In their 1848 magnum opus, the Communist Manifesto, ideologues Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels warned that a spectre was haunting the established order of all of Europe from the monarchs and prime ministers to the Catholic Church. Tracing its roots back to the French Revolution, this retooling of doctrinaire socialism strove to work the poor of the world into a revolutionary fervor that would replace the old establishment with one that would usher in a perpetual reign of earthly peace and harmony.

**A Trinity of Targets**

In order to achieve their lofty goals, Marxism had to eliminate the three major obstacles in its historic path. Russian author Igor Shafarevich reduced the Communist Manifesto’s 10 planks to three specific targets, which were private property, the Christian religion and the family. Shafarevich understood that communism was not just an economic system like capitalism but an ideology.

Marx regarded communism as the highest form of atheism because it affirms man through the denial of God. While private property and capitalism was the root of all evil, Marx saved his special opprobrium for the family. He believed that the family structure was inherently exploitative with capitalists treating their wives and children as property.

In a Marxist society the management of the family would evolve into just another branch of social work. Children should be raised by the state. Marriage and inheritance needed to be eliminated because it perpetuates the family. Free love should be the only form of relationship allowed. The sexual revolution is basically a Marxist attempt to destroy marital fidelity and ensure the destruction of the family.

The care and upbringing of children, including what they eat and drink, were social matters for the government. Michelle Obama seems to have adopted this tenet as her presidential calling. The impetus for gay marriage and unnatural reproductive policies is just another way to undermine the traditional family.

**An Historical Process**

Most Americans who were not weaned on a steady diet of anti-communism and personal freedom would be shocked to learn how deeply Marx and Engels’ utopian vision has penetrated America’s contemporary society. This is true because theirs is a quiet conspiracy that works within the dark recesses of human appetites. This assault on the pillars of American society’s basic institutions has existed for generations. Marxist philosophy has infiltrated and transformed most areas of American politics and culture.

Auteur David Mamet’s 1995 movie, the Spanish Prisoner, centered on a mysterious formula that several individuals schemed to steal. This formula was consistently referred to as the process. Similarly, Marx and Engels conspired to write their Communist Manifesto as an historical process that would take decades, if not centuries, to come into full flower.

According to its progenitors, Marxism is founded on two kinds of materialism, the dialectical and historical. Marxism is materialistic because it holds that matter is the only reality. Marxists believe that all societies progress through the dialectic of class struggle. It will invariably evolve through the interaction of opposing material forces through several different historical paradigms such as slavery, feudalism, capitalism, socialism and communism until human perfection is achieved and the state can fade away. According to the true nature of things, the state just continues to grow until it collapses under its own weight, only to be replaced often by a more repressive state.

Marx scorned the capitalist system which he labeled the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. He condemned the wealthy class as selfish miscreants who are interested solely in their own benefit. He predicted that like previous socioeconomic systems, capitalism would inevitably implode because of its inherent contradictions and tensions.

**A Lethal Partnership**

While their ideas were similar, Marx and Engels came from vastly different backgrounds. Karl Marx was born on May 5, 1818 in Trier, Germany. He was a revolutionary who advocated merciless criticism of everything existing. He studied at both the Universities of Bonn and Berlin, where he became interested in the philosophical ideas of the Young Hegelians. Moving to Paris in 1843, he began writing for radical newspapers. In Paris he began his long relationship with Frederick Engels.
After being exiled a number of times for his radical views, Marx moved to London with his family, where poverty was their constant state. In the spring of 1847, he and Engels joined a secret society called the Communist League. They both became active in various revolutionary groups and together worked out the theory and tactics of *Revolutionary Proletarian Socialism*, which they christened *Communism*. In 1848 they collaborated on the *Communist Manifesto*, which outlines their revolutionary theory of class struggle and highlights the significant role of the proletariat.

While Marx was always strapped for funds, Engels seemed to enjoy the blessings of the capitalist society he detested. The disgruntled son of a wealthy textile manufacturer, Engels was born in Barmen, Prussia in 1829 to a German father and an English mother. In 1845 he published *The Condition of the Working Class in England*, based on personal observations and research.

After collaborating on the *Manifesto*, Engels supported Marx financially so he could write *Das Kapital*. After Marx’s death Engels edited the second and third volumes. His kinship with Marx proved to be one of the most lethal partnerships in world history. Through the dialectic, Marx and Engels promised that mankind could look forward to the attainment of a utopian society in this world which they envisioned as the highest ideal the human race could seek. Their system, they believed, was destined to fulfill the human desire for peace and happiness.

**A Bloody Revolution**

Their *Manifesto* argued that history invariably leads to social revolution and a *classless society*. They despised the capitalist economic system with its private or corporate ownership of goods. They disdained its unfettered decisions about production and distribution as determined by prices and demand in a free market.

Communists knew that the ruling classes would never willingly give up their control of society to a socialist government and that revolution would be necessary. Revolution and blood was the only language that could establish the necessary radical changes in the societal structure. Their *Manifesto* also served as a warning that the revolution was coming and there was nothing anyone could do to stop it.

They believed that the common laborer could never have political equality or freedom without economic equality. Eventually communism would let the workers control the wealth of a country by having the state take control over the production of factories, farms, mines and other industries. These are essentially the same arguments that established abortion and radical feminism in the American political landscape.

The present debate over *ObamaCare* is much more than an attack on religious liberty. It strikes at the heart of economic liberty and is another example of a Leviathan government attempting to follow in the footsteps of their Marxist progenitors in confiscating over 16% of the U.S. economy in one giant sweep.

