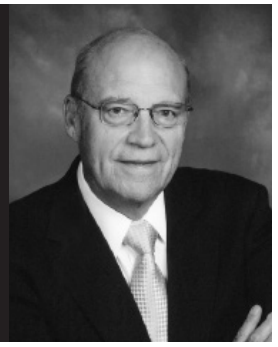




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The Left and Capitalism

by Joseph Klein

At this Wednesday's press briefing by President Trump and his Coronavirus Task Force, President Trump was asked one of the most insulting questions that he has ever been asked during his presidency—and that's saying something. A "reporter" wanted to know, "how many deaths are acceptable?" The president's response was firm and direct: "How many? None. Okay? How many deaths are acceptable to me? None. Okay? None, if that's your question."

The pretextual reason for this sinister question was to follow up on the extent of testing of Americans for the coronavirus that would be considered necessary before allowing people to go back to work. President Trump rejected the idea of testing 350 million people or requiring the testing of all persons within a state that has virtually no problem to date:

"We have some big problems, but it's confined to certain areas, high-density areas. So why would we test the entire nation—350 [million] people? With that being said, I'm going to say it again: We tested far more than anybody else. We are—we have the ability to test—I mean, we've come a long way from an obsolete, broken system that I inherited. We have now tested, with the best test, far more than anybody else. And when I say "anybody else," I'm talking about other countries. No country is even close."

The question is sinister because it is a thinly veiled way of pushing the left's latest false narrative against President Trump—he is more interested in prematurely pumping up the economy to bolster his re-election campaign than he is in saving lives. The message also is that greedy capitalists care more about profits than human life. For example, in an article entitled "Trumpworld Embraces the Death Wish Economy," published by the *New Republic* on March 25th, the magazine staffer Matt Ford wrote that the president and his allies "have concluded that the loss of human life is acceptable and the decline in corporate earnings is not." He added, people "will suffer and die if Trump's nihilistic vision of crisis management prevails."

Fortunately, most Americans have common sense and reject the outright lies the left is spreading to advance its sick socialist agenda. According to a Gallup poll released on March 24th that specifically looked at how President Trump has been handling the coronavirus crisis, "Americans give the president generally positive reviews for his handling of the situation, with 60% approving and 38% disapproving. Ninety-four percent of Republicans, 60% of independents, and 27% of Democrats approve of his response."

Leftists believe that even talking about beginning to open portions of the country by Easter or perhaps soon thereafter exposes the "evil" of capitalism—i.e., profits over lives. The national affairs correspondent for *The Nation*, Jeet Heer, wrote an article entitled "Trump Toys With a Let-Them-Die Response to the Pandemic." Heer lashed out at what he called "a kind of cult capitalism." Heer added, "The existing system is viewed as so sacred that it is worth sacrificing innumerable human lives to keep it going. Even nonrevolutionary changes to the system are anathema." Heer's apocalyptic claim, so emblematic of the left's deranged hate-Trump, hate-capitalism echo chamber, crumbles under the lightest feather of facts.

The "existing system" has been turned upside down to save as many lives as possible and the livelihoods of millions of Americans when they are finally able to go back to work. Perhaps Heer should count to 2 trillion before the next time he goes to sleep—the cost of the truly revolutionary congressional deal to rush economic relief to Americans, businesses, and the health care industry who are all coping with the human costs of the coronavirus pandemic. It's all about keeping workers employed and paid, and keeping the companies (big and small) that employ people afloat long enough to remain in business when the crisis significantly abates. And it's about enhancing the nation's health care system to save as many lives as possible while the pandemic continues to afflict Americans. President Trump and his administration worked tire-

lessly with leaders of both parties in Congress to move this legislation through the Senate in record time. Even Democrat Socialist Bernie Sanders ended up voting for the Senate bill. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has predicted that the legislation will pass the House of Representatives on Friday with bipartisan support. Meanwhile poor Joe Biden imagines himself as being too busy to think about any more debates because his “focus” is “just dealing” with the pandemic crisis. Who knew? Biden is disappointed because student loan forgiveness and “my Green Deal” will have to wait until “the next round [of congressional economic aid].”

