



THE DEATH MARCH TOWARD SOCIALISM MUST BE HALTED

HOW DO YOU TELL A COMMUNIST?

Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin.

AND HOW DO YOU TELL AN ANTI-COMMUNIST?

It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin.

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SOCIALISM? IT'S BASICALLY MARXISM.

THINK OF MARXISM AS A TREE TRUNK. VARIOUS FORMS OF MARXISM ARE THE BRANCHES: SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM, LENINISM, THE SYSTEMS OF CASTRO AND CHAVEZ, ETC.

Socialism is most simply defined as government ownership or control of the means of production and distribution. It is a "Big Brother" mentality: the government promises to take care of you. Marxism preys on the depravity of man by promising "something for nothing." But when the government "takes care of" you, the government controls you. That's not freedom. It's the opposite. It's slavery. That's socialism.

Driven by President Obama and a left-leaning Congress, our nation is hurtling toward socialism at a pace unprecedented in American history.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE SOCIALISM:

» **When the government seizes huge portions of industry** – like the GM takeover, federal control of financial institutions, the proposed health care "reform" strategy – that's Big Brother on the march. ("The combination of economic and political power in the same hands is a sure recipe for tyranny," say Milton and Rose Friedman.)

"America is clearly sliding toward socialism," Sen. Jim DeMint writes in *Saving Freedom*. "Government is now the nation's largest property owner (nearly one-third of the land mass); it "owns" over one-third of the profits of all businesses and more than one-third of the incomes of most working Americans. It controls and restricts the development of America's energy resources.

"Government controls the majority of education and health-care services in America. It owns the primary retirement income plan for most Americans (Social Security). Government, through a burdensome regulatory system and direct interventions into the financial markets, effectively controls a significant portion of the nation's economic development and business activity."

» **When the government racks up colossal debt**, obligating taxpayers to inevitable and almost unimaginable taxation in the future, that's Big Brother in action: the federal government guaranteeing its own position in control of you. Socialism!

"The average American family now owes \$455,000," writes Sen. DeMint. "With an average household income of \$48,201 a year, there is no plausible scenario where America can manage its current debt level. Yet Congress continues to spend like there is no tomorrow.... The biblical admonition from Proverbs certainly applies: 'The borrower is slave to the lender' (Proverbs 22:7)."

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» **When the government pushes a so-called “Fairness” Doctrine** – which would effectively censor a certain type of messaging in the media (in this case, conservative and Christian messaging) – you are witnessing socialism in action.

» **When the Constitution’s explicit restraints on the power of the federal government are ignored**, “reinterpreted,” or even scoffed at, we’re seeing socialism on the rise. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, when asked if the health care bill was constitutional, reportedly didn’t even answer; she simply laughed.

(The health care reform bill “is unconstitutional,” Bill Wilson of Word of Life Ministry correctly states ... “it takes away freedoms, it makes Americans slaves to their government and it places a form of life determination tyranny in the hands of an increasingly powerful federal government.” Members of Congress “have hidden behind the cloak of compassion to lead people down the dangerous path of socialism.”)

FAST FACTS ABOUT SOCIALISM:

SOCIALISM HAS REPEATEDLY PROVEN A FAILURE. The old Soviet Union and the entire eastern bloc of nations demonstrated this tragic fact in the decades leading up to the fall of the Iron Curtain. When the Berlin Wall came down, East Germany opened up, Mikhail Gorbachev dissolved the USSR, and the truth was finally confirmed for the entire world to see: Marxist socialism cannot sustain itself – not economically, not politically, not morally.

SOCIALISM CONTRADICTS MAN’S GOD-GIVEN NATURE. We are wired by God for work, for productivity. We are designed to sow in order to reap. “...If anyone will not work,” the Bible declares, “neither shall he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10 NKJV). To extend the farming analogy: socialism essentially claims that the government will sow for you, and give you a harvest. But its only source of seed is – you! Furthermore, a socialist government strives to distribute the harvest equally, regardless of how hard you work at sowing seed – which kills any incentive for hard work.

