

Lessons from Lenin

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Few people can tell you how Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin was able to impose a brutal communist dictatorship over the Russian people. His strategy was simple and effective: Let the liberal socialists under the leadership of Alexander Kerensky overthrow the Tsarist government, and then the communists will have an easy job of overthrowing the new, weak democratic government by using murderous Bolshevik thugs to enforce a new communist tyranny. It will be like taking candy from a baby.

Kerensky, a man of the left, alienated the right-wing conservatives, both democratic and monarchist leaning. His philosophy of “no enemies to the left” empowered the Bolsheviks to take over the military arm of the Petrograd and Moscow Soviets. In October 1917, the Bolsheviks launched the second Russian revolution of the year. It took less than 20 hours for the Bolsheviks to take over the government and destroy all prospects of a democratic future for the Russian people.

Kerensky narrowly escaped capture by the Bolsheviks, spent the next few weeks in hiding before fleeing the country, eventually winding up in France. During the Civil War that ensued between the communist government and the White Russian anti-communists, he supported neither side. He clearly demonstrated that when left-leaning liberals ally themselves with the totalitarian left, they lose. True communists and socialists are ruthless in their drive for power. And when they achieve total power they have no compunctions about exterminating their opponents.

The result was 75 years of slave labor in the Gulags, the reduction of Russia into universal poverty, the loss of all individual freedoms, atheist persecution of all religion, and the murder of millions.

Today, the far left is allied with the death-oriented Islamic extremists in their determined efforts to destroy Western capitalism. Their strategy in the United States is as simple as Lenin's. Pile so much debt on the American people that when the nation defaults and creates massive economic dislocation and chaos, there will be riots in the streets and a call for an end to our constitutional government and our capitalist economy. A world socialist government will be the answer.

Of course, there is no way to predict how the growing conservative movement will be able to prevent this possible scenario from becoming reality. Recent events in Wisconsin reveal how the left will deal with any attempts to reduce the size and cost of government. Unionized government workers, public school teachers and their duped students, manipulated by far-left organizers, will try to force any conservative governor from doing what is right. So it will become a war of nerves. Do conservatives have the force of character, the nerve, to fight the left?

Recent events have enabled conservatives to review how Republicans have aided and

abetted the rise of the far-left in America. When Reagan wanted to abolish the Department of Education, he was sabotaged by members of his own cabinet. When Bush became President, his first order of business was to join with Senator Kennedy in producing No Child Left Behind. Instead of getting rid of the Department of Dumbing Down America, he named the ED building the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building. In other words, Bush was as much an accomplice in the deterioration of American education as was President Johnson.

This is just a tiny sample of how Republicans have made it easy for the liberals to keep America on the straight and narrow toward socialism. I cannot think of a single act by a Republican administration that made a sizable dent in the liberals' plans to socialize America. Maybe the Republicans simply did not want to face the kind of riotous opposition that any act against our socialist drift would have provoked.

But now we've reached the end of the road. Either we continue on this unconstitutional road to socialism or try to restore our republic to what the Founding Fathers gave us. We already see the kind of opposition the left will organize, and we know how Lenin dealt with the anti-communist opposition in Russia. But this is the United States, and as much as Americans have become accustomed to the nanny state, when faced with the choice of keeping our freedoms or succumbing to state socialism, we are convinced that they will reject what the left has to offer.

Socialism has a track record littered with the lives of millions of hapless human beings who were unable to escape the utopian juggernaut. Even though there are still thousands of idiots in America who think that socialism is the wave of the future, there is not much we sane people can do about it but simply resist the spread and advancement of such insanity. As Abraham Lincoln once said: "You can fool some of the people all of the time. You can fool all of the people some of the time. But you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

Deception is the main tool the left has used to get Americans to accept what is clearly detrimental to their future as free individuals. But it takes a lot to awaken a people preoccupied with their own private interests who tend to trust the people they elect to Congress. That is why the Congress has been packed with liberals and leftists for years. They've become masters at deception and know how to run rings around their opponents. Clearly they believed that you can fool enough people all of the time in order to retain and increase their power. Unfortunately, until now, they've been right.