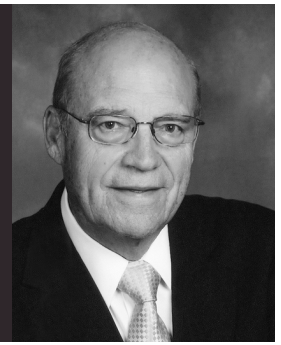




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The Left is Everywhere

by Lloyd Billingsley

“Critical race theory has become one of those hot-button issues that the Republicans and other disinformers, who are engaged in disinformation for profit, frankly have seized on,” said Nina Jankowicz at an October 29, 2021. Profiteering was going on, but not by those Jankowicz accused.

In September, 2021, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) wrote to Joe Biden claiming that parents who complained about critical race theory indoctrination were engaging in “domestic terrorism.” Days later, US Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memo on “threats of violence” against teachers and school board members.

Parents who complained about critical race theory were guilty of “a form of domestic terrorism and hate crime” and Garland wanted to deploy the FBI, DOJ, and Department of Homeland Security against the parents. As it turned out, the critical race theory profiteer was a member of Garland’s own family.

Garland’s son-in-law Xan Tanner is co-founder, board member, and president of Panorama Education, a vendor of surveys on the “social and emotional climate.” Last October, Panorama recommended that teachers read “Teaching Toward Freedom,” an essay by Weather Underground alum Bill Ayers.

“You should know that the system you’ll be joining hates Black and Brown and poor kids,” Ayers wrote. “I have factual evidence that the system is organized to miseducate these children, and it includes the shameful lack of resources, enforced racial segregation, the dumbed-down and Eurocentric curriculum accompanied by a stifling top-down pedagogy, and arcane rules and routines that result predictably in social shaming and widespread exclusions.” And so on.

Panorama also conducts workshops dealing with “systemic racism” and the resources include articles by Altagracia Montilla, a “queer woman of color” who describes herself as “strategist, facilitator, freedom dreamer, conflict coach, and healer committed to dismantling oppressive systems that disempower communities targeted by physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic violence.” Montilla is “currently designing organizational development and racial justice frameworks informed by the most basic laws of nature found in cosmology, quantum physics, and astrophysics.”

The Panorama workshop featured Montilla’s article “How White Supremacy Lives in Our Schools.” Examples of white supremacy include “the Ku Klux Klan and MAGAs at half-empty Trump rallies,” but “white supremacy is everywhere, pertinent and pervasive, woven into the fabric of our society and reflected in every institution and organization in the US including schools.”

According to Montilla, the written word is “characteristic of white supremacy culture.” Apparently James Baldwin (*The Fire Next Time*) Stanley Crouch (*Kansas City Lightning*) and Chester Himes (*Lonely Crusade*) and other black writers never got the memo. Montilla also finds white supremacy in something she calls “perfectionism,” so seeking the correct answer to a math problem could also be racist. That would surprise distinguished scholars such as Shelby Steele and Thomas Sowell, who earned advanced degrees long before the dawn of affirmative action.

Panorama Education boasts contracts in 50 of the largest 100 school districts in the country, some 13 million students in 23,000 schools and 1,500 districts across 50 states. Panorama also received \$16 million from charitable organizations including the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative. Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg gave \$16 million to Panorama through his charitable foundation, the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative.

Inflicting racist junkthought on children is a lucrative business. That raises conflict-of-interest issues for the attorney general, but so far nothing has come of it. The DOJ failed to prosecute corrupt FBI bosses such as James Comey and Peter Strzok, so Garland is surely off-limits.

For Nina Jankowicz, only “Republicans and other disinformers” are “weaponizing” disinformation “for profit.” In a classic case of projection, Jankowicz accuses others of the very activity she is conducting.

Jankowicz is also on record that Hunter Biden’s laptop is a “Trump campaign product” and “Russian influence op.” Jankowicz is also a big fan of Christopher Steele, author of the eponymous dossier, a Clinton campaign product now exposed as pure disinformation.