While Congress was spinning its wheels, President Trump acted early and forcefully to address the pandemic crisis on multiple fronts. His travel restrictions have played a big part in preventing the crisis we are now facing from potentially turning into a catastrophe on par with the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, which cost about 675,000 American lives. The progressives’ hero Woodrow Wilson made matters worse by failing to heed medical advice during the Spanish flu outbreak. Wilson hid the truth about the outbreak from the public. He had also rammed through Congress the Sedition Act, which made it a crime to report anything that could negatively affect the war effort during World War I. As a result, the press did not adequately warn the public about the disease and the dangers of large social gatherings. The death toll in Philadelphia alone was about 14,500, following a huge war bond parade in the fall of 1918 that led to an explosion of the disease in the city within 48 hours.

President Trump has listened to his medical advisers and followed their advice on instituting strict social distancing guidelines, supplemented by mandatory stay-at-home edicts in the most critically affected states. The Trump administration has supported those states, regardless of the immediately devastating economic consequences. The president and other administration officials have made it clear that the most affected areas will not return to normal for a considerable period of time. Under President Trump’s close direction, his task force, led by Vice President Pence, and many other parts of his administration have overseen dramatic increases in the manufacture, distribution and supply of tests, medications, masks and life-saving medical equipment, such as ventilators. The private sector has stepped up to the challenge. The president has been extraordinarily transparent—so much so with his daily in-person briefings that the left wing press is complaining.

The *New York Times* carried a story by the Associated Press on March 24th that purported to be a “fact-check”

against President Trump’s claim that “People get tremendous anxiety and depression, and you have suicides over things like this when you have terrible economies.” According to the so-called fact-checkers, “There’s no evidence that suicides will rise dramatically if nationwide social-distancing guidelines that have closed many businesses and are expected to trigger a spike in unemployment stay in place.”

In fact, there is historical evidence correlating horrible economic conditions with a rising suicide rate. First, there was an increasing suicide rate during the Great Depression, which the *New York Times* article downplayed. A study of the period between 1928 and 2007 found the following: “The largest increase in the overall suicide rate occurred during the Great Depression (1929–1933), when it surged from 18.0 [per 100,000] in 1928 to 22.1 (the all-time high) in 1932, the last full year of the Great Depression. This increase of 22.8% was the highest recorded for any 4-year interval during the study period.” The study added, “The overall suicide rate also rose during 3 other severe recessions: the end of the New Deal (1937–1938), the oil crisis (1973–1975), and the double-dip recession (1980–1982).”

There is also evidence of increased suicides during the Great Recession that began in 2008. “Three recent studies with data from single countries—England, Italy, and the United States—found a significant rise in suicide during the 2008-10 recession,” *BMJ* reported.

The left wants President Trump to fail and for the US capitalist economy to collapse so that desperate Americans will embrace socialism. The socialist *Jacobin Magazine* published an article lauding the Soviet Union’s “fully socialized health-care system” established during its early days. “In a way few would have imagined, the coronavirus has, in recent weeks, severely challenged the dynamics of global capitalism by bringing the economy to a halt—perhaps even dragging it toward an unprecedented depression,” the authors wrote. “But surely, in this moment, we should think big—not only about health care as a collective right, but about the way capitalism has managed our existence. COVID-19 has shown that the world is willing to make dramatic changes and economic sacrifices to save lives. We should demand that the principles for collective health-care solutions also apply for other issues, such as food security and combatting climate change. The Spanish flu in 1918 brought lasting societal changes made possible through strong action taken by the state and the public realm. The COVID-19 crisis of 2020 provides a unique opportunity to change the world once more—and shows us that the necessary

tools are within reach.”

