daring to have a contrary thought.

This is how the left wing wins its battles in our country today. Rational thought is a loser for leftists. They can score victories only by threats and intimidation. It's a type of primal scream emanating from the angry mob mentality being relentlessly nurtured by a corrupt political system, aided and abetted by a dishonest media determined to hold onto power, even if the country is lost in the effort.

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