That faithful service doubtless played a role in her selection as the DHS disinformation boss. Nina Jankowicz, 33, is the Biden Junta's minister of propaganda. Look for the wannabe chanteuse to ramp it up as crucial midterms approach, with conditions worsening by the day.

In the meantime, those parents Merrick Garland smeared as "domestic terrorists" might check their school district for materials from Panorama Education. Parents nationwide might verify how much money their district is spending on essays from the scholarly Altagracia Montilla and Weatherman emeritus Bill Ayers.

In *Teaching When the World is on Fire*, the book Merrick Garland's son-in-law recommends, Ayers joins H. Richard Milner IV, author of *Yes, Race and Politics Belong in the Classroom*, along with *Cops or Counselors* by Pedro Noguera, and *Climate Change Meets a Stubborn Obstacle: Students*, by Amy Harmon. And so on.

For decades a collective farm of mediocrity and failure, the government education monopoly now serves the left as a one-stop indoctrination center. Call it the disinformation inherent in the system.

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A Little History

by Laura Lam

Chiang Kai-Shek, who succeeded Sun Yat-sen as head of the Kuomintang (KMT), the nationalist, anti-communist party behind the Republic of China (ROC), dedicated his life to building a unified and modern China. By 1949, though, he'd lost the long war on the mainland against communism and was forced to retreat with his followers to establish the ROC on Taiwan. From that day forward, Mao Zedong wanted to destroy the ROC. His generals prepared for a Battle of Taiwan, something Xi Jinping apparently still desires. Xi may discover, though, as Mao did, that the ROC and Taiwan aren't easy to destroy.

The ROC's tenure on the Chinese mainland ended on January 14, 1949. For the remainder of 1949, while staying one step ahead of Mao's People's Liberation Army (PLA), Chiang managed multiple trips between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan, as he worked to establish a nationalist ROC in exile on the island.

Beginning in August 1949, Chiang began to relocate the Republic of China Air Force to Taiwan. He also sent 26 naval vessels from the nationalist army to Taiwan. Many institutions and universities joined them and were

re-established in Taiwan, along with refugees fleeing the PLA.

Mao feared that, if Chiang and the ROC were ensconced on Taiwan, they would try to return to the mainland to resume power. Mao wanted to prevent such a possibility. Therefore, in June 1949, Mao had instructions for the PLA:

Please begin to study the issue of taking over Taiwan. Is it possible to seize Taiwan in a short period of time? What method will be used? Please proceed to study. And telegraph with preliminary comments.

In response, Mao's chief advisors told him that an invasion would require a large-scale military operation, for which the PLA wasn't ready. They urged Mao to embed secret agents in Taiwan and in the surrounding ROC-controlled islands, and then to do the work of expanding and strengthening their spy network.

According to a 1945 assessment by the Strategy Center in Virginia, it would cost China 50,000 troops, along with planes, ships, and materials to attack and hold Taiwan. The young communist nation lacked those resources.

Meanwhile, Mao planned an attack on Taiwan's first line of defense, the Kinmen and Matsu islands, which were located close to the mainland and 187 km west of Taiwan, and other locations where the KMT had established strong bases.

In October, the PLA shipped 10,000 troops to Kinmen, beginning the Battle of Kinmen. After only three days the KMT's navy and air force were able to defeat the PLA. Mao had seriously underestimated the KMT's strength and finally began to share his staff's reservations about invading Taiwan. Nevertheless, he still claimed Kinmen as part of Fujian Province and would attempt every year to take it from the ROC.

Meanwhile, in Taipei itself, Chiang had made counterintelligence and counterespionage his top priority.

Cai Xiaogan, a brilliant spymaster whom Mao had handpicked while Cai was a university student in Shanghai, turned out to be one of the KMT's best catches. A Taiwanese native, Cai was originally a great asset to the Chinese Communist Party. Concealed as the PLA's station chief in Taipei, by June 1949, he ran a spy network of 1,300 agents. Cai let Mao know that, by April 1950, he would have his spy network strong enough to support the PLA if it invaded Taiwan.