America must firmly reject such charlatans even in the worst of times. Socialism is dangerous snake oil that would kill our constitutional Republic and the liberties it is supposed to protect.

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Electing Communists in the US, Part Two

by C. Mitchell Shaw

Part one is available at www.schwarzreport.org.

The something-for-nothing promises of organizations such as New Virginia Majority are nothing new. Neither are the consequences that befall those who buy into those promises and vote accordingly.

Staying close to its Chinese communist roots, NVM is setting America up for jumping out of the frying pan of democracy and into the fire of a tyrannical communist dictatorship. Having succeeded in flipping Virginia (known, among other names, as the “Birthplace of a Nation”) NVM is setting bigger goals. Nguyen plainly states that her objective in writing about NVM’s successful strategy in Virginia is to “make the case that this type of year-round organizing can pave the way for victory nationally.”

Besides North Carolina, the FRSO/Liberation Road pro-Chinese communists have been laying the groundwork in other states, as well. Most of those states are in the South—which the Maoist conspirators prefer to call the “New Confederacy.”

In early December, Loudon wrote, “The Republican Party seems oblivious to a major threat developing in its Southern stronghold. Pro-China communists from the Liberation Road group are working to flip Republican held states in the South one by one.” After pointing out that “Virginia has already fallen,” Loudon went on to write: “North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee are next on the list. If the communists can flip toss-up states Florida and North Carolina in 2020, President Donald Trump will likely be a one-term president and the Republican Party will be finished as a national force.”

And similar to the way the Maoist influence targeted Durham as a cornerstone of the plan to take over North Carolina, FRSO/Liberation Road has heavily targeted Knoxville in its larger bid to take over Tennessee. On No-

vember 5, Liberation Road and the Democratic Socialists of America (an apt oxymoron) succeeded in having a second comrade elected to the Knoxville City Council. They had previously helped socialist Seema Singh Perez to join that nine-member body.

Loudon wrote at the time: “Liberation Road, its student wing Progressive Student Alliance, and the DSA have several hundred comrades and supporters in Tennessee and access to many more across the state and from neighboring Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Kentucky. The DSA alone has 56,000 members across the nation. They are able to win small local races by bringing in armies of out-of-state volunteers and phone-bankers from all over the country.”

Another part of the communist/socialist takeover of Tennessee by way of Knoxville is the major socialist training center known as the Highlander Research and Education Center, located in New Market—a mere 25 miles from Knoxville. As Loudon documents: “Established as the Highlander Folk School by Communist Party USA-affiliated activists in the 1930s to bring socialism to the South, the center is now firmly under Liberation Road/Maoist control. Highlander Co-Executive Director Ash-Lee Henderson is a longtime FRSO leader, as is the school’s personnel chair, Hawaii-based Meizhu Lui. Most of Highlander’s current staffers and board members come from FRSO backgrounds.”

In fact, two notable exceptions to the dominance of FRSO/Liberation Road at Highlander are “board members Erica Smiley, who comes from Communist Party USA, and Loan Tran, an activist with the pro-Iran/North Korea Workers World Party,” Loudon’s research shows. Exceptions like those not only prove the rule, they enforce it.

Florida is a prime FRSO/Liberation Road target for 2020. Using nearly the exact same tactic as was used to flip Virginia, FRSO/Liberation Road has given birth in the Sunshine State. The name of that spawn of dictatorial totalitarianism is The New Florida Majority. As Loudon’s research shows, they are playing the same loaded hand that paid off in Virginia. “Working through The New Florida Majority and allied organizations, Liberation Road has signed up hundreds of thousands of new minority voters in Florida and helped pass a referendum giving 1.4 million ‘Sunshine State’ former felons the right to vote.”

That last bit is almost exactly what NVM did in Virginia. As this writer explained in an online article for *The New American* published November 22: “Roughly 20,000 of [the] newly-minted, low-information voters

[that voted to give control of Virginia to the Democrats] were also felons who had their voting rights restored as a result of NVM's work with former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe. Beginning in 2016, McAuliffe announced that he would illegally restore the voting rights of more than 200,000 convicted felons. By the time the dust settled and the smoke cleared, it took him until January of 2018 to put nearly 173,000 convicted felons back on the voting rolls."