**Plans for Destruction**

The *Manifesto* detailed 10 specific policies and structures that would insure the destruction of the free enterprise system. Since the Progressive Period in the early 20th century, many of these policies have become embedded, not only in the law of the land, but the culture as well. The 16th Amendment was surreptitiously passed in 1913. It established the progressive income tax, with its disproportionate taxation of higher incomes. In the name of fairness and equality, it disguised its Marxist agenda of redistributing the income of the producers while creating an underclass of entitled dependents.

Most tyrants have used the progressive tax for similar controlling purposes. When they drafted the United States Constitution, the founding fathers had prohibited such an economically regressive tax. The progressive income tax increases political power over private wealth while it wages *class warfare* in the public forum and turns the masses against the productive economic engines of their society in a self-destructive way that jeopardizes the freedom of all.

It also promotes *class envy*, which fails to recognize property as a natural human right and not part of the government collective largesse. These terms are Marxist derivatives that signal the preliminary stages of their deterministic historical evolution.

The graduated income tax is also designed to prevent millions of Americans, especially the middle class from accumulating wealth. The nose of the tax camel started at 3% of millionaires’ income and had risen to a high of 90% of all income over $25,000 in 1940. This is called paying your fair share. The top 10% now pay a lion’s share of the taxes collected in this country while nearly 50% pay no taxes at all.

The inheritance tax denies future generations of their family legacies. This is unfair to the families, who have worked and saved their entire lives, only to have big government deprive their children of their future. This so-called death tax costs almost as much to collect as it brings in revenue. Taxpayers have to spend thousands in legal fees to file these taxes. Many shelter their income in risky or low return investments. The avoidance of this oppressive tax robs the economy of its vitality by eliminating jobs and economic growth.

**A Hidden Evil**

Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury and arguably one of the greatest economic minds revolutionary America ever produced, was in favor of a National Bank to aid the development of manufacturing and trade. Marx and Engels’ *Manifesto* called for a centralization of credit in the hands of such a national bank. The progressive version of the Hamilton paradigm is the Federal Reserve System, which is divided into 12 member banks across the country.

It is a privately owned credit/debt system, established by the Federal Reserve Act of 1913. All local banks are members of this federal system and are regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, another privately owned corporation. Its role, unlike Hamilton’s, seems to be the absolute
micromanagement of the monetary system and the business cycle to the overall detriment of the economy.

The Fed uses a controversial banking tactic called fractional-reserve banking, where banks maintain reserves of cash at the central bank that are only a fraction of their customers’ deposits. These funds are subsequently lent out with the banks keeping only a small percentage of those deposits in reserve. These banks in turn lend out their deposits ad infinitum. This distortion of an economy’s real wealth, which dates back to Italian bankers in the time of the Crusades, creates fiat money or real currency out of thin air by assuming the new money as a debt to its member banks. This expands the money supply exponentially with little oversight or control. To this day, the Fed has never been audited.

The bailouts of 2008 and 2009 are good examples of the Fed’s unbridled power. The country will have to pay for the inflation of the country’s money supply in either high taxes, more inflation or both. The taxes that will need to be levied to finance this package may keep some favored firms alive, like General Motors, but in the long run they will siphon off capital, kill jobs, debase the currency, and make businesses less productive elsewhere. The inflating of the money supply acts as an invisible tax to the detriment of families and lower income people.

The Dewey System

The manifesto plank that has arguably done the most abject damage to religion and the family has been Marx’s idea of a public school system. On December 5, 1928 The New Republic published an article written by socialist John Dewey, the revered father of progressive education, in which he revealed his Marxist education agenda. Dewey boasted of the marvelous development of progressive educational ideas and practices under the fostering care of the Bolshevist government. His schizophrenic description of the development of a required collective and cooperative mentality was the exact opposite of the American ideal of producing self-sufficient, creative and intellectually competent students.

To Dewey the greatest task of the public school was to counteract and transform those domestic and neighborhood tendencies, which he identified as the influence of home and Church. In order for Dewey’s progressive agenda to advance, the moral authority of both had to be undermined and replaced with the authority of the State. Like Marx, Dewey hated the autonomous family and believed that it was the prime obstacle to the creation of the ideal communal life.

Since the early 20th century Dewey’s teachings have infected virtually every school, including most private schools, with his humanistic doctrines. He believed that the best way to implement communism in America over the long term was to infiltrate all major areas of American life. He designed his teachers’ education courses as a cure to take all of these sick children from the evils of their families and religious beliefs.

America’s Deliverance

It is difficult for most Americans to see the public school system as part of the devil’s handiwork. Yet they need only look at what Dewey’s system has wrought over the last 100 years. By design the public schools have effectively replaced standard ethics and traditional morality with a Nietzschean transactualization of personal values, where students are encouraged to create their own values and morals. As a result God is unwelcome in the public schools. Homosexuality and other pervasive sexual practices are taught and encouraged at all levels. There have been Columbines, fighting and a general loss of respect for teachers. The general level of education has declined so that American students trail most students in the Western world.

Marxist liberals have used the schools to condition American students with government propaganda like majority rules, diversity and pay your fair share. The idea of fair share originated from the Communist maxim, from each according to their ability, to each according to their need! This pedagogical standard of equalization is drilled into American students’ heads without discussion so by the time they graduate they are socialized.

The good news is that Marxism is doomed to failure. As a social and economic system, it simply does not work because its worldview is deeply flawed. It misunderstands the broad concept of original sin. Human beings will not work as hard without self-interest to motivate them. They have to be coerced to do the things that government mandates as best for them and their families.

The Tea Party Movement is just the tip of the reactionary iceberg opposing Obama’s Marxist onslaught. The Christian faith is still the predominant religion in America. All faithful must heed the abject warnings of Our Lady of Fatima, who proclaimed that unless people got down on their knees and prayed for deliverance from communism, evil would dominate the world. This may very well be the secret to America’s deliverance.

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(Budapest Times, March 30, 2012)

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