

FABIAN SOCIALISM

Socialist's Goals for America

“The best way to take control over a people is to take a little of their freedom at a time, to erode rights by a thousand tiny and almost imperceptible reductions. In this way, the people will not see those rights and freedoms being removed until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.” *Adolf Hitler*

The Fabian Society

After the death of Karl Marx, a group of his followers started the Fabian Society in England (1884). The organization was named after the Roman General Quintus Fabius, “The Delayer,” who was famous for defeating his enemies gradually. Fabius used the tactics of persistence, harassment, and wearing the enemy down by attrition, rather than frontal assaults.

Thus, the purpose of the Fabian Society was to use the general’s tactics to transform democratic and capitalistic societies, like England, into socialist states. Rather than use Marx’s plan of political revolution (armed force), the Fabians favored political evolution, affecting change over time in such a way that it would go unnoticed. Their coat of arms features a wolf in sheep’s clothing. Their logo is a tortoise.

In the Fabian window (at right), designed by George Bernard Shaw, two Fabians are seen pounding on the earth, reshaping the world one swing at a time. Another is heating the earth with global crises. The words on the side read, “Remold it nearer to the heart’s desire.”

While Fabians had success in England, they struggled in the U.S. In 1895, the American Fabian Society stated, “England’s [unwritten] constitution readily admits modification. England can move into socialism almost imperceptibly. However, the American Constitution does not readily admit such change. The Constitution must be changed to admit socialism, and each change necessitates a political crisis, which means the raising of great new issues” (*Introduction to the American Fabian*).



The Fabians’ complaint against the Constitution is a compliment to its Framers. The power and control of big government had never been obstructed by a better roadblock than the Constitution. The American Founders chained the restless beast of civil government in favor of individual liberty and local self-government, a rarity in history.

Therefore, to expand the reach of the State, advocates of big government, like the Fabians, had to unlock the chains of the Constitution without alarming its guardians – the people and the press – of any danger. However, the protections of the Constitution do not mean that the U.S. is impervious to change; rather the change would take careful planning and a lot of time.

Progressivism

Another problem the Fabians encountered was that the ideas of Communism and socialism were despised by Americans. Thus, the Fabians would have to enter the national debate by another name, operating under the radar. The movement they chose was known as Progressivism (1890-1920), which promoted social reform through government force. The move was brilliant, and the Fabians were unimpeded, for who would ever vote against progress?

“A Progressive,” according to Paul Skousen, author of *The Naked Socialist*, is “someone who seeks to cut the chains of the Constitution. With the chains cut, the federal government grows bigger, more meddlesome, and more expensive. But the Progressive Movement is an oxymoron. Progressivism moves the country backwards, away from liberty. Also, Progressives only accomplish their



goals by deception, masking their true intentions in the name of fairness, equality, or social justice.”

Masters of Deceit

Historically, Progressive socialists have used two tactics to mold Americans into their image – division and deception. First, socialists love to divide and conquer. They do it by stoking existing social tensions or by creating new ones – the rich against the poor, business owners against employees, blacks against whites, liberals against conservatives, oppressors against oppressed. Socialists stir up division in order to break down institutions. Institutions are weaker when they are divided, and weak institutions are ripe for conquest. Even Jesus said, “A kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself cannot stand” (*Matt. 12:25*).

Progressive socialists also use deception. In his documentary “Agenda: Masters of Deceit,” Curtis Bowers states that socialists “always want people to think that catastrophe is just around the corner, and that to avoid the catastrophe, people must do exactly what they are told.” The problem is that there is no catastrophe. Perceived crisis is just a ruse to initiate panic or fear. When people are afraid, they look for someone to protect them, and Progressives want people to look to them.

Throughout history, governments have used crises to strengthen their power and gain control over people. During a crisis, people are willing to surrender liberty to gain security. A crisis may be a war or rumors of war, economic uncertainty, terrorism, chaos, disease, or environmental dangers. Sometimes, governments have even been guilty of creating a crisis if no crisis exists. Once a crisis or “problem” is created, then Progressives present their solution. In essence, they start the fire and then sell the extinguishers.

What Do They Want?

Progressives want control of every aspect of our lives. They push for control until opposition rises up and pushes back. Then, the Progressives pause and call for compromise, getting as much as they can. When their opposition returns to normal, the Progressives

push again, aiming for more control. The opposition only plays defense, which is why they always lose.

In his documentary, Bowers notes, “The Progressive game is change, anything but the status quo. To get their changes, they use the smoke screen of crisis. But, keep in mind, the issue (or crisis) is never the issue. The issue is the revolution, the change.” When the people push back on the issues or scurry to solve the crisis, the Progressives work in the background to achieve their goals. Like a magician, Progressives occupy our attention with one hand and do their dirty work with the other.

In 1958, W. Cleon Skousen wrote *The Naked Communist*. Skousen documented what he learned from his time in the FBI and later as Chief of Police in Salt Lake City. He noted that the Communists had 45 goals. With the advantage of history and looking back at their success, the Fabian Strategy is clear. Here are some of the goals from Skousen’s list.

- [11] Promote the U.N. as our only hope.
- [15] Capture the political parties.
- [16] Use decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions, by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
- [17] Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and Communist propaganda. Put the party line in the textbooks.
- [19] Use student riots to foment public protests
- [20] Infiltrate the press.
- [21] Gain control of radio, TV, and motion pictures.
- [22] Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression... Eliminate good sculpture from parks and buildings and substitute shapeless, awkward, and meaningless forms.

