



## Confronting Revolutionaries

Today Americans are asking, “Has our nation gone mad?” The Covid-19 lockdown left the country’s economy reeling. Then came rioting and looting, with stores burned and city centers destroyed by mobs chanting “No justice, no peace.” Crime rates are soaring in major cities such as Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Baltimore. Public statues are being torn down by frenzied mobs. In Seattle, radicals seized a six-block area to declare it an “autonomous zone” free from police. In Portland, OR, anarchists run wild. The federal building in Portland has been under siege each night. Radical groups such as Black Lives Matter and Antifa appear to be running the show.

Meanwhile, politicians from both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party hesitate to condemn the violence for fear of being called racists. Major corporations and philanthropic foundations, eager to show that they support “racial justice,” have been pledging vast sums to Black Lives Matter, a self-proclaimed revolutionary organization. City councils, mayors and leading politicians, mostly Democrats but also a few Republicans, are calling for “defunding the police” and “reimagining the police.” Libertarians and left-wing activists echo the calls for “demilitarization” of city police forces and ending “qualified immunity” from civil suits for police officers.

For many Americans it seems like a nightmare. Suddenly mobs, politicians, corporations, universities and pundits call for the end of “systemic racism” allegedly built into our history, our culture and our institutions. Every white American stands accused of having “white privilege” and, if they were not conscious of their racism, that showed they really were racists. The concept itself is Orwellian Newspeak. If a white person did not admit he was racist, then he was. If he admitted that he was racist, then he should kneel before the mob.

Average Americans were left bewildered by all this—not just the violence, the mob rule, the destruction of statues, the hatred for American values—but a nation endangered. Some Americans were not distraught, however. Surveys

showed wide support for the slogan “Black Lives Matter.” Looting and rioting should be condemned, in their view, but also understood because of racial injustice. In a deeply polarized electorate, many blamed President Trump for somehow having escalated racial tensions—even though surveys showed that already by 2015 most Americans felt that racial relations had grown worse, well before Trump entered the White House.<sup>1</sup> As a result, the Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden began to climb in the polls, while President Trump’s numbers went down. Perhaps a Biden presidency, some thought, would restore calm and a return to normality.

This is wishful thinking. Three points should be made: First, we are confronting a political insurgency and a cultural revolution. Second, the insurgency and cultural revolution have been brewing for decades and have now reached an intensity that should not have caught us by surprise. Complaints of systemic racism by police are unfounded and are merely the latest excuse for violent protests. Finally, even if calm is restored to our streets, neither the insurgency nor the cultural revolution is going away. The radical left has a strategy and a vision for transforming America.

### Revolutionary Minds

Why have so many Americans been caught off guard by this insurgency? Why does anyone think it will go away with the tearing down of statues, more social justice education, and more people recognizing their white privilege? The answer is that average Americans simply do not recognize or identify with a modern revolutionary mentality. Our Founders were revolutionaries, but of a far different sort from the modern revolutionaries who appeared in the French Revolution, the 1871 Paris Commune, and the Russian, Chinese and Cuban Revolutions in the 20th century. Our Founding Fathers undertook a war of independence from Britain in order to establish a representative republican government under the rule of law, and to uphold their ideals of liberty and political equality.

Our Founders understood that humans are not perfect, and that unconstrained power is corrupting. Therefore, they sought to restrain power through balanced institutional safeguards.

The modern revolutionary mind—personified in Robespierre, Lenin and Mao—seeks to destroy the old order completely to create a new world. In the 20th century, scores of millions of people died at the hands of revolutionary monsters who came into power calling for the liberation of people against their oppressors—capitalists, foreign imperialists or dictators in their own country. These revolutionaries rallied the masses in the name of freedom, only to become worse tyrants than those they replaced. Their revolutionary regimes were washed in the blood of the very people they had called to freedom.

In maintaining power, the regimes declared both friends and foes of the revolution as enemies of the state, targets of massive police apparatuses created by the regimes. Young revolutionaries and supporters of the revolution in other countries turned these tyrants into folk heroes, a status that persists even after history has revealed the atrocities committed by these supposed liberators.

### **False Prophets of a New Epoch**

**M**odern revolutionaries envision themselves as prophets of a new epoch in human history. This allows them to throw off the chains of the past and recreate society anew. These prophets of revolution appeared in the post-Enlightenment age when reason replaced faith. Modern revolutionaries hold deep faith in the perfectibility of mankind. Their faith in reason, however, is a kind of pseudo-science. For the French Revolutionaries, reason was not based on tradition or custom developed over time through actual experience; the accumulation of encyclopedic knowledge by itself would lead to enlightenment. Enlightenment was never fully defined.