In fact, Nguyen boasted of that "success" in her *New York Times* op-ed piece, writing: "The former governor, Terry McAuliffe, restored the voting rights of more than 173,000 Virginians during his term, more than any other governor in Virginia's history. In 2016, of the nearly 20,000 men and women who registered to vote for the first time as a result of the restoration of their rights, a whopping 79 percent voted. They were a key voting bloc in Virginia, the only Southern state that Hillary Clinton won."

Given the result in Virginia with the restoration of voting rights of 173,000 convicted felons, the prospect for Florida granting that same ability to 1.4 million convicted felons is frightening, indeed.

FRSO/Liberation Road front groups—similar to NVM and The New Florida Majority—have also claimed successes in Kentucky (where they were instrumental in electing a Democratic governor) and Philadelphia (with the election of their candidate to the city council). Besides the cities and states in the South listed above, they also now have their eye on Arizona. The once reliably Republican state is a target of FRSO/Liberation Road, where, Loudon explains, "socialists have exploited Arizona's growing Latino minorities to move the state toward the left." He points out that as a result of that agitation, "Communist Party-backed Democrat Kyrsten Sinema narrowly won her US Senate race in 2018, and incumbent Republican Sen. Martha McSally faces a strong challenge from Democrat Mark Kelly."

State by state, FRSO/Liberation Road and other communist and pro-communist groups are applying the principle of creating an informed and active electorate—only in reverse. They want an uninformed and active base committed to serving the communists in exchange for handouts. By registering those people who desire a cradle-to-grave nanny state to vote and making sure they show up to vote for largess, they almost guarantee a transition of the United States from a republic to a democracy to a communist dictatorship.

As for the prospects for truly patriotic Americans restoring the Republic, Loudon states that the path forward

will be difficult. Given that communists and socialists have simply used a correct principle in reverse, patriots may be tempted to think that if they simply apply that same principle—go knock on doors, register voters, and get them to vote—they can restore the Republic and live happily ever after.

Loudon told *The New American*, "We have to make the case for freedom, we have to go out and intelligently engage people and try and get them to get more understanding of the country's history and the benefits of freedom and the consequences of losing it. It's an intelligent debate we have to have and we have to have it." But, "They go out and tell people, 'You vote our way and we'll give you more benefits.' One's a lot easier to sell—one takes a lot less work."

So, patriots have their work cut out for them. Organized, well-planned, and orchestrated action—such as that provided by this magazine's parent organization, The John Birch Society—is what is needed if the Republic is to survive.

And—with pro-Chinese communists making headway—there is no time to waste.

—*The New American*, February 17, 2020 pp. 18-22

The Religion of Secular Humanism

by William D. Howard

Beginning in the 1700's in Europe we began to see the forming of a strange and seemingly self-contradictory alliance of intellectuals and artists/writers that made-up a large part of what we now call "The Enlightenment." Broadly speaking the Enlightenment was a much needed antitoxin against: religious fanaticism, senseless wars, and the social/political injustices of that period, but as all social movements carry within them the seeds of ideological extremes so did the "Enlightenment."

Secular humanism was one of these extremes and neo-paganism was the other. Instead of reforming the Judeo-Christian religion and returning it to its original humane beginning as taught by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, secular humanism opted for the total elimination of religious faith and religion in total was seen as a retrograde influence. But like a bi-polar mind divided against itself the "Enlightenment" also produced a number of writers/philosophers that promoted a neo-pagan view of life. The

secular humanists were the dominant voices but the neo-pagans could claim the most famous writer of this period: Jean-Jacques Rousseau. His great influence on both the French Revolution and the next cultural/social movement “Romanticism” is well established by the writers of history. Rousseau began the cult of nature worship and promoted a morality based upon the standard of personal feelings. He was the god-father of “Romanticism” which expressed his views in poems, novels, art, and music.

