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CULTURAL MARXISM AS A CASE STUDY ON THE WORLDVIEW IMPACT OF EDUCATION STRATEGY⁸⁶

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ABSTRACT

In 2008, presidential candidate Barack Obama promised that electing him would initiate a fundamental transformation of America. His ascension to power did not represent a time of change as much as it measured the change over time which had already occurred via the Cultural Marxist transformative process initially introduced into an unsuspecting nation via the public education system as well as in bible colleges and seminaries. Properly understood, President Obama was not the herald of a new way of thinking but rather a marker of acceptance of the old ideas which he championed by a society that had surreptitiously already undergone a radical change from its founding principles. So it is that having a working knowledge of Cultural Marxism, its history, strategies, methods, and goals is essential to understanding the guided stages of degradation that American society and the church have undergone. This article will examine the ideological shifts which have taken place by design: culturally, politically, and most importantly, spiritually.

INTRODUCTION

The focus of this article is to delve into Cultural Marxism's complex web, an ideology that has stealthily overridden Western

⁸⁶ Adapted with permission from Patrick Wyett, *Darkened Pulpits: The History and Hiredlings of Social Justice* (Lampstand of Truth Publishing, 2022).

culture throughout the last century. This article highlights the foundation, approaches, and impeccable implications of Cultural Marxism, garnering attention toward its insidious impact on different aspects of contemporary life. From establishing the Fabian Society in 1884 to the choreographed input of like-minded figures into positions of power and influence, the footprints of Cultural Marxism are evident in all the educational, social, and political movements. This article comprehensively explains the historical context and Cultural Marxism's structures, highlighting the key challenges affecting Western civilization and the continuous struggle to maintain the fundamental principles.

CULTURAL MARXISM

There are two different types of Marxism: Classical Marxism⁸⁷ (overthrowing a bourgeoisie government by a violent revolution of the proletariat) and Cultural Marxism⁸⁸ (overthrowing a nation by destroying its society from within through a gradual process of targeted infiltration). Classical Marxism and Cultural Marxism have the same goals and ends but seek to reach them by different means. Marxism, in whatever its form, is a call for human governance that not only denies the God of Creation, it seeks to eliminate Him from human thought. Human history indicates a simple truth: Men must be governed

⁸⁷ Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, (The Merlin Press Ltd., London, 2015). 30.

² Bradley Thomas, "Antonio Gramsci: the Godfather of Cultural Marxism" in Foundation for Economic Education, March 31, 2019, viewed at: <https://fee.org/articles/antonio-gramsci-the-godfather-of-cultural-marxism/>.

by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.⁸⁹ Such tyrants as Mr. Penn warned us about have a plan for today.

The communists' agenda is to destroy your social order. This has been their aim for 125 years and it has never changed; only the methods have changed a little.⁹⁰

The above quote is from 1975. Many years later our social order is that much further down the road to its acquiesced destruction. What we now know as Cultural Marxism was conceived and is being executed with the specific goal of destroying Western Civilization by attacking its foundation, Judeo-Christian Theism.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY

Whereas the Communists had called for open revolution and conquest, organizationally, a more subtle head of the Marxist snake came into being in 1884 with the founding of the socialist Fabian Society in London, England.⁹¹ The Fabian Society was named after the Roman general Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus, who fought against the feared Carthage general Hannibal in the Second Punic War (218 BC – 201 BC).

General Fabius did not attack Hannibal's superior forces directly; instead, he resorted to calculated brief encounters and hit-and-run tactics to demoralize and wear down his opponent,

⁸⁹ Source unverified, viewed at: <https://www.bartleby.com/lit-hub/respectfully-quoted/william-penn-16441718-4/>.

⁹⁰Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, *Warning to the West* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, 1986). 72.

⁹¹Amy Tikkanen, "Fabian Society" in Britannica, March 1, 2024, viewed at: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Fabian-Society>.

which we would call guerrilla warfare today. The Fabian Society comprised wealthy and influential people, including playwright George Bernard Shaw, writer Edward R. Pease, philosopher Bertrand Russell, economists Sidney and Beatrice Webb, and psychologist Havelock Ellis. The Fabians sought to incrementally infiltrate Western society with Marxist ideology, gradually destroying it by attrition. The Fabian Society formed the London School of Economics (LSE) in 1885 as an educational vehicle to further their cause.⁹² To this day, it remains committed to its founding principles.

Economist and Fabian Socialist John Maynard Keynes attended the LSE. His promotion of big government deficit spending to stimulate a troubled economy, usually in trouble *because* of debt, is quite popular with liberal statist the world over.⁹³ When you hear about the virtues of Keynesian economics, realize you are listening to socialist fiscal policies designed to destroy free market capitalism.

