



A Mao-Inspired Political Party is Sowing Unrest in the U.S.

Following protests in Los Angeles in June 2025, Congressional oversight committees opened hearings on Chinese-sponsored protests that erupted across America against the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE). In Los Angeles and some other cities, these protests turned violent. Anti-ICE protests continued into this year, leading to more riots in early 2026. With the American incursion into Iran in April, anti-ICE protests morphed into anti-Iran War protests.

For average Americans, keeping up with these protests is a bit overwhelming. They might find some amusement in seeing middle-aged white women with purple hair, sometimes dressed in frog or other animal costumes, shouting at ICE agents or calling for “No Kings.” What most Americans do not know is that the demonstrations are organized and funded by a pro-Chinese Communist political party, the Party of Socialism and Liberation (PSL).

PSL is joined by Code Pink, Antifa, communist groups and other well-funded leftist organizations. The protests draw support from non-affiliated activists who might not know the critical role PSL plays in organizing these protests.

The Party of Socialism and Liberation embodies a Marxist-Leninist vanguard revolutionary party that is pro-China and pro-North Korea. PSL is funded by the Shanghai-based billionaire Neville Roy Singham, who has contributed an estimated \$20 million to the party. In addition, Singham has funded The People’s Forum in New York, ANSWER Coalition and CodePink, whose co-founder was Singham’s wife Jodie Evans.¹ ANSWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) has been a major organizer of pro-Hamas and anti-Iran War protests.² Singham also funds Tricontinental Ltd., BreakThrough News and a cluster of other entities to transfer funds to his organizations.

Singham’s focus extends beyond disruption in the United States, including a network of an estimated 2,000 organizations spanning the globe. These organizations work closely with about 500 other groups in organizing protests such as the #No Kings Protest in March.

The rapid mobilization of these organizations through social messaging illustrates how sophisticated the radical-revolutionary left has become in this new age of technology. On April 8, the day after Secretary of War Pete Hegseth declared an “historic and decisive victory” against the Islamic Republic of Iran, far-left groups organized pro-Iranian demonstrations across the U.S. National security experts call these demonstrations “cognitive warfare” or a “smokeless war.”

PSL’s Radical Mission

PSL, established in 2004, has grown into a formidable force. This once-obscure Marxist-Leninist communist party should not be dismissed as just another group on the radical left. The party is the principal organizer of massive protests seen on college campuses and in major cities to object to “Kings,” ICE, Israel and the Iran war. It can rally thousands of people across the country through its use of social media. *PSL has become a major weapon of the Chinese Communist Party to sow discontent and social disturbance in American society, even while the United States asserts its world power under President Trump.*

PSL lists on its website (<https://pslweb.org>) more than a hundred chapters, located in nearly every state of the union. It follows Vladimir Lenin’s doctrine of a vanguard party spelled out in his lengthy pamphlet *What Is to Be Done?* (1901), calling for a centralized disciplined party for communist revolution. Lenin’s concept formed the basis of the Bolshevik party that achieved political power in Russia in 1917.

A self-proclaimed vanguard party headquartered in Washington, DC, PSL is a centralized group in which all members are bound to defend and act on its program. The party program was adopted at the First Party Congress of PSL held in Los Angeles in February 2010. This program is affirmed every couple of years by the Party Congress, in which 40 percent of the delegates are appointed by the party's central committee.

PSL makes clear its Marxist mission: "We envision societies that explore and implement alternatives to the unjust domination of governments, global financial institutions and multinational corporations which denigrate the world's peoples and devastate ecosystems. We envision the development of a unified domestic and international movement of transformational grassroots organizations that promote a socially, ecologically and economically just world."³

The key organizing principle of PSL is anti-capitalism and what it calls U.S. militarism. In its founding document in 2004, the party declared, "Revolutionary Marxism requires a revolutionary party to flourish and develop. Marxism is not an abstract doctrine but rather a guide to action. It must be constantly tested by action and in debate."⁴

Today the PSL lists as its primary mission opposition to U.S. capitalism and U.S. militarism. "We recognize that at their roots," the PSL program states, "militarism and modern wars result from coercive force and violent oppression waged in favor of economic and political systems that seek to concentrate wealth, power and resources in the hands of the privileged few."⁵

PSL's Origins

The origins of PSL grew out of a sectarian split within the tiny Workers World Party formed in 1959. PSL emerged in 2004 when the San Francisco branch of the Workers World Party announced that a new revolutionary party was needed—one focused on action, not ideological debate. Leadership of the new PSL party fell to Richard Becker, Brian Becker, Gloria La Riva and Eugene Puryear, who formed the central committee.