Marxism developed out of Enlightenment thought, after being mixed with German idealism and pseudo-science. Marx claimed that he had arrived at “scientific socialism.” Marx’s economic theory based on the labor theory of value—that wealth derives only from labor—proved false. His belief that history had a design revealed in dialectical materialism led him to proclaim marriage as nothing more than legalized prostitution of women, religion as the opiate of the people, and private property as theft. He called for the dictatorship of the proletariat, never fully explaining how this dictatorship would work.

Modern revolutionaries promise a new millennium for mankind. They are the secular prophets of a new kingdom on earth. The young are especially attracted to revolutionary philosophies. Revolution presents a seemingly easy

solution to all the world’s problems. Revolution offers to the credulous a way to cleanse the world of racism, ethnic and religious conflict, war and corruption. The insurgents understand that revolutions are bloody affairs and that innocents suffer as much as the guilty, but they tell us it will be worth the cost. The end justifies the means.

Average Americans are naturally repulsed by such rantings. Radicals are dismissed as overprivileged children, morons or misguided youth. Once these radicals grow up, begin working and paying taxes, and have families, their youthful idealism will be replaced by reality. Often this is the case, but simply to dismiss revolutionaries as misguided or stupid underestimates the fanaticism of the true revolutionary. For the true revolutionary the world is one of black and white. There are no in-betweens. One is either for them or against them. Dialogue, civility and compromise are anathema to the revolutionary.

Whether revolutionaries are intelligent or not is beside the point. Marx, Lenin, Mao, Castro and other modern revolutionaries were exceptionally intelligent men. Many of today’s college students attracted to revolution are found at America’s most elite universities. Intelligence and common sense are two different things. Being a starry-eyed idealist willing to destroy current society might seem really dumb to most people. One does not need to be a brain surgeon to see that such ideas are nutty, but intelligent people are often those most attracted to nihilism. Lenin understood that most workers, even discontented ones, were not going to be able to make a revolution on their own. They needed the enlightened, members of the vanguard party, to guide them. Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky and Mao despised peasants because this class seemed the most resistant to revolutionary change.

### **Who Are Today’s Revolutionaries?**

**B**lack Lives Matter and Antifa are revolutionary organizations. Their leaders do not deny it. BLM and Antifa activists have taken advantage of incidents involving police officers killing unarmed blacks. We do not need to go over these incidents in detail to understand that radical activists mobilized protests, which in many cities turned into violent looting. These demonstrations were composed of three groups, sometimes overlapping: radical activists with a clear agenda to spur violence; well-meaning demonstrators concerned about racial justice; and thugs, organized by social media and gangs, to loot stores.

The demand to “Defund the Police” was picked up by Democratic Party leaders who encouraged defunding the police with the rhetoric of “Reimagine Policing.” The Minneapolis City Council voted to defund the police and to put more resources into rapid-deployment social worker teams to answer 911 calls.<sup>2</sup>

While the movement to defund the police was occurring, mobs began tearing down and defacing statues. At first statues of former Confederate soldiers were targeted, but the urge to erase or destroy spread to statues of abolitionists, explorers and even Jesus, Mary and saints. Government officials across the country capitulated to mob pressure. The list of cities ordering the removal of statues is extensive.<sup>3</sup> *Recall that the French Revolution had a phase of lopping off the heads of statues; before long the revolutionaries were lopping off the heads of many thousands of human beings, including Carmelite nuns.*

### Black Lives Matters' Radical Goals

**B**lack Lives Matter is better organized and better funded than Antifa, which is a social network of activists found largely in the Pacific Northwest, although chapters have sprung up around the country. At this point, BLM poses a more serious threat. BLM's leaders have been able to conflate an appealing slogan with their organization. Thus it appears to some people as a pure civil rights organization, a successor to Martin Luther King's civil rights movement of the 1960s. It is not.

BLM as a movement emerged in 2013 after the acquittal of George Zimmerman, a mixed-race man (initially described as a "white Hispanic" in the media) who shot and killed a young black man named Trayvon Martin in Florida. BLM gained momentum following the death of another young black man, Michael Brown, from a police shooting in Ferguson, MO a year later. BLM leaders like to portray the organization as a spontaneous response to protest against these deaths. The co-founders of BLM, however, were longtime far-left activists.<sup>4</sup>

BLM tends to downplay its radical agenda on its website, but it does not take much digging to find the group's real goals. For instance, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors announced in a 2015 video that she and her fellow founders have an "ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular are trained organizers. *We are trained Marxists.* We are super-versed on, sort of, ideological theories."<sup>5</sup>

Cullors admits to having being a student of Eric Mann, a former member of the Weather Underground, a domestic terrorist organization. She says she spent years studying Marxism-Leninism under Mann, who hosted a radio show in the Los Angeles area and wrote many left-wing books. In 1969, Mann and 24 others were arrested for conspiracy to commit murder after firing two bullets into a police headquarters. He was sentenced to two years in prison, and after spending 18 months in jail he was released in 1971. He moved to the Los Angeles area, where he became involved in organizing bus drivers, anti-racist movements and environmental justice activism. He founded the National

School for Strategic Organizing to train a cadre of community organizers, such as Cullors and BLM co-founder Alicia Garza. Garza claims to be inspired by the fugitive cop-killer Assata Shakur, who escaped from prison and took refuge in Castro's Cuba.