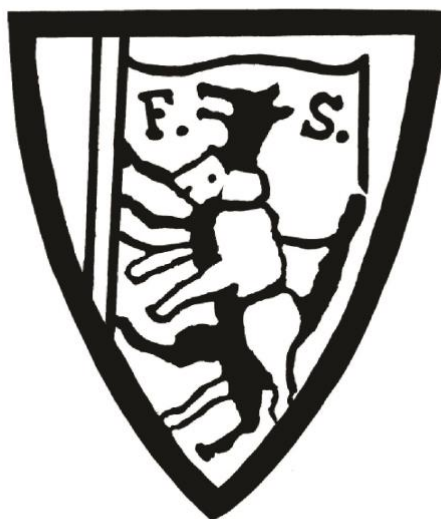
Over fifty heads of state have attended the London School of Economics, including Pierre Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada and father of current Prime Minister, far-left socialist Justin Trudeau. The Fabians are a major influence in the British Labour Party, as evidenced by recent Fabian Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. LSE graduates are legion in government and business around the world. The deceptive nature of the Fabian Society is exemplified by its first coat of

⁹²Trevor Loudon, “British Labour Party Elects ‘Moderate’ Starmer As Leader—A Fabian Socialist” in *Epoch Times*, May 20, 2020, viewed at: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/keir-starmer-british-labour-party-elect-moderate-leader-a-fabian-socialist-and-former-trotskyist-3311886>.

⁹³ Larry Abraham, *Call it Conspiracy*, (Double A Publications, 1985). 132.

arms, a wolf in sheep's clothing.⁹⁴ As for a closer look at the Fabian Coat of Arms in black and white:

THE FABIAN SOCIETY EMBLEM



THE WOLF IN THE SHEEP SKIN

EUGENICS AND RACISM

The Fabians were unapologetically eugenicists. Merriam-Webster defines eugenics as the practice or advocacy of controlled selective breeding of human populations (with sterilization or abortion of undesirables) to improve the population's genetic composition. This so-called "improvement" involves differentiating between what eugenicists term superior and inferior peoples. I am

⁹⁴Author not cited by name, sourced from: "The Fabian Society: Masters of Subversion Unmasked", 31 March, 2013, viewed at: <https://modernhistoryproject.org/mhp?Article=FabianSociety&C=7.0>.

not implying that the Fabians invented racism. That evil, born in the pride of one's perceived superiority, has been evidenced throughout human history. It is not God's plan for, or His view of, people.

“For there is no respect of persons with God.” (Romans 2:11)

Racist Fabian ideology has a direct correlation to Nazi atrocities. Hitler admired anti-God philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche's theory of a master race, which he called *Übermensch*, German for Overman or Superman.⁹⁵ Hitler's belief that such a race had the inherent right to rule over or eliminate inferior races came in part from his studying the American eugenics movement.⁹⁶ Hitler merged Nietzsche's idea and Fabian eugenics with National Socialist German Workers Party fervor. This brings us to Fabian Socialist Margaret Sanger, founder of The American Birth Control League in 1921 changed its name to Planned Parenthood in 1942. Sanger was mainly influenced by Fabian eugenicists H.G. Wells and Havelock Ellis. Her Birth Control League was a specific attempt to introduce birth control as a means to decrease the population growth of those she termed "undesirables":

Birth control is not contraception indiscriminately and thoughtlessly practiced. It means the release and cultivation of the better racial elements in our society, and the gradual

⁹⁵ Jack Madon, “*Übermensch* Explained: the Meaning of Nietzsche’s ‘Superman’” in *Philosophy Break*, June 2022, viewed at: <https://philosophybreak.com/articles/ubermensch-explained-the-meaning-of-nietzsches-superman/>.

⁹⁶Edwin Black, “The Horrifying American Roots of Nazi Eugenics”, September 2003, viewed at: <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/the-horrifying-american-roots-of-nazi-eugenics>.

suppression, elimination, and eventual destruction of defective stocks— those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization.⁹⁷

This kind of eugenics, Negative Eugenics, focuses on preventing the birth of those it considers inferior or unfit. Toward that end, Sanger launched. “The Negro Project” to weed out her definition of the unfit from the population, enlisting black doctors and even NAACP co-founder W.E.B Dubois in support.⁹⁸ Black ministers, too.

The minister’s work is also important and he should be trained, perhaps by the Federation as to our ideals and the goal that we hope to reach. We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.⁹⁹

Abortion was at the time illegal and a bridge too far to openly advocate for. That would come later. Some state that Margaret Sanger was pro-life and advocated birth control to reduce abortions. This is a cover for her eugenicist/racist ideas. She was not pro-life.