The rationale for the party was their expectation of new waves of protests by socialist groups. The leaders explained, "We decided it was a necessity to build a new revolutionary organization in 2004 because we anticipated a revival of the anti-capitalist struggle and we

felt that the other socialist parties in the United States were progressive at best but incapable of rising to the challenge of a new era. They too had suffered from the effects of political and organizational degeneration caused by the global contraction of the revolutionary trend." PSL asserted that a new party was necessary to "build a revolutionary organization before and not after the outbreak of a new upsurge in the mass movement and class struggle."⁶

Who Is Neville Singham?

What made PSL stand out was timing and money. Timing came with increased polarization and disenchantment with American politics, but even more important was the growth of the internet. PSL members became masters of the internet and later of social media. Money came from Neville Singham, a tech billionaire, beginning in 2014.

From its outset in 2004, PSL expressed an extreme anti-Israel position. In 2025, the party came under additional scrutiny when a former PSL member was charged with murdering two Israel embassy workers at an event in Washington, DC. Following the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, PSL ramped up its pro-Palestine activities and sponsored or co-sponsored more than 1,700 anti-Israel protests around the United States, many on college campuses.

PSL has partnered with other anti-Zionist groups including Students for Justice, American Muslims for Palestine, Palestinian Youth Movement, Al-Awada and Jewish Voice for Peace. PSL organizers supported encampments on college campuses in 2024. PSL membership overlaps with other anti-Israel groups such as ANSWER Coalition and The People's Forum.⁷

Only hours after Hamas's attack on southern Israel, PSL organized a mass rally in support of the horrific attack. The rally featured PSL founder Eugene Puryear, who told the gathered crowd, "And as you might have seen, there was some sort of rave or desert party where they were having a great time, until the resistance came in electrified hand gliders and took at least several dozen hipsters."⁸ In short, he downplayed the violence of the attack.

Born in 1954 to a father from Sri Lanka, Neville Singham declared himself a revolutionary in his youth by joining the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, a black nationalist-Maoist group. (Singham considered himself

black, although a Sri Lankan is considered South Asian.) At the age of 18, he went to work at a Chrysler plant in Detroit to organize black workers. After attending Howard University, he founded Thoughtworks, a Chicago-based information technology consulting company. When he sold the company in 2018 to a private equity company, Thoughtworks employed 4,500 employees across 15 countries.

After selling the company, he moved to China, where he started a number of other businesses. His Shanghai office is shared with the Maku Group, whose mission is to educate foreigners about the so-called Chinese miracle. In 2017, he married Code Pink co-founder Jodie Evans in Jamaica.

Singham and his wife are devoted Maoists and supporters of Chinese President Xi Jinping. Singham envisions a new world order led by China and the Communist Party of China (CPC). His vision of this new world order found full expression at a CPC-sponsored conference, the Global South Academic Forum, held at the luxurious Golden Tulip Hotel in Shanghai in March 2026.⁹

Echoing Chairman Mao

Speaking to 200 delegates—academics, activists and community organizers—Singham summarized in a lengthy speech a 172-page report he had written. Delegates applauded wildly as he called for fulfilling Mao’s vision of an “international revolutionary front” composed of a network of activists and community organizers. In his report, entitled “80th Anniversary of the Victory of the World Anti-Fascist War,” Singham invoked Mao’s call for a protracted war against fascism.