- [23] Control art critics and directors of art museums. Promote ugly, repulsive, meaningless art.
- [24] Eliminate laws for obscenity by calling them “censorship,” a violation of free speech.
- [25] Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity.
- [26] Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as normal, natural, and healthy.
- [27] Infiltrate churches. Discredit the Bible. Replace revealed religion with social religion.
- [28] Eliminate prayer or religious expression in schools, claiming it violates the separation of Church and State.
- [29] Discredit the Constitution, by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs.
- [30] Discredit the Founding Fathers.
- [31] Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history.
- [32] Support any movement to centralize control over any part of the culture (i.e., education, welfare programs).
- [36] Infiltrate and gain control of the unions.
- [37] Infiltrate and gain control of big businesses.
- [38] Transfer some of the power of arrest from the police to social agencies.
- [40] Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
- [41] Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents.
- [42] Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of tradition, that special-interest groups should rise up and use force to solve economic, political, and social problems.

In 2012, Cleon Skousen’s son, Paul, wrote *The Naked Socialist* and included a list of what he recognized as 46 socialist goals. Here are a few of Paul’s additions to those of his father.

- Eliminate national boundaries
- Install environmental rulers
- Develop a one-world currency
- Get control of the Internet
- Make more use of Executive Orders
- Hype a Constitutional Convention
- Regulate transportation and energy
- Destroy gender distinctions
- Provide universal access to abortion
- Limit family sizes
- Work towards a cashless society
- Socialize healthcare
- Worship Mother Earth
- Confiscate weapons
- Promote animal rights
- Control information
- Create crisis

Progressive Success

In the early 1900s, Progressives were successful in changing the Constitution with several Amendments. These “necessary” changes were hidden by clouds of “crisis.” For example, the 16th Amendment, which established the graduated income tax, was initiated because, we were told, the federal government didn’t have enough money to pay its bills and the gap between the rich and the poor was widening. Of course, a graduated income tax is a plank from the *Communist Manifesto*, a means of redistributing wealth and giving the State piles of money, along with the green light to expand its power and control.

The “crisis” of Senatorial corruption initiated the need for the 17th Amendment, which put the election of U.S. Senators directly in the hands of the people, instead of under the control of State legislatures, as the Founders intended (undermining State sovereignty). The “crises” of poverty and alcoholism were used to promote the 18th Amendment, prohibiting alcohol. Clearly, this Amendment was outside of government’s constitutional authority and,

by 1933, Americans fought to repeal it with the 21st Amendment.

The “crises” of the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the ensuing Great Depression were used to institute the welfare system. Today, nearly 50% of Americans depend on the government for jobs, loans, welfare, retirement, or healthcare (Bowers). Gradually, America has become a dependent society.

The “crises” of two world wars pressed Americans to establish the United Nations. The UN is a Progressive, pro-Communist organization (established by Communist spy Alger Hiss), working to undermine the U.S. and build a global government.

The “crisis” of global warming or climate change has been used to allow passage of debilitating regulations on U.S. businesses. The “crisis” of economic uncertainty has been used to establish the Federal Reserve (1913). The Fed devalues our currency by printing money and robs us with the hidden tax of inflation.

The “crisis” of terrorism has allowed federal agencies to spy on law-abiding citizens and intrude on privacy and gun rights. The “crisis” of excessive medical costs has opened the door for government-run healthcare, which eliminates its competition. With no competition, people will not receive the best care at the best price. How will the “pandemic” or the crisis of Covid-19 be used to expand government control of our lives? Remember, the issue (crisis) is never the issue. The issue is the revolution, the change. The strategy is working.

While we don't want to minimize the seriousness of a real crisis (many people have been hurt or killed), we must be discerning enough to see through deceptions. We must not allow ourselves to fall victim to fear-mongering. Any “sky-is-falling” scenario is an attempt to cause public panic and to manipulate people into more government control. But we know better. We know that our hope is not in government. Our hope is in God (*Ps. 20:7; 28:7; 56:3; 62:8; 112:7; 118:8; Prov. 29:25*).

Like the Other Nations

From Moses to Samuel (400 years), Israel experienced liberty. However, the people changed their minds. Rather than be distinct, the Israelites desired to be like other nations and to have a king (*1 Samuel 8*).

Samuel warned God's people what a king would do. He predicted that their children would be taken away for his service (becoming wards of the State), that their land and resources would be taken for government use (loss of private property), that their money would be taken to support the ruler's whims (legalized theft), and that they would become slaves of the State (losing liberty). Still, the people rejected God and begged for a king (v.7). Basically, the people would exist for the State, and the State would become their god.

In essence, the Israelites traded their liberty and independence for dependence and oppression. Unfortunately, Americans have done the same thing. Rosalie Slater, author of *The Christian History of the Constitution*, wrote, “America has repeated the folly of Israel. We've neglected that which produced our freedom. Instead, we've worshipped the effect of our success and forgotten the cause” -- biblical principles.

Perhaps the most haunting comment regarding Israel's decision was when God told them, “When you cry out in that day, because of your king you have chosen for yourselves, I will not answer you” (*1 Sam. 8:18*). Why not? The Israelites chose that system of government despite knowing its dangers. While they were free, they elected to put themselves in chains.

We, too, are facing self-made problems in America. While we were free, we unshackled the federal government from its constitutional bonds and, instead, put its chains on ourselves. Will God now answer us when we cry out to Him because of our “king”? We know how we got into this mess, and we know how to fix it. We must return to the Lord, seek and follow His wisdom and do the things we did at first – biblically and constitutionally. That is the course of true progress.