⁹⁷ Margaret Sanger, “Apostle of Birth Control Sees Cause Gaining Here” in New York Times, April 8, 1923, viewed at: <https://www.nytimes.com/1923/04/08/archives/apostle-of-birth-control-sees-cause-gaining-here-hearing-in-albany.html>.

⁹⁸ Bruce Fleury, *The Negro Project: Margaret Sanger's Diabolical, Duplicitous, Dangerous, Disastrous, and Deadly Plan for Black America*, (Dorrance Publishing Co., 2015). Chapter 4.

⁹⁹ Ken Blackwell, “Busting Margaret Sanger” in The Daily Caller, August 31, 2015, viewed at: <https://dailycaller.com/2015/08/31/busting-margaret-sanger/>.

No one can doubt that there are times when abortions are justifiable but they will become unnecessary when care is taken to prevent conception.¹⁰⁰

When conception does occur, abortion becomes just another form of birth control. The spirit of The Negro Project continues today through Planned Parenthood. More blacks are killed by abortion yearly than by all other causes of death combined.¹⁰¹ A majority of abortuaries are located in minority communities for their victims' ease of access. The unborn were not Sanger's only targets of opportunity; she was also involved with the Euthanasia Society. Compare this statement:

¹⁰⁰ Margaret Sanger, *Family Limitations*, (Self-published, 1914). 5.

¹⁰¹ Author not listed. "Health of black or African American non-Hispanic population" in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, December 13, 202, viewed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/black-health.htm>.

¹⁰² Usha Ranji, Karen Diep, and Alina Salganicoff, "Key Facts on Abortion in the United States" in Kaiser Family Foundation, November 21, 2023, viewed at <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/issue-brief/key-facts-on-abortion-in-the-united-states/>.

¹⁰³ Numerous authors, "THE STATE OF ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES" in National Right to Life, February 2024, viewed at: <https://www.nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/StateofAbortion2024.pdf>.

¹⁰⁴ Numerous authors, "Medication abortion now accounts for more than half of all US abortions" in Guttmacher Institute, December 21, 2022, viewed at: <https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2022/02/medication-abortion-now-accounts-more-half-all-us-abortions>.

¹⁰⁵ Numerous Authors, "The impact of abortion underreporting on pregnancy data and related research" at National Library of Medicine, April 30, 2021, viewed at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8279977/>.

The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.¹⁰⁶

With Fabian Socialist George Bernard Shaw:

A part of eugenic politics would finally land us in an extensive use of the lethal [gas] chamber. A great many people would have to be put out of existence simply because it wastes other people's time to look after them.¹⁰⁷

These historical details are not often mentioned in liberal presentations of black history.

President Teddy Roosevelt, a man of passionate opinion, spoke of such:

There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism. When I refer to hyphenated Americans, I do not refer to naturalized Americans. Some of the best Americans I have ever known were naturalized Americans born abroad. But a hyphenated American is not an American at all ... The one way of bringing this nation to ruin, preventing all possibility of its continuing to be a nation at all, would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities... There is no such thing as a hyphenated American who is good. The only man who is a

¹⁰⁶ Margaret Sanger, *Woman and the New Race*, (New York : Brentano's, 1920). 63.

¹⁰⁷ Evelyn Cobley, *Modernism and the Culture of Efficiency: Ideology and Fiction*, (The University of Toronto Press, 2009) 159.

good American is the man who is an American and nothing else.¹⁰⁸

TARGET USA

Fabian socialism came to the American church in 1885 via Episcopalian Minister William Dwight Porter Bliss, who called himself a Christian Socialist. Talk about a contradiction in terms. Later, US Fabians collectively went by the more innocuous name "Progressives," which is the same thing that Socialists, Liberals, and Communists identify as today. The Fabians decided that its schools would be the quickest avenue of infiltration into the US culture. In 1906, the Fabian Society established the Rand School of Social Science in New York City as a beachhead to invade the US education system.

A founding member was atheist and Fabian socialist John Dewey, later lauded as the father of modern progressive (liberal) education.¹⁰⁹ That same year, The Intercollegiate Socialist Society was formed at the Rand School to branch out into other institutions of higher learning. In 1921, they changed their name to "The League for Industrial Democracy," having set up a network of 125 chapters in other colleges and universities to remove Christianity from America.

Fabian socialist John Dewey was also a founding board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909, and helped found the anti-

¹⁰⁸Theodore Roosevelt, "Americanism" in [gutenberg.org](https://www.gutenberg.org/files/68152/68152-h/68152-h.htm), May 22, 2022, viewed at: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/68152/68152-h/68152-h.htm>.