However, in August 1949, the KMT uncovered Cai's secret printing press near the Port of Keelung. By January 1950, the KMT spy catchers found Cai with a mistress in Changhua, Taiwan. In exchange for his life, Cai offered to cooperate fully with Taiwan's government. This proved to be an excellent deal for the ROC.

The information Cai provided led to the discovery of thousands of spies and communist sympathizers, all of whom were arrested. Eventually, Taiwan executed 846 by firing squad and imprisoned another 3,000. This effectively cleared out the entire spy network across Taiwan and the nearby islands. Cai, having performed such a service, was rewarded, and invited to join the KMT ranks.

On January 5, 1950, President Truman announced that the US would not provide military aid and advice to “any Chinese force on Formosa (Taiwan).” Even after Senator H. Alexander Smith visited Chiang in Taipei and recommended to the Truman administration that it should build a permanent US military base there, Truman refused. While Mao’s reaction is not known, Stalin felt optimistic about Truman’s decision not to support Chiang.

That same month, Stalin advised Mao that he should lead the anti-imperialist revolution in Asia to divert and weaken American power. The first step was the “Liberation of Taiwan.” Mao, therefore, ordered 800,000 troops to prepare for the invasion. However, by June 1950, after Mao’s generals studied Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War*, they reported that, for the PLA to seize Taiwan would require sea and air power, which could only come from Moscow.

However, on June 25, communist forces from North Korea poured into South Korea, triggering the Korean War. Because Mao was allied with North Korea, he was forced to abort the Taiwan invasion plan and redeploy his troops to the Sino-Korean border area.

As Jay Taylor reveals in, *The Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Struggle for Modern China*, General Douglas MacArthur, who had become the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations forces in Korea, strongly supported Chiang. He had insisted on “everyday all-out assistance to the nationalists and the incorporation of Taiwan as a key strategic asset for the protection of US powers.”

Because massive numbers of Chinese forces now assisting North Korea, MacArthur realized that his coalition of UN troops could not prevail against them. He requested permission to bomb military bases inside China and use nationalist forces from Taiwan. Truman flatly refused. A public dispute broke out between the two men.

On April 11, 1951, Truman removed MacArthur from his command for insubordination. Mao was

delighted with Truman’s decision as this confirmed that Chiang would not receive military assistance from the US.

A ceasefire in July 1953 brought the fighting phase of the Korean War to an end. Eventually, 24,000 Chinese prisoners of war were released, 14,000 of whom chose to go to Taiwan. This represented a clear moral triumph for Chiang.

Following the Korean War and continuing through to today, the PLA has not attempted to invade Taiwan. There are multiple reasons:

- * From 1954 to the end of Mao’s regime in 1976, his troops annually attacked KMT garrisons on Kinmen Island, including the largest assault on Kinmen in 1958. Despite shelling the island with a massive artillery barrage for 44 consecutive days, KMT held strong. This discouraged Mao from attacking the main island.

- * The KMT had built a powerful counterespionage and surveillance system for Taiwan. PLA generals repeatedly failed to get nationalist officers to betray Taiwan. The KMT routinely intercepted communications, including psychological warfare leaflets encouraging defections.

- * Mao could have obtained nuclear weapons from Khrushchev, but that would have risked an American nuclear attack on China because, in 1954, America signed the Mutual Defense Pact with Taiwan.

- * On the mainland, the Anti-Rightist Campaign (1957-1959) triggered wide social unrest; the Great Famine (1958-1962) crippled China’s economy; and the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) demoralized the country. Mao had few resources left to fight a big war.

- * Mao couldn’t trust his own military. In 1971, General Lin Biao (officially designated as Mao’s successor,) attempted a coup against him.

Meanwhile, in Taiwan, Chiang Kai-shek focused on social reforms and economic prosperity for Taiwan. He won five elections to six-year terms as President of the Republic of China and head of the Kuomintang, offices he held until his death in 1975. Given Mao’s decades of failure when it came to Taiwan, Xi Jinping is likely to think very carefully before he attempts an attack against the island nation with so many crucial global connections.

