

SOCIALIST STUDIES

Leftist teachers, socialist lessons infect school system, brainwash students

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Liberalism has become socialism, whether liberals are conscious of this or not. Allow Norman Thomas, socialist and member of the American Civil Liberties Union to explain it: "The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism, but under the name of liberalism, they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program until one day America will be a socialist nation without ever knowing how it happened." That day has come. A socialist now sits in the White House. Thanks to the leftist cadre of teachers and professors infesting our educational system, from the unimpeachable throne of a lecture podium, liberals have turned the public education system into a factory for turning out socialists, starting young and never yielding.

Kindergarten. You learn to write your name, push in your chair, maybe even read. But the most important lesson you take from this charming introduction to education is to share. You share your markers, your scissors, you may even have to part with some of your snack. Now sure, crayons and goldfish seem like friendly exchanges, but this mandated charity is the foundation of socialism: in essence, what's mine is yours.

Elementary School. With political correctness now defining curriculum and codes of behavior, building self-esteem is on the top of every teacher's agenda. It is the formative years of elementary school that we discover everyone is a winner. You might be slower, dumber, or flat out wrong, but you are still a winner. Extracurricular activities echo this sentiment. In sports, trophies are no longer coveted by all and won by few; each athlete is entitled to one, even if that means coaches must create absurd reasons to commend them. Here begins the lie: everyone is equal. Not in the sense of equal protection under the law. No, it is much less noble. It is that despite ability or effort, unequal performance merits equal praise.

Middle School. Teachers now enforce another precious lesson: learning to work with others. A cause for frustration and an invitation for conflict, group projects are now added to the mix. Students work at the mercy of others as two possible outcomes emerge: either

the lethargic reap the rewards earned by the diligent or the potential of the capable is inhibited by the will of the impotent.

High School. Finally, students have an opportunity to actualize their potential in Honors and Advanced Placement classes. But more relentless than ever, socialists have fought weighted grades, a system that would incentivize those capable of taking harder classes and reward intelligent, hard-working students. But instead, because we now have to make sure that the students that are dumb or lazy (or both) are given equal praise, sloth ends up getting you a higher GPA and a better class rank.

And here, our Petri dish could not display a better extrapolation. Just as many students lose the incentive to challenge themselves because their exhausting ambition will be met only with a societal endorsement of complacency, the same brilliant and capable minds will lose the incentive to invent, to take risks and to compete in the marketplace because the fruits of their labor will be confiscated anyway and redistributed after being filtered through government bureaucracy.

These seemingly harmless lessons are not just about sharing and caring. As they learn of the brilliant heroism of FDR and the despicable wealth of history's entrepreneurs, students are being taught the 'evils of capitalism.' Classroom rules become uncannily similar to the most basic principles of collectivism. And as our society becomes less and less merit-based, we drift further and further away from what our nation was intended to be.

SOCIALISM SPARKNOTES

Socialism is the redistribution of wealth and power equally among all people. It puts the economy under government control, restricting both the production and the distribution of goods and interfering with business. Socialism has failed in the past, most notoriously in the USSR, and today's socialist countries are enduring the same dying economies.

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