¹⁰⁹Brannon Howse, *Grave Influence: 21 Radicals and Their Worldviews that Rule America from the Grave*, (Worldview Weekend Publishing, 2009). 121.

American, anti-God American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 1920. Fabians were on the offensive.

Socialists can learn from their adversaries that it is always possible to attack existing law, in the name of democracy, justice, and liberty, in the name of the great ideals of the American Constitution, and in the name of law itself. – Fabian Yale law professor, Felix Cohen.¹¹⁰

John Dewey also served as the honorary President of the ultra-liberal National Education Association (NEA) in 1932. The NAACP and The ACLU are organizations that were founded by Marxists and were/are front organizations to push Marxist ideas into the mainstream, as is the NEA. You may be thinking, I agree with the ACLU and the NEA, but with the NAACP? Revered NAACP founder and socialist William Edward Burghardt (W. E. B.) Du Bois would later openly become a member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA). This was not a change of heart later in life but a public embrace of who he always was.

While there are some positives of these organizations – equal opportunity for ethnic minorities *is* a good thing – these organizations overall are largely aligned with the Cultural Marxist revolution.

¹¹⁰ R Retta, “Fabian Socialist: Destruction of the Republic” in franklincountyvatriots.com, April 30, 2012, viewed at: <http://www.franklincountyvatriots.com/2012/04/30/fabian-socialist-destruction-of-the-republic/>

FABIAN INFLUENCE IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY

With their ideas on eugenics, Fabian Socialists found natural allies in the Democratic Party, the party of slavery, Jim Crow laws, segregation, and the Ku Klux Klan. Fabian's infiltration into the US political system reached a high point in 1912 with the election of socialist Democrat Woodrow Wilson to the Presidency. His close friend and advisor was Fabian socialist Edward Mandell House (1858-1938), nicknamed Colonel House, a Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) co-founder. So significant was his influence on Wilson that he, in practice, became the de facto president. House's guidance resulted in the passage of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913, unconstitutionally giving the authority to coin US currency to the private international banking system known as the Federal Reserve.

The enabling Federal Reserve Act was sold to the public and Congress by claiming it would stabilize the banking system and prevent financial panics and banking-related minor depressions of past occurrence. The big bank proponents had orchestrated these events to use as an excuse for the need for a national bank. In this case, it is an international, national bank.

It would be only sixteen years later, in October of 1929, that the Federal Reserve would trigger the stock market crash that began the Great Depression. The timing of this event would place the blame on the policies of sitting president, Republican Herbert Hoover, and help sweep into power liberal Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1932 elections. The Federal Reserve is not just a bank but an instrument of immense worldwide political

power.¹¹¹ Nothing of consequence happens without its foreknowledge and assent.

1913 was an excellent year for Marxism in the US, as it also saw the ratification of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, making a progressive income tax permanent. A central bank and a progressive income tax, Communist Manifesto planks two and five were largely accomplished. Workers in revolt did not need to achieve this, but it was bloodlessly accomplished through directed political and societal acceptance of socialist ideology. Fabian tactics were catching on elsewhere and being further refined.

REVOLUTIONARY ICON: ANTONIO GRAMSCI

Italian communist Antonio Gramsci (1891-1937) witnessed the fall of Czarist Russia to the communist forces of Vladimir Lenin. Gramsci surmised that Lenin's tactics of stirring up the masses of poor into a communist revolutionary army, while successful in that predominately low-tech, agricultural nation, would not work in an industrialized, prosperous, and predominately Christian country like the United States due to its higher standards of living and strength of faith. Therefore, Gramsci postulated a more specific strategy:

The civilized world has been saturated with Christianity for 2000 years, and a regime grounded in Christian beliefs and values could not be overthrown until these roots were cut.¹¹²

¹¹¹ George Griffin, *The Creature from Jekyll Island*, (American Media, 2011).

¹¹² Antonio Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks*, (Columbia University Press, 2011).

A quote attributed to Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin embodies this same thought:

America is like a healthy body and its resistance is threefold: its patriotism, its morality, and its spiritual life. If we can undermine these three areas, America will collapse from within.¹¹³

Both are accurate insights. Gramsci's ideas are held in high esteem today by dedicated Cultural Marxists. He diagnosed what to attack (Christianity) and the avenues through which to attack it. Gramsci understood the physical, political, and spiritual scope of the conflict that even then was underway. Notice how he equates Socialism to a religion:

Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity...In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.¹¹⁴

What Gramsci envisioned is now in the latter stages of accomplishment. Generations of distracted Christians have quietly endured Gramscian assault, unaware of what was happening. As to the infiltration of our schools and universities, we turn again to the Marxist point man for the corruption of the US public education system, John Dewey. The active Mr. Dewey personally taught at the universities of Michigan, Chicago, and Columbia. In

¹¹³This quote is popularly attributed to Joseph Stalin though the source of attribution cannot be definitively cited.