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Victims of Communism

by Chris Talgo

While many blue states are celebrating communism and socialism in their public-school classrooms, Florida, as usual, is bucking this disturbing trend by ensuring that Sunshine State students learn about the unvarnished horrors these evil ideologies have wrought upon humanity over the past century.

On May 9, Florida governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 395 into law, which establishes November 7 as “Victims of Communism Day.”

According to a press release from the Florida governor’s office, the new law “calls for public schools to observe the day. High school students will be required to receive at least 45 minutes of instruction in their required United States Government class on topics related to communist regimes and how victims suffered at the hands of these regimes. Instruction on these topics will be required starting in the 2023–2024 school year.”

Although one 45-minute lesson on the sinister history of communism is surely not enough time to spend on the abject misery and mass murder that communism is responsible for, it is certainly a step in the right direction.

DeSantis explained that he signed the bill because “[h]onoring the people that have fallen victim to communist regimes and teaching our students about those atrocities is the best way to ensure that history does not repeat itself.”

He added, “Through H.B. 395 and the funding announced today, we are guaranteeing that the history of those who fled communist regimes and their experiences are preserved and not forgotten by our students. While it’s fashionable in some circles to whitewash the history of communism, Florida will stand for truth and remain as a beachhead for freedom.”

As a former high school history teacher, I have witnessed this “whitewashing” of history when it comes to communism and socialism in far too many classrooms. Specifically, I have seen several of my former colleagues simply overlook the famines, death camps, lack of individual rights, and all the other typical horrors associated with communist regimes while espousing the “fairness” of communism.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of students took these teachers at their word, buying into this revisionist history. Some students even told me they were reluctant to question this narrative because they were afraid their grades would suffer if they grilled or critiqued communism.

Even more mind-boggling, as these teachers were defending communism, most of them went out of their way to discredit capitalism and freedom, typically by

way of denigrating the United States and Western philosophy.

Because this revisionist history (wherein communism is inherently “good” and free-market capitalism is inexorably “bad”) has been perpetuated for decades across the American education landscape, it should come as no great surprise that young Americans are inclined to have a favorable view of communism.

As many polls show, communism is becoming more and more popular with young Americans, which is particularly baffling, considering that the historical record is unequivocally clear that communism has been an utter disaster every time and place it has been instituted.

Fortunately, the brave lawmakers in Florida and their courageous governor are fighting back against the revisionist history regarding communism that has crept into so many classrooms.

By simply highlighting the fact that communism is responsible for the deaths of 100 million people worldwide since its inception, they absolutely have a strong case to make.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan predicted that “the march of freedom and democracy” would “leave Marxism-Leninism on the ash heap of history.”

Reagan was right. However, because American academics have reached into the ash heap and recast communism as a morally righteous system (while ignoring the mass death and destruction it has caused), it is incumbent upon all of us to ensure that America’s youths understand the sordid history of communism.

For this to take place, we need more states to follow in Florida’s footsteps when it comes to teaching the truth about communism.

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The Problem of Evil

by Sean J. O’Reilly

What is evil? Most of us can provide an assortment of frightening examples, but when pushed, have difficulty describing exactly what evil is. Observing the War in Ukraine, we can agree with Paul Chalaux, author of *Why All People Suffer: How a Loving God Uses Suffering to Perfect Us*, that “suffering is a detector of evil.”

Theologians have studied evil for centuries but curiously enough, there seems to be no discipline outside of theology that studies evil academically, or as a

separate discipline within the Humanities. Many philosophers and theologians have described evil as a deficit of “the good” and we will examine this idea. Using an assortment of intellectual tools from the past, coupled with modern wisdom, a map of the darkness caused by evil can be charted.

