

VIOLENT REVOLUTION

A Tactic of Classical Marxism

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.” *Romans 12:18*

Marxism and Violence

Radical, aggressive socialists have been diligently working for a hundred years to undermine American society. While Cultural Marxists are attacking our country’s moral and religious foundation, Classical Marxists are openly fomenting violent revolution through well-paid lawless organizations. Together, their goal is to overthrow our unparalleled constitutional republic and replace it with a failed socialist or Communist order. The collapse of the United States would be the final stanza of a song that has been repeated dozens of times since Karl Marx wrote his infamous *Communist Manifesto* (1848).

Community violence has been a constant socialist theme in America since the 1960s, with groups like the Weather Underground or Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Today, the violent uprisings are led by groups like Black Lives Matter and Antifa, both paid for by radical left-wing billionaires like George Soros. Why would people of great wealth finance radicals in the streets, who rail against the super-rich and call for centralization of law enforcement? Simply put, centralization of power is a necessity for socialists, because they desire to control the population. They know that local police forces constitute one of the remaining obstacles to the gradual establishment of a totalitarian state.

Black Lives Matter

Sources: BLM Website, *The New American*, GotQuestions.org

Started in 2013 in response to separate police shootings of two young black men, the Black Lives Matter movement (or BLM) came into prominence with its use of the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag. Ever since, the phrase *black lives matter* has been a

rallying cry of those who believe there is institutional racism against African Americans in virtually every aspect of society, but especially in police departments and the legal system.

As a *concept*, it is true that black lives matter. Black people are equally created in the image of God (*Gen. 1:26*). In God’s eyes, blacks are equal in value to whites, browns, reds, yellows, and everyone in between. Racism is evil. There is only one race – the human race. We all have the same parents (*Gen. 5*).

As a *movement*, Black Lives Matter has taken that true concept (black lives matter) and twisted it into something completely unbiblical. The two co-founders of BLM, Patrisse Cullors and Alicia Garza, claim Marxism as their ideology. “We actually do have an ideological frame,” Cullors said in an interview. “We’re trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super versed on ideological theories” (*Washington Times*, “The Matter of Marxism: Black Lives Matter Is Rooted in a Soulless Ideology,” June 29, 2020).

On its website, BLM expresses their support of the LGBTQ agenda. “We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead. We dismantle cisgender (straight male and female) privilege and uplift Black trans folk. We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual” (June 16, 2020).

Perhaps most troubling is BLM’s stance on the family. “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and villages that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.” What BLM calls the “Western-prescribed nuclear family” is the God-ordained family unit – a father, a mother, and their children. To disrupt that design is to actively oppose God’s plan for society.

Concerning racism, we can all agree that no one should be judged by the color of his or her skin. We should fight against all true forms of racism and be compassionate to its victims. Through it all, we should point people to Christ as the only answer for racism. Protests, policies, awareness, changes to the legal system, etc., will never solve the problem.

Racism is the result of sin. Until the sin problem is dealt with — until people become new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) — the problem of racism will never be eradicated. Only in Christ can racial reconciliation be found. “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14).

Concerning the methods used by Black Lives Matter, peaceful protests against racial injustice are appropriate. But Christians should never be involved in rioting, looting, violence against police officers, hateful speech, or “reverse” discrimination against non-blacks. Injustice and hatred will not be ended by more injustice and hatred. As for BLM’s position on issues not related to race, there is no way a Christian should support the godless ideology of Marxism, allow the destruction of the nuclear family, or be involved in a “queer-affirming network” that advocates for the normalization of transgenderism.

BLM is not concerned with saving black lives. It is about promoting radical Marxism. Among the most significant threats posed by BLM is the violence its members and leaders have unleashed in cities across America, especially against the police and those who seek to protect life and property. Minority neighborhoods and minority-owned businesses have been particularly hard hit as young, white BLM activists from the suburbs go into inner-city communities to riot and unleash terror under the guise of “protecting black lives.”