Singham told his listeners that the “liberal fictions of three competing systems—democracy, fascism and communism—obscures the fact that there are only two competing systems, fascism and communism.” He argued that “Fascism is capitalism in crisis, its mask dropped” as “hyperimperialism” is being challenged by revolutionary activists in North America, Latin America and Western Europe. Singham characterized Western European and American involvement in the Second World War as only about colonizing other nations.

The key step in defeating capitalist fascism is to create a new narrative, an “ideological apparatus” powered by “money and methods,” Singham continued. Critical to this new ideological apparatus are “media, institutions

and organizing structures that can sustain and reproduce the narrative.”

In a video interview with ShanghaiEye, a state-funded media arm of the CPC, Vijay Prashad, the Indian Marxist chairman of the international advisory board of Tricontinental Ltd., offered further insight. He explained that the strategy was to mobilize revolutionary opposition in the “Global South,” specifically Latin America and Asia. (India has been a target of Singham’s activities, leading to charges by the Indian government of money laundering by his various nonprofit foundations.)

A Fox News investigation analyzing more than 200 international operations of his nonprofit foundations found that Singham seeded money across five continents from 2017 to 2025.¹⁰ Fox News found that the Singham-funded entity The People’s Forum hosted 1,663 events from August 2018 to early 2026. Singham’s strategy—along with other activist nonprofit foundations—has been to funnel money through various community groups.

For example, Singham’s The People’s Support Foundation funneled \$109 million around the world, specifically to 43 mostly Marxist groups from Brazil to Ecuador, Haiti, South Africa, Zambia and Scotland. These groups run film training schools and community organizing workshops.

A Tangled Web of Funding

The complexity of Singham’s funding replicates a model used by other activist nonprofits such as Arabella Advisors. Funding starts at one nonprofit, which might send money to another non-profit that makes grants to various organizations. This scheme allows these foundations to claim that general grants were made for community organizations that are not directly political.¹¹

Singham funds his revolutionary organizations through a number of nonprofit foundations he has created. This complex of organizations makes it difficult to track his funding. For example, in 2019 he established the People’s Welfare Organization with a mailing address of a P.O. box in Madison, Wisconsin. The mission of the organization is vaguely focused on “foreign communities with large, marginalized populations.” He appointed leaders of the PSL to the board.

Between 2017 and 2024 the People's Support Foundation gave \$66 million to the People's Welfare Association. With these funds (and other grants) the People's Welfare Association made over \$96 million in grants throughout the world. Of these grants, \$43 million went to South America; \$2.4 million to Central America and the Caribbean; \$9.5 million to Europe, including Greenland and Iceland; and more than \$3.7 million to South Asia. On its tax forms, the People's Welfare Association states that the money went for "grant-making" and "grants."

In 2018, Singham set up yet another nonprofit, the Justice and Education Fund, Inc. It has provided \$51 million in grants to "community organizations," with the People's Forum executives serving on the board. The mission of this new fund is to make grants for "community and human services."

Singham and his organizations seek revolutionary change that begins with sowing social discontent in the U.S. and other nations. Singham is a willing tool of the Chinese Communist Party. His funding network through nonprofit foundations is one among many. Others include Arabella Advisors and George Soros's Tides Foundation.¹² The vast sums being poured into activist groups and revolutionary parties such as PSL allow for coordination of nationwide protests that have led to violence on our streets.

These groups and revolutionary parties should be seen as part of a larger coordinated network. For example, in Maine PSL joined with the Democratic Socialists of America and ANSWER Coalition to form what they called a "Unified Leftist Contingent" to protest against "imperialism, capitalism, and state violence." Similar formations and alliances have been seen in #NoKings

protests, as well as anti-ICE and anti-Iran War demonstrations.

The complex network of funding makes it hard for the Internal Revenue Service to take away the tax status of these organizations as charitable, non-political organizations. Following hearings in February, some members of Congress called for investigation and closing of loopholes in the tax code.¹³ PSL membership, however, is secret—and PSL is only one organization in a large network of revolutionary organizations.

Make no mistake about organizations such as PSL: They are anti-American revolutionaries. In the end, they will fail in their revolutionary mission. In the meantime, expect more protests that turn violent.

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