A critical notion, ignored by many, is the role of the human will in making bad choices. We can say that the will, like a heat-seeking missile, is attracted to and motivated by anything that appears to be good, unvetted as it were by cultural constraints and intellectual considerations. Let us use a crude but compelling example. A fifty-year-old man may be attracted to a beautiful sixteen-year-old girl. His will apprehends a certain “good” relating to his own sexuality and hers, but his intellect, if properly informed, will tell him to steer clear of sexual entanglement and help her to achieve her potential, by not engaging in acts that properly belong to romance, marriage, and the long horizon of her childbearing or professional years. Disregarding long-term “goods” in favor of the gratification provided by short-term “goods” can have negative social consequences that reverberate through generations. Sexual predators, such as Hugh Hefner, Bill Cosby, Matt Lauer, Harvey Weinstein, Bill Clinton, and Jeffery Epstein, for example, probably ruined the lives of countless young women by turning the natural instincts of these women from long-term commitments to short-term gratification.

This deficit of the will, in terms of not immediately grasping the social dimensions, and long-term political, and other consequences of unvetted bad choices, began to be addressed scientifically, and in a creative manner, when Andrew M. Lobaczewski, a professor of psychiatry, and a group of psychologists in Poland, developed analyses of the methods of those who oppressed Communist society in the 1950s and 60s. Lobaczewski spent his early adulthood suffering under the Nazi occupation of Poland, closely followed by the brutality of Soviet occupation after the war. His experience of these horrors led Lobaczewski to develop the concept of Ponerology (from the Greek word *poneros* meaning evil). Ponerology is the study of evil, particularly from a political, social, and psychological perspective, rather than a religious judgment.

His book, *Political Ponerology: The Science of Evil, Psychopathy, and the Origins of Totalitarianism*, describes the genesis of political and social evil. He describes the origin of what he calls macrosocial evil, which tends to come about when psychopaths and sociopaths, under various political systems, take charge of governance and create pathocracies. Joseph Heller

described one extreme aspect of this ponerogenic process in his book, *Catch-22*:

It was miraculous. It was almost no trick at all, he saw, to turn vice into virtue and slander into truth, impotence into abstinence, arrogance into humility, plunder into philanthropy, thievery into honor, blasphemy into wisdom, brutality into patriotism, and sadism into justice. Anybody could do it; it required no brains at all. It merely required no character.

“In ponerogenic processes, [notes Lobaczewski] moral deficiencies, intellectual failings, and pathological factors intersect in a time-space causative network to give rise to individual and national suffering.”

We see this ponerogenic process at work today in Ukraine, Russia, and the United States. The half-truths and lies that Lobaczewski defines as paralogical, meaning they have the appearance but not the substance of logic and reason, have become endemic in almost all modern societies.

The recent restrictions in Europe and the United States over the COVID pandemic are the specific result of paralogical thinking. Some of the policymakers are simply hypochondriacs, who should never have been allowed to influence public policy, but others may be psychopaths.

Ian Hughes pointed out in his important book *Disordered Minds*, [that] the whole point of democracy is to try to protect the mass of people from this pathological minority. This was the central idea of the American constitution and the Bill of Rights. Democratic principles and institutions were established to limit the power of pathological individuals.

Lobaczewski described the psychological and pathological characteristics of sociopaths, long before Putin and COVID arrived on the scene but unfortunately does not, like many of those who are concerned about political and social ethics, clearly define good and evil.

The answer to the question of what evil is may lie in an astonishing quote, written on a blackboard in Rome fifty years ago, by Fr. Jubal Cain, professor of scholastic theology: “Evil is the absence of a ‘good’ that could and should be present.” I never forgot that line and daily employ it like a knife to cut through the ridiculously unclear media chatter about what constitutes right and wrong action.

If we understand evil as something that is missing, rather than as something positive, then the nature of evil becomes transparent. What is morally “good” is something that “could and should be present” in actions and choices. Langston Hughes wrote:

“I am so tired of waiting.
Aren't you,
for the world to become good
and beautiful and kind?
Let us take a knife
and cut the world in two—
and see what worms are eating
at the rind.”