The rioters and looters that the police face daily are simply the hired guns of the wealthy, socialist elites who fund them to promote socialism and globalism. Such donations are not done haphazardly nor done to fix racial injustices. They are targeted to the most radical groups to cause the most disruption within our culture. Socialists work to create angst and undo the common belief in American exceptionalism, to prompt Americans to believe that dictatorial government is a better alternative.

Antifa

Sources: *The New American*, GotQuestions.org

Antifa (an-tee-fa) is the name given to a loosely organized set of activists, who claim to oppose authoritarianism, racism, and right-leaning politics. The word *antifa* comes from the German word meaning “anti-fascist.” Antifa’s version of activism is distinguished mostly by a willingness to engage anonymously in intimidation, denial of speech, and violence. While being “anti-fascist” is noble in theory, Antifa’s tactics are counterproductive and inherently oppressive. At best, their actions represent politically motivated vigilantism.

The dominant theme in defending Antifa is the claim that fascism takes hold due to insufficient resistance. Voting, debate, dialogue, legal action, and other such courses of action are dismissed as inefficient or ineffective. Rather, Antifa believes the necessary response to perceived fascism is tangible, physical action, including harassment. It also condones direct acts of violence against people and property. While self-identified Antifa members frequently denounce violence publicly, the movement is consistently associated with acts of destruction and personal assault.

Antifa also uses the de-platforming of those with whom they disagree. Any words, speakers, writers, or events that fall outside of Antifa’s preferred ideology are censored, cancelled, boycotted, or otherwise shut down and denied a voice. The deplatforming approach involves disinviting, protesting, blockading, or literally shouting over unwanted expressions to nullify them. Deplatforming literally denies people the ability to express or explain their views. Another tactic commonly associated with Antifa is doxing (dock-sing)—deliberately revealing personal information about ideological opponents (phone numbers, home addresses, documents, or other details). This is meant to invite further harassment and increase social pressure to conform to Antifa’s way of thinking.

From a purely secular perspective, Antifa's tactics are hypocritical and self-defeating. In practice, Antifa merely replaces government fascism with mob fascism. Fascist ideology is a combination of unaccountable leadership, regimented adherence to certain ideas, and forcible suppression of dissent, heavily relying on fear and intimidation. An unofficial, anonymous group who violently harass, drown out, or destroy any person or business with whom they disagree is not resisting fascism; rather they are crowdsourcing it.

Antifa members are generally young, white militants who have bought into the promises of a socialistic utopia and are willing to use violence to achieve it. Many of the leading members of Antifa are veterans of the Occupy Wall Street movement which pioneered the signature masked attire and direct-action violence we see today.

Antifa has recently joined forces with BLM, which has broadened its reach and harnessed black anger for its revolutionary purposes. By labeling themselves "anti-fascists" and labeling everyone to the right of Stalin as "fascists, racists, and Nazis," Antifa advocates have succeeded in conferring immunity upon themselves, no matter how violent they get.

The Christian worldview in no way allows for rioting, predatory attacks, intimidation, or any of the other tactics commonly associated with Antifa (*John 18:36; Rom. 12:18*). Beyond the use of immoral tactics, Antifa is strongly associated with ideologies difficult to square with a Christian worldview such as critical theory, communism, and anarchism. While believers should stand against racism and oppression, Antifa's methods and ideology are inherently contradictory to biblical Christianity.

Cancel Culture

Source: GotQuestions.org

Cancel culture is the modern social attitude that controversial speech or behavior must be punished through public shaming, silencing, boycotting, firing, bankrupting, or deplatforming. The result is that the

offender's influence, presence, and/or reputation is "cancelled out."

It's proper for whistle-blowers to reveal corruption and illegality or for abused women to come forward, confront their abuser, and make sure he is held accountable. But cancel culture goes far beyond that, setting out new rules to retaliate against speech, behavior, or even thought that has been prejudged as "offensive" or even simply controversial. In cancel culture, people can be ostracized, their reputations smeared, and their careers ruined although they have broken no laws or engaged in any malicious behavior.