The debates and contradictions we see in modern American culture today are exactly the same. Those who want to eliminate the influence of religion not only in our government but our society in general and those that promote a “New Age” of nature worship. They seem to be natural enemies but in reality they work in a symbiotic alliance to undermine what has been our Judeo-Christian tradition. They are strange bedfellows and useful enemies. What they do have in common is the main objective of ending what has been the dominate influence of the Judeo-Christian morality in American history. If we seek a second commonality it is in their values systems. Both reduce truth and goodness to human sized standards. Each individual is his own oracle or as the once prominent radical of the 1960’s Jerry Rubin told us: “If it feels good do it.” Rubin is a good example of the strange hybrid mix of pagan values, nature worship and Marxist ideology. Based upon his own immature understanding of life and history and following the pagan credo of feelings first, he made wild statements that excited an equally ignorant youth culture of that day. This is why young voters today are carried away by the socialist rhetoric of Sanders, Warren, and the most historically ignorant of them all A.O.C. Without an understanding of the lessons of history, and without core values that have withstood the test of time all people are subject to the sway of demagoguery.

Secular humanists believe that you can have a highly moral society without religious faith but history has shown that it takes the inspiration of religious faith to maintain a high moral standard over a long period of time. The other great enemy of Judeo-Christian culture, the neo-pagans who talk a good game of peace, love and healing the planet, but are always found attempting to undo the linkage between sexual morality and the sacredness of human life. Religious studies author Michael F. Strmiska wrote: “. . . in pagan magazines, websites, and internet discussion. . . Christianity is frequently denounced as an anti-natural, antifemale, sexually and culturally repressive, guilt-ridden. . . authoritarian religion that has fostered intolerance, hypocrisy, and persecution

throughout the world.”

Unfortunately for the neo-pagans and secular humanists who believe the same thing a statistical study of the world’s different cultural regions proves a very different case. Those parts of the world which have been most impacted and influenced by the values and spiritual outlook of the Judeo-Christian tradition are the same areas of the world which are most prosperous and have the best record of human rights and democracy. They are also those areas which have experience in modern history the least amount of wars and genocide. Those who would object to this view and who point to the wars and genocides in Europe before 1945 as proof, must face the historical facts that Hitler’s Nazi German empire was based upon pagan values. Western civilization rejected those values and payed a high cost to defeat his empire. The same is also true of the secular humanists who would promote a socialist or so-called progressive agenda. They must face the fact, that the wars and mass-murder perpetrated by Communist Russia and China were the product of an violent off-shoot of secular humanism. When you take God or divine revelation out of the equation you are only left with human philosophies and some are more hate filled and dangerous than others. Marxism came out of a malevolent human mind that thought he knew more than all the religious teachers and moral philosophers who had ever lived.

If one over-lays a series of maps showing those regions of the world which are today: least free, have the most human rights violations, are poorest and have produced the most wars and refugees, one sees a common connection. They are the same regions of the world which historically have had the most enduring pagan cultures. Where there are exceptions to this rule (like Japan or South Korea) it can be explained by the fact that they have been highly influenced and reformed by the value system of Western Civilization.

Despite the overwhelming history evidence in favor of the positive influence of the Judeo-Christian tradition the secular humanists and neo-pagans continue their tireless efforts to undermine and replace our American heritage with a new pagan foundation.

Opinion polls on questions about sexuality prove that they have largely succeeded. Tom W. Smith in a piece published by the University of Chicago in 2013 stated the bottom-line:

“. . . there has been an increase in sexually-permissive attitudes over the last four decades . . . with more approval of premarital sex, same-gender sex, gay marriage. . . and the legal access to pornography.”

These changes were not accidental. They are the by-product of the intentional efforts of a committed community of believers who are in control of our mass-popular culture. President Obama's endorsement of homosexual marriage and the Supreme Court's narrow ruling in its favor were only the cherries on top or the white flag of national surrender.