When we ask ourselves about moral and intellectual goodness, we are invoking a scale, which involves choices between good, better, and best in terms of choice of action. Put into the simplest, ethical terms, how we define goodness falls into two radically different categories. One is theistic with God as the source of goodness. The second is atheistic with goodness based on processes merely related to stochastic (meaning random and relativistic) relations between molecular, quantum, and other physical structures.

There are, of course, many principles that atheistic ethicists and religion-based ethicists can mutually agree on, but the fundamental differences should not be glossed over. There are moral grey areas on both sides but no honest discussion between advocates will be served by pretending both sides believe in roughly the same principles—they don't.

The older notions of virtue and vice, distinguished from a religious association with the diabolical and sin, might function as a secular map of the darkness of evil. The notion of a separation between moral, intellectual, and spiritual excellence (virtue) can do much to illuminate the culturally estranged territory of good and evil. Theodore Roosevelt noted that “educating a man in mind and not morals was to create a monster.”

Ideologies, or power structures opposed to schemas of virtue and vice, are merely symptomatic of ponerogenic processes that seek to obscure the consequences of evil. Political structures that understand that the Divine inclines us in the right direction, and that evil inspires us in the wrong direction, need to codify this understanding more clearly without endorsing any specific religion.

The adoption of ponerology by major universities would mark a large step in the right direction in developing a new set of political principles, ordered towards “the good,” for the third millennium. A larger explanation of these principles may be found at www.founderscodeusa.com.

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Plants Ingest CO2

by Brian C. Joondeph

In global warming circles, carbon dioxide is the bogey man, the cause of all evils. CO2 is another Vladimir Putin, blamed for rising gasoline prices and President Biden's 8.5 percent inflation. Just as Putin isn't responsible for consumer prices, which began rising shortly after Biden took office, CO2 may not be the bogey man hiding under the beds of Greta Thunberg and Al Gore, ready to pop out and consume the world.

Is CO2 really the bogeyman? Is it a friend or foe of planet Earth? The answer may surprise you.

CO2 is one of several greenhouse gasses. Water vapor however is the largest contributor to the Earth's greenhouse effect. CO2 is also plant food. Think back to high school biology and photosynthesis. Water, CO2, and sunlight combine to produce carbohydrates and oxygen, the carbohydrate being the plant food.

CO2 is a relatively small percentage of air, 0.035% to be exact, less than one-half of one percent of the air around us. CO2 levels can vary significantly, from less than 400 parts per million outdoors to over 1000 inside a crowded room. Submarine crews tolerate CO2 levels of up to 8000 parts per million without adverse health effects.

Although a minor component of our atmosphere, CO2 is essential for plant growth. A 100 percent increase in CO2 levels increases plant growth from 22-41 percent, depending on plant type. Aside from CO2, temperature also affects plant growth. Warmer temperatures translate to higher growth rates, assuming the other photosynthesis ingredients remain in place.

Finally, plants have tiny holes on the underside of their leaves called stomata, a “mouth” through which plants ingest CO2. When the CO2 levels are higher, the stomata don't need to open as wide to get the CO2 they need. Plants also lose water through these stomata so smaller stomata openings mean less water loss. The bottom line is that higher CO2 levels in the air mean plants lose less water, need less water to thrive, and can grow in drier, otherwise inhospitable environments.

This means that higher CO2 levels with slightly warmer temperatures increase the productivity of most plants. The result is a greening of the planet, combating the effects of fires, deforestation, pest outbreaks, and other attacks on Earth's vegetation. As the planet greens, dry climates become fertile, supporting plant life which in turn feeds both humans and animals.

This CO2 fertilization correlated with an 11 percent increase in foliage cover from 1982-2010 across many arid regions of the world. Think of the resulting benefits, including the reduction of hunger, disease, and poverty in Africa and the Middle East. These are virtuous goals

and far more achievable if nature is allowed to take her course as compared to climate activists holding concerts and wearing colored ribbons on their lapels.