Cullors's affirmation of being a trained Marxist received wide publicity on the right, although some conservatives have disputed whether BLM is really Marxist given its emphasis on race over class. This is unnecessary parsing of words. Marxists learned long ago how to use the race issue as a means of agitation. Regardless, BLM utilization of the race issue has a sinister character. Yusra Khogali, a Toronto BLM chapter co-founder, declared that she prays to Allah for the strength not to kill whites. "Whiteness is not humxness [sic]," she wrote in 2016, and, "in fact, white skin is sub-humxn." She asserted that "white [people] are recessive genetic defects."<sup>6</sup>

This overt anti-white racism is not an isolated viewpoint. It is expressed by a number of BLM local leaders and has deep roots in the black separatist movement. Such beliefs belie Cullors's assertion that BLM is also a spiritual movement with deep roots in West African religious traditions.<sup>7</sup>

BLM's economic justice program is straight-out Marx. The program calls for ending private land, water and other resources. BLM's platform also demands "free" health care, "free" college, "free" daycare, "free" housing and "free" internet access."<sup>8</sup>

### Stunning Corporate Funding

**S**ome of the nation's largest corporations have pledged huge amounts of money to Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, which calls for replacing the nuclear family structure, promoting the LGBT political agenda, training and funding community activist groups and leaders, and environmental justice, among other issues. This foundation—the umbrella group for BLM chapters—was established in 2016 with funding from Thousand Currents, a left-wing foundation of which former terrorist Susan Rosenberg serves as vice chair.

The BLM Global Network Foundation has received donations from some of America's largest corporations including Dash (\$500,000), Deckers, with its brand name Ugg (\$500,000), Amazon (\$10 million), Gatorade (\$500,000), Glossier (\$500,000), Airbnb (\$500,000), Unilever (\$350,000), Nabisco (\$500,000), Dropbox (\$500,000), Devolver Digital (\$65,000), Square Enix (\$250,000) and Cisco (\$5 million including other racial justice groups). Other contributors include Warner and Atlantic record labels, Tinder, Intel, Bungie, Fitbit and the Kellogg Foundation.<sup>9</sup>

These donations are on top of huge awards given by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation. In mid-July, George Soros announced he was giving another \$150 million to black-led racial justice groups, along with an additional \$70 million toward local grants for criminal justice “reform” and civic engagement. This means more money will flow into protest organizations and local activist groups calling for defunding the police.<sup>10</sup>

The obvious question is why is corporate America giving money to an organization that declares itself anti-capitalist? Corporations want to be seen as supporting racial justice and don’t want to be hit by protests or social media campaigns. In addition, many corporate and foundation officers are on the left politically. The left has a commanding presence in U.S. institutions.

### Where to Go From Here

**A** cultural revolution is occurring throughout the United States as business leaders, museum curators, newspaper editors, novelists, celebrities, professors and others have come under attack and in many cases have been forced out of long-held positions for being insufficiently “woke” to suit the intolerant social justice warriors. There has been surprisingly little resistance from community leaders and politicians to this direct assault on American values including private enterprise, respect for our history, and tolerance of dissent. This has left many normal Americans frustrated and explains the high ratings of Tucker Carlson on Fox News, who keeps asking in effect, *Where are the so-called conservative Republican leaders on this assault?*

This is a good question. The American public needs to demand that politicians stand up for American values, defend our heritage, and not give ground to these revolutionaries. Politicians who have the guts to face down the real and virtual mobs deserve support. Consumers can write

to presidents of BLM-funding corporations stating that they won’t buy those corporations’ products as long as they keep supporting enemies of traditional American values. Parents should refuse to send their children to universities that have allowed radicals to silence dissent. Sports fans can skip football games front-loaded with racial propaganda. Counter-protests can be organized to defend statues of historic or religious significance.

Revolutions are made by minorities and fail when the majority resists. Americans need to stand up. *We kneel only to God.*

1 In a Gallup poll in 2014, only 11 percent of Americans felt dissatisfied with race relations in the country. One year later in 2015, 30 percent were dissatisfied with race relations. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/1687/race-relations.aspx>.

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