The American Psychological Association as early as 2001 reported that “. . . 68 percent of television shows during the 1999-2000 season contained sexual content.” A Kaiser Family Foundation report from 2011 found that between 1998 to 2005 the number of sex scenes on American television had doubled. Another recent study showed that in the 1970s there were only five homosexual characters presented on American television, but by the 2000s there were 390. *The Atlantic*, reported that in 2011 that “92% of Top Billboard songs are about sex.” Chrysalis L. Wright Ph.D. wrote in *Media Psychology Review*, that “. . . young adults listen to music between two and four hours each day . . . more than 1/3 of popular songs contain explicit sexual content and 2/3 of these references are degrading. . .”

The latest homosexual propaganda that has recently appeared on TV is an ad entitled “Beyond I do”. It presents two totally silent lesbians holding several small children and looking very content. The message is clear: Gay marriage is not the end of the homosexual rights campaign but its new beginning. The Gay rights campaign is exactly that, a military style campaign with both short term and long term objectives.

Homosexual marriage once celebrated by the Progressives as the capstone of Gay rights is now viewed by the same people as a new cornerstone to build America's pagan future on. Starting in the 2020 school year, the state of Illinois will require its public schools to include LGBTQ history in their curriculum. Christians and Jews have of course been here before, and just as when in ancient Rome they refused to celebrate human carnage as sports entertainment or refused to commit collective adultery and honor it, by calling it “love making,” we must now refuse to accept the “politically correct,” “New Speak” of “One Love.”

The great author of *Animal Farm* and *1984* would, if he were alive today easily recognize the language of the Left as propaganda. The words gay and homophobia are both insidious, gay because it is a euphemism for a life style which is anything but benign. Homophobia is especially insidious because its use transfers the sting of abnormality to the normal. The deviant now becomes the healthy and morality is turned upside down. In ancient

Rome, Jews and Christians faced the same type of smear campaign. They were labeled “anti-social,” even “lovers of death” and they suffered for their beliefs but in the end it was pagan Rome which collapsed under the weight of its own perversion.

Like America's culture today, ancient Rome set a very low bar for sexual morality. It promoted a harsh double standard in the treatment of women. With few exceptions it licensed male promiscuity and allowed pederasty and the rape of women and children who were slaves. Judaism raised the standard to a much higher level. It strongly condemned adultery, homosexuality, a husband forcing himself on his wife, and sex outside of marriage. Judaism produced the healthiest and most wholesome family life in the ancient world. Jesus the Jew raised the standard even higher. His view was encapsulated in his statement: “If a man looks on a woman and lusts after her, he has already committed adultery.”

His statements in general implicitly condemned polygamy, easy divorce, and made love the only acceptable standard for human relationships. All of this raised the value and improved over time the treatment of women. Most importantly his teaching linked the sacredness of human life with his teaching on sexual purity. By linking these two principles of Judeo-Christianity it became impossible to pretend that rape, pedophilia, adultery, prostitution and permissive sexuality were compatible with the respect for life, either slave or free.

—*American Thinker*, December 18, 2019

Anna Louise Strong

by Lloyd Billingsley

“Anna Louise Strong, the American who spent most of her life writing books and articles extolling the virtues of Communism, died today of a heart attack in Peking, where she had lived for the last 12 years,” the *New York Times* reported on March 30, 1970. Fifty years later, with Communist China much in the news, Strong's career deserves a second look.

She was born in Friend, Nebraska in 1885 and after graduation from Oberlin College in 1905, Strong earned a PhD from the University of Chicago, with a thesis titled “A Study of Prayer from the Standpoint of Social Psychology.” Strong's father was a Congregationalist minister but Anna became an eager evangelist in the First Church of Christ Socialist, whose basic belief is that Christianity finds ultimate fulfillment in the com-

munist faith.