The Heartland Institute explained this all succinctly,

As the climate has modestly warmed, US crop yields have set new records almost every year. The same is true for nearly all other nations, too. Thanks in large part to longer growing seasons, fewer frost events, more precipitation, and the fertilization effect of atmospheric carbon dioxide, farmers are producing greater amounts of food on fewer acres of land, allowing them to feed the world's growing population.

Global warming lengthens growing seasons, reduces frost events, and makes more land conducive for crop production. Global soil moisture has maintained pace or improved as the average global temperature has risen modestly in recent decades, with greater oceanic evaporation leading to more precipitation, especially during the summer and fall crop seasons.

Moreover, carbon dioxide greatly benefits crop production, as atmospheric carbon dioxide works as an aerial fertilizer. Higher atmospheric carbon dioxide levels assist plant growth and resistance to drought. It is for this reason that greenhouse operators often pump additional carbon dioxide into their facilities.

There is a long history of incorrect climate prophecies. Other than a few articles chronicling these off-base predictions, there is no accountability for incessant wild guesses, which serve only to scare people into giving up bits of their liberty for illusions of security or simply for virtue signaling.

What if this is not really about the climate? Environmentalists and the UN Climate Change Conference push in the opposite direction, promoting less atmospheric CO₂ and cooler temperatures which in effect will lead to a "browning" of the Earth. Ironically the UN charter includes among its goals, "To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom." How better to accomplish this than by fertilizing the planet with the cheapest and most effective plant food known to man, CO₂.

Unless of course, the climate change alarmists at the UN and elsewhere are less concerned about carbon footprints and global temperatures than they are promoting a major socioeconomic reset, where top-down government control is used in the name of "saving the planet."

The Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, a consultant organization to the UN, claims, "If we are to address the climate crisis we need to challenge the structural causes of the crisis

which lies on unequal distribution of wealth, of carbon, and of power."

They let the cat out of the bag, "Unequal distribution of wealth," one of Karl Marx's pet peeves. If the global do-gooders were really concerned with the poor, they would embrace concepts such as CO₂ fertilization, which raise the standard of living of poorer countries by feeding them so that their scarce resources can be redirected to other imperatives. Instead, the goal is to redistribute wealth and resources to the point that everyone is poor, except of course for those in charge, who will continue to have their air conditioners, private jets, and carbon-consuming lifestyles.

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Meet Stan Evans

by John Dale Dunn

More than ten years ago I was gratified and impressed by the effort of M. Stanton (Stan) Evans to explain why the vilification of anti-communist Senator Joe McCarthy was unjustified and, in fact, covered up a widespread and effective effort of commies and their running dog allies to infiltrate American culture and government. The reason for my gratitude was Mr. Evans's book *Blacklisted by History: The Untold Story of Senator Joe McCarthy and His Fight Against America's Enemies* (2007).

When I read Stan Evans's massive thoroughly researched book that proved Joe McCarthy right, it was a confirmation of what my father, a physician who was a WW II P-51 pilot, said to me in earnest one day when I was old enough: Joe McCarthy was right—the country was put at risk by infiltration by communists.

Evans died in 2014 after a more than 50-year career as a leading conservative thinker, philosopher, writer, advocate, journalism educator, and activist. The biography reviewed here, *M. Stanton Evans: Conservative Wit, Apostle of Freedom*, by Steven F. Hayward 400 pp. hardcover 33.99 Kindle 9.99, (Encounter Books 2022), was written by one of Evan's journalism students and a longtime friend and associate. Steven Hayward has become a prominent writer at Powerline and elsewhere and teaches at UC Berkeley.

Evans was a very active, accessible personage in spite of his prominence, so I know some people who worked with him and knew him, and they all tell me he was friendly, engaging, and charming, even on his death bed. But Evans is not well known outside of intensely conservative circles, though he deserves to be remembered for his literary merits and for his critical role in the development of conservatism.