Cancel culture is the outgrowth of two other equally dangerous ideas – political correctness and postmodernism. Political correctness is the attempt to minimize social and institutional offense through policing speech (and therefore thought), forcing the use of certain words and banning other words. Postmodernism asserts that all truth claims are subjective. Truth becomes a matter of preference, and "tolerance" is promoted as a supreme value. However, the more "tolerant" a culture becomes, the more intolerant it is of anyone it perceives as intolerant. People deemed "intolerant" or potentially giving offense must be silenced and cancel culture is the result.

Cancel culture is rash. There is little concern for due process, and in its place are immediate outrage and snap judgments. Fueling the controversy is partial, often biased information.

Irrational thinking and the mob mentality have no place in the Christian's life. Cancel culture is spiteful. The vitriolic contempt coming from the cancel crowd is often shockingly ugly. Selecting a person for "cancellation" seems to be tantamount to declaring that person worthy of hate, and with that comes permission to slander him or her. Vicious, obscene, or hate-filled speech is inconsistent with biblical values.

Cancel culture is judgmental. The self-appointed enforcers of "acceptable" speech have gone to great lengths to dig up material over which to cancel others. People have lost their jobs over articles written three decades ago, jokes told in one's youth, classic

literature read aloud, and opposite editorials published. There is no room for nonconformity or free speech. If the language police were judged by their own severe standard, how many of them would remain un-cancelled?

Defunding the Police

Sources: *The New American*, *GotQuestions.org*

Sadly, and terrifyingly, there are people who think disbanding police departments would be a good solution. In contrast, the idea that society could function without the police is sheer lunacy. According to *Romans 13:1-7* and *1 Peter 2:13-17*, one of the core responsibilities of government is to promote order and restrain or punish evil. The primary way governments accomplish this in modern society is some type of police force. The police exist to enforce the laws that government passes, to deter crime and arrest criminals, to protect law-abiding citizens, and to encourage peacefulness.

What would a world without police look like? The Bible tells us that sinful people with no restraints are a danger to society (*Gen. 6:5; Jdg. 17:6; Rom. 1:29-32; 3:10-18*). If they cannot control themselves, then they need to be controlled by “those with the sword” (*Rom. 13*). Only a person with a decidedly unbiblical understanding of human nature could propose the elimination of police departments.

Are there inherent and systemic problems with some police departments? Yes. Do many or perhaps all police departments need to be restructured? Yes. Should budgets be adjusted to divert some responsibilities currently given to the police to other departments that could likely perform those tasks better? Likely. Should societies significantly defund the police? No way. Should they eliminate the police? Absolutely not!

Pushing the idea that police departments are venues for systemic racism, radicals are aiming to nationalize police as a step in the process to make our country socialist. Increased anti-police sentiment is not meant to stop racism. It is aimed at undoing the very fabric

of American society by removing law and order to allow the rise of a national police state.

Another goal of the recent riots is to break the relationship between local police and their communities, which until now has been a relationship built on mutual trust. America polices its people differently than the rest of the world. Unlike most nations, the U.S. has local police departments, independent of federal and even state control. Police departments are accountable to the people they protect. In most nations, the police do the bidding of the national government without heed to the wishes of the people they supposedly serve.

Exchanging the Truth for a Lie

In *Romans 1*, the Apostle Paul describes a society that abandons God, “suppressing the truth” and “exchanging it for a lie,” worshipping man’s image and his foolish ideas (*v.18-23*). As a result, God “gives them over to their depraved minds” and “their degrading passions” (*v.24-26*). What follows is a litany of horrors that consume the society – homosexuality, perversion, violence, envy, evil, hatred, murder, slandering, and more.

There is not a more fitting passage of Scripture that describes our country today. These signs are not indicators that America is becoming secular. They are indicators that we have already become secular, and God is giving us what we desire. He is handing us over to our depraved minds and degrading passions. We are witnessing the suicide of the land we love. Americans have turned their back on God, and now we will suffer the consequences – His judgment. The only solution is to return to the God of truth and to abandon the lies of men.