¹¹⁴ Antonio Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks* (Columbia University Press, 2011).

the 1920s, Dewey wrote articles praising the Soviet Union and the system it imposed for indoctrinating youth under the guise of education. Communists understood this concept with precision:

Give me four years to teach the children, and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted. -- Vladimir Lenin¹¹⁵

So did the Nazis:

He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future. —Adolph Hitler¹¹⁶

Dewey was so enamored with communist youth indoctrination that he travelled to the Soviet Union in 1928 to study Soviet "education" techniques for implementation in America. The abrupt transition from a Christian-based worldview was made possible by a 1916 mandate from Franklin Knight Lane, Secretary of the Interior, to fundamentally restructure the American education system for the 20th century.¹¹⁷ Lane believed that modern children, and thus the greater society, would no longer need Jesus as Savior or Lord.

Up to this point, education in America had been taught from a Christian perspective. Textbooks had ranged from the Bible-based "New England Primer," Noah Webster's "Blue-Backed Spellers," the "McGuffey. Readers," and the Bible itself. All early American institutions of higher learning had their start as

¹¹⁵ Bruce Hopper, *What Russia Intends: The Peoples, Plans, and Policy of Soviet Russia*, (J. Cape, London, 1931). 83.

¹¹⁶ Adolph Hitler, speech at the Reichsparteitag, 1935.

¹¹⁷ Arthur Dunn, *The Social Studies in Secondary Education*, (Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, 1916).

Christian schools. For example, Yale was founded in 1699 by ten ministers. Harvard's early mottos were "For the glory of Christ" and "For Christ and the church." Faith in God predominated in the United States and prospered under God's blessings. That was then.

The new schools would teach secular humanism and related philosophies. Biblical "myths" were to be phased out and replaced by "science" and human reason. Dewey's ally and signer of the Humanist Manifesto, Charles Francis Potter, published a 1930 book titled, "Humanism: A New Religion." The title is self-explanatory.

Education is thus a most powerful ally of humanism, and every public school is a school of humanism. What can the theistic Sunday school, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teachings?¹¹⁸

Control the schools and own current and future generations. The Social Studies and Humanities that we have all been taught as core curriculum in school came from John Dewey specifically to focus on a social viewpoint devoid of Christian influence. Dewey's dedication to all things in opposition to God is evidenced by his influence on and signing the Humanist Manifesto in 1934. This anti-God document is considered a significant milestone in the secular conversion of America. It fits well with Dewey's philosophy of life:

There is no god and there is no soul. Hence, there is no need for the props of traditional religion [Christianity]. With

¹¹⁸ Charles Potter, *Humanism: A New Religion*, (Simon and Schuster, 1930). 128.

dogma and creed excluded, then immutable truth is dead and buried. There is no room for fixed and natural law or permanent moral absolutes.¹¹⁹

By this point, John Dewey's impact on America's future was profound, but the worst was yet to come. The life and death struggles between the warring factions of Marxism in Europe would serve to provide him with a historic opportunity to inject some of Marxism's most lethal thinkers directly into the United States.

CONCLUSION

This article has examined Cultural Marxism's pervasive and complex impact, delving into its inception, approaches, and effects. Cultural Marxism aims to achieve societal change through a gradual but steady infiltration as opposed to violent revolution, which incidentally, Cultural Marxists are not opposed to if given the right societal conditions and acquiescent government support. Additionally, this article highlights how Cultural Marxists created strategies to target US institutions, particularly education, to erode the conventional ethical standards and values with a specific bent towards Christianity. Notable figures like John Dewey propagated this agenda, successfully moving a formerly Christian-based educational system to one foundationally rooted in secular humanism. Moreover, the Democratic Party's conventional links with Fabian Socialism, demystified by the Presidency of Woodrow

¹¹⁹ Patricia Engler, "6 Principles Skeptics Borrow from the Bible", in *Answers in Genesis*, February 17, 2021, viewed at <https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/patricia-engler/2021/02/17/6-principles-skeptics-borrow-bible/>.

Wilson, affirms the indelible mark of the infiltration of Marxist ideologies in American politics to now include growing numbers in the Republican Party. Overall, this article demonstrates how cultural Marxism and the associated ideologies stand as significant threats to contemporary western civilization, profoundly eroding its Judeo-Christian foundation.

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