The collective farms of Soviet Russia proved this emphatically. (When Nikita Khrushchev authorized collective farmers to plant their own private gardens as well, the gardens flourished – while the collective farms languished.) The experience of the USA proves it, too. “Despite the trillions of dollars ‘redistributed’ by government since the inception of America’s progressive tax code and welfare programs, there are more poor Americans than ever before,” writes Sen. DeMint in *Saving Freedom*.

SOCIALISM INHERENTLY LEADS TO VIOLENCE – as the government takes action to maintain control over people, in spite of their God-given inclination to be free. We witnessed the horrors of Marxist socialism as Josef Stalin oversaw the slaughter of 20 million people in a three-decade span, and as Mao butchered some 40 million Chinese.

SOCIALISM IS ANTI-BIBLICAL. Some claim that socialism is a biblical model. This is a lie. As the late Dr. D. James Kennedy frequently taught, Scripture clearly endorses the principle of private property and personal stewardship.





“A WISE AND FRUGAL GOVERNMENT, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.” **THOMAS JEFFERSON**

EXCERPTS FROM **“THE BANKRUPTCY OF SOCIALISM”**

By D. James Kennedy, Ph.D.

People say, “But that’s what the Bible says we ought to be doing. We should be concerned about helping other people.” Absolutely! But we are not doing it in the way that we should. Instead, we are hurting people—putting them out of work, destroying their families, destroying children...

What does the Bible say? In the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments), it says, “Thou shalt not steal.” For 2,000 years, theologians have declared that to be a guarantee by God of private property. God knows we need that property so we can exercise our stewardship and be good stewards of God. John Wesley said, “Make as much as you can. Save as much as you can. Give as much as you can.” If we would follow his counsel, we would find our society flourishing, indeed.

The Tenth Commandment states, “Thou shalt not covet ... any thing that is thy neighbor's” (Exodus 20:17).... It belongs to him. You are neither to steal it, nor even to covet it – again a guarantee of private property.

...Acts 5 [the account of Ananias selling property and giving proceeds to the church] teaches the right of private property.... Not only the property was his, but the fruits produced by that property also belonged to him.... Third, you will notice that this action was voluntary.... The Apostles never told anyone to give the funds away, nor was

it ever repeated anywhere else. But out of the joy and the enthusiasm of the Spirit of God filling their hearts, they wanted to do it. It was voluntary.

We need to stand up and say, “Enough of this!” Look what atheism has produced in other parts of the world. We don’t want it here! We want the religious freedom that our Founders gave us. We don’t want this socialistic mess of pottage that American socialists and atheists are trying to force on us.



We want the free enterprise system the Founders of this country gave us, which made America the strongest and the most bountiful and plentiful nation the world has ever seen, and which is now making other nations which have copied it the same, or even more so, as we turn our backs upon it.



Unless we trust in Christ as our Savior, unless we know that His Father has promised to “supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory,” we are going to continue to look to a provident State, and we are going to move more and more into despotism, socialistic tyranny, and economic ruin in this country.

STAND WITH CORAL RIDGE MINISTRIES IN OPPOSITION to America’s slide toward socialism! Please pray fervently and please give generously to this crucial nationwide campaign. Thank you!

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HEAL THE SICK, EDUCATE CHILDREN, CREATE THE BEST JOBS,
STOP DISCRIMINATION OF ALL KINDS, AND CREATE BETTER LIVES FOR EVERYONE....**

But I am fully convinced, as were the framers of the Constitution, that government is wholly incapable of accomplishing these societal aspirations.

In fact, virtually all government attempts to organize societal functions for specific outcomes have resulted in more harm than good. That's why America's Founders focused on limiting government; believing that maximum societal progress would occur through free, nongovernment institutions.

SEN. JIM DEMINT, *Saving Freedom: We Can Stop America's Slide Into Socialism*

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