Evans was decades ahead of and presaged the development of a blue-collar/middle-class populist conservatism that resulted in Reagan and the arrival of Donald Trump. He articulated an opposition to elitist foreign and domestic policymaking and warned of the deep state before anyone used the phrase. He instinctively was repelled by the administrative state oligarchs and advocated for national conservatism when it was not even a dim light in the tunnel. He never saw a tax that couldn't be eliminated. He also was a friendly and amiable opponent and well known for his deep and arresting voice and laconic humor.

Evans was a remarkable advocate for conservatism, a Yale graduate, son of a respected and prominent Yale graduate, academic, and professor. He was liked and respected for his eloquence and intelligence, so he was frequently asked to compose positions statements and resolutions of conservative groups throughout his career. As a result, he was a key figure in many matters after he graduated from Yale in 1955:

- * The Sharon Statement, composed at Bill Buckley's house in Sharon, CT, as the position statement of the Young Americans for Freedom at their founding.

- * The Manhattan 12 statement that suspended conservative support for Nixon in 1971 for failure to hold to conservative principles.

- * Position statements and declarations for the American Conservative Union as their chairman.

- * Essential work with multiple organizations assuring the survival of the Reagan movement and strengthening him to achieve presidential nomination for 1980.

- * Inauguration of the annual spring CPAC gathering that has continued to this day as the most important conservative meeting of the year.

- * Creation and nurturing of the National Journalism Center to encourage integrity in political journalism and good journalistic practices. Many prominent conservative journalists are graduates.

- * Long and active contributions to *National Review* and *Human Events* along with a 10-year stint as editor in chief of the *Indianapolis News*.

- * He worked a 25-year stint during his career as a visiting journalism professor at Troy State University in Alabama and spent a day a week teaching hands-on journalism.

- * Mr. Evans had a deep and abiding dislike of appeasement/accommodation and cooperation with enemies—and was convinced for good reasons that such an approach to political differences invariably was self-defeating.

As an editor and essayist Mr. Evans was an anti-communist with no inclination to globalist engagement and a firm belief that the government should secure

safety for its citizens, protect national interests, and avoid foreign entanglements, but particularly avoid the temptation to expand government activities. He was a perfect advocate of the Hayek limited government and free-market formula for national welfare and rejected, condemned, and ridiculed liberal ambitions and expanded state activities intended to achieve utopian grandiosity. He asserted that government will inevitably fall short and frequently make things worse with its good intentions.

Mr. Evans practiced what he preached in his teaching of aspiring journalists: bring facts to the table. A journalist needs to inquire and gather pertinent information so the reader is better informed by reading the article or report. Evans made that his habit as an editor and reporter. He always couched his opinion pieces with facts that informed and enlightened the reader as well as supported his position. He had a special byline column for the *Indianapolis News* titled "Skeptic's Corner" that described his attitude as a newsman/journalist. *If your mother says she loves you—check it out.*

A vivid insight into Evans's thinking is that he thought liberalism was a cult of self-destruction and that was a theme in his writings of the 1960s and 70s. Evans was, even a long time ago, less afraid of Communists than he was of American liberals. As he put it starkly in his book *The Politics of Surrender*; "The Communists have not in fact been winning the Cold War so much as we have been losing it."

Mr. Evans had a legendary deadpan wit, with the timing and delivery of a stand-up comic. He was devoted to fast food and rock and roll, even though he was a Yale blue blood with a Phi Beta Kappa key. He blended in with the regular people and liked it that way. No pretensions in the man who said things like "I've discovered there is no absurdity that you can invent that a liberal will not state seriously," or "I didn't approve of what Joe McCarthy was trying to do, but I admired his methods." He said that his mother always taught him that breakfast was the most important meal of the day so he made sure he had a cigarette (a vegetable) and coffee (a legume). In regard to public works policy, he said "Any country that can land a man on the moon, can abolish the income tax." And "Conservatives had to overcome the Goldwater defeat without grief counselors." Mr. Hayward added an appendix of Evans jokes and memorable statements,

He will be missed, and I cannot possibly capture the magnitude and excellence of Mr. Hayward's biography. It bounces along and delivers information and tells the story of 50 years of the conservative movement and the essential role of the genius, Stan Evans.

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