Strong made her way to the Soviet Union, where she worked on the English language *Moscow News*, pitched to American readers. In her 1935 autobiography *I Change Worlds*, Strong profiled Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. “One must not make a god of Stalin,” Strong wrote, “he was too valuable for that.” Stalin was then busy collectivizing agriculture in the USSR, and the independent farmers known as kulaks stood in the way.

Stalin decreed it was time to abolish the kulaks “as a class.” To that end, he planned a famine in Ukraine that claimed millions of lives. For Anna, “Stalin had merely authorized what farmhands were already instinctively doing.” As Stalin reportedly said, “If one man dies of hunger that is a tragedy. If millions die that is only statistics.” Strong’s Stalinist colleague Walter Duranty of the *New York Times* conveniently denied that any famine took place.

Stalin then turned his attention to potential rivals and “the key to the terror,” Strong wrote, was that a “Nazi fifth column” had somehow penetrated the GPU (State Political Directorate). Stalin authorized “outrageous acts” against innocent people, but Strong found no evidence that Stalin “consciously framed them.” Strong thus covered up or excused atrocities that took millions of lives. She wrote for the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper’s*, and *The Nation*, and it amused her to see what she could put over on American readers.

In 1949, Strong’s enthusiasm for Chinese Communists got her arrested, interrogated, and deported from the USSR. Undaunted, she moved on to the newfound People’s Republic of China and became a disciple of Communist Party boss Mao Zedong. The Chinese strongman set her up with an apartment, automobile, secretary, cook, and maid. From these comfy quarters Strong put out the monthly “Letter from China,” a worshipful account of the Communist regime.

Like Stalin and Hitler, Paul Johnson noted in *Modern Times*, Chairman Mao wanted to get things done in a hurry. His collectivization campaigns led to massive famine and his Cultural Revolution targeted the Chinese equivalent of the kulaks, who needed to be eliminated as a class.

As the *New York Times* obituary noted, “Strong joined the Red Guard movement,” and as NPR explains the Red Guards were “shock troops,” and “executioners,” who “persecuted, tortured, or even killed millions of Chinese, supposed ‘class enemies.’” American Red Guard Anna Louise Strong was okay with all of it.

Strong never faulted the genocidal Chinese regime for anything, and always reserved her wrath for the

United States. As former American consul O. Edmund Chubb explained, “she sold Communism to the world and the Communists rightly loved her for it.” True to form, when Strong turned 80, Chairman Mao threw her a gala birthday party, and when Strong passed away at 84 in 1970, the Communist regime honored the American with an official state funeral.

Malcolm Muggeridge, the *Manchester Guardian’s* Moscow correspondent, described Strong as “an enormous woman with a very red face, a lot of white hair, and an expression of stupidity so overwhelming that it amounted to a kind of strange beauty.” As Muggeridge knew, stupidity didn’t quite cover it.

Nothing more dangerous than a general idea in an empty mind, Hippolyte Taine warned, and as Saul Bellow observed, a great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep. For his part, Paul Johnson flags “saintly mendacity” and the “heroic lie.”

Anna Louise Strong deployed both in defense of the Soviet Union and Communist China, genocidal totalitarian regimes headed by the worst mass murderers in human history. Strong thus surpasses Walter Duranty as the most loathsome Communist apologist of all time, but both were undeniably evil. Meanwhile, saintly mendacity and the heroic lie have not passed into history.

The American left was still hailing the USSR as the wave of the future until the Berlin Wall came tumbling down, and for Democrats such as Bernie Sanders, Communist Cuba remains a bastion of social justice.

In 2020, when the Chinese virus has inflicted more damage on the United States than the USSR ever managed, the coiffed mouthpieces of America’s establishment media dutifully echo the propaganda of a Chinese Communist regime that still looks to Mao Zedong. Fifty years after her funeral, Anna Louise Strong is forgotten but not gone.

—*FrontPageMag.com*, March 31, 2020

Vogue Goes Marxist by Jeff Reynolds

Ok, I know, you don’t go to *Teen Vogue* for scholarly economic or political analysis, and nobody there has heard of Milton Friedman or Thomas Sowell. Nor do I expect it to have much in-depth coverage of how to fight back against COVID-19. In fact, I’d expect little more than an analysis of the cutest congressman or how to participate in politics even if you can’t legally vote

for three more years. As a father, it no longer sneaks up on me when Marxist indoctrination is woven into the societal fabric of being a teen in America. After all, this is the same rag that ran the series a few years ago teaching teens how to have anal sex. And yet, when the writers interrupt their drivel to run articles openly calling for the destruction of capitalism in response to the Chinese coronavirus pandemic, even I sit up and take notice.

The following articles appeared this week in *Teen Vogue* in its continuing coverage of COVID-19: Yes, the first three articles are technically op-eds. The Bernie Sanders article was written by the magazine's political editor, and the article on the failures of capitalism was co-written by a former policy advisor to the Elizabeth Warren campaign. A search of the site for the word "capitalism" doesn't return a favorable result. It seems safe to assume they won't be inviting Grover Norquist or Matt Kibbe to write op-eds for them anytime soon.

That fourth article is equally instructive, though—it's an interview with long-shot congressional candidate Joshua Collins out of Washington State. He describes himself as a socialist truck driver who advocates for federal rent control and the Green New Deal.

So, on the failures of capitalism, Kandist Mallett writes: "Selling your labor in a capitalist marketplace so you don't end up on the street is horrible and unnatural, and we shouldn't have to exist this way. While many of us have long questioned the idea of working our lives away to pad a company's bottom line, the pandemic has given us a glimpse of what an anti-capitalist society could actually look like. This isn't to romanticize what is happening—after all, people are gravely ill and dying every day. But if we are to fully examine the crisis for what it is, then we must recognize that COVID-19 is not the only virus that must be destroyed. We also have to confront capitalism and the world that sustains it."

On the mythical superhero presidency of Bernie Sanders, the political editor writes: "As a University of Michigan doctor told *Up North Live* this week, the cost of treatment will likely depend on coverage provided by insurance companies, the for-profit industry Sanders wants to make obsolete. But instead of being replaced by the single-payer system Sanders has championed, some fear insurance may be about to get much more expen-

sive; a report from California's Obamacare marketplace warned that insurance premiums could increase or even spike next year as the insurance industry takes a hit after what had recently been soaring profits.

"Were Sanders in the White House right now, his administration might have made enough progress on health care to help ensure that those who get sick with COVID-19 wouldn't have to worry about personally paying for treatment. But instead we have Vice President Mike Pence meeting with insurance company bigwigs and getting a commitment that only testing, not treatment, will be free."

Canceling student debt sounds great to kids who haven't even applied for college yet, but can envision legally skipping out on their obligations: "Some legislators are already hard at work on this. For example, Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.) has introduced legislation that provides both short-term payment cancellation and long-term balance reduction to ensure that borrowers get immediate relief, while also boosting the economy over time. Congress failed young people in the last economic crisis. This time, it's critical they get it right."

Our socialist truck driver advocates the suspension of all housing costs until the pandemic ends. Note that he doesn't say how the banks and landlords should be expected to survive a prolonged lack of revenue: "So the language in the petition is calling on specifically governors—in a few cases mayors, like with Washington, D.C.—to do what is necessary to suspend the collection of rent, residential mortgages, and utility payments. We want people to not have to worry about those particular bills for at least two full months, and lasting until the end of this crisis. Originally I just did it for my own state, Washington. And it blew up so quickly that we decided to just do it in all 50 states."

The way this stuff gets interwoven among articles about how celebrity teens (them/they) use the quarantine to dress for themselves instead of dressing for others, or how teen guys (he/they) can experiment with different makeup options, it almost escapes notice. It sure does demonstrate how easy it can be to whip teens and young adults into a capitalism-smashing frenzy.

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