Surrounded By Enemies Within

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Since before biblical times enemies within have existed. But what is an "enemy within?"

It is a **threat** that exists within a community, nation, etc. Oxford Dictionary

In Matthew 10:36, Jesus said, ". . .a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." While this passage and subsequent paragraphs in chapter 10 specifically mentions fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, the emphasis is on righteousness within one's association with others.

The four Gospels of the Bible tell the story of Judas's betrayal of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26:15 describes Judas's discussion with the high priests and his payment for and method of the betrayal. Although John and Luke cited Satan's influence over Judas, John called the betrayal a matter of greed and immorality.

There is no doubt that Judas was the "enemy within" Jesus' disciples. His greed is one of the seven cardinal sins in Christian teaching. These sins are: Pride, Envy, Greed, Hatred, Laziness, Selfishness, and Injustice.

Throughout history we have read stories these sins encircling marriages, families, communities and nations. Our own US history is fraught with these events created by enemies within.

During WW-2 the concept of "enemies within" was driven home with the internment of anyone having Japanese ancestry. This was further reinforced during the Cold War starting with Senator Joseph McCarthy's "enemies within" speech in 1950 which was the impetus for almost a decade's worth of hearings attempting to ferret out communists and internal subversion within the federal government.

Toward the end of the 1950's, several books on communism and its foothold in the world along with American politics, education, and economics exploded on the best sellers lists. These books laid out the graphic story of communism, past, present and future.

Concurrently, the American Communist Party listed 45 communist goals, of which 44 of them have already been achieved in the US. These 45 subversive goals, mostly covert in action, are listed at the end of this commentary.

The overriding theme of the communist party is to attack seven areas of American Democracy and way of life in order to bring control over all Americans in all walks of life. These areas are:

- 1. Changing and rewriting the US Constitution
- 2. Convert the Bill of Rights to a socialist platform
- 3. Lower the standard of living to that of 3rd world countries
- 4. Eliminate imperialism (reduce US standing in world politics and economy) and war
- 5. Utilize women and minorities to achieve "equality" in work and living conditions
- 6. Utilize the environment to promote "progressive" movements
- 7. Eliminate all religion as the state is master over the people

Today we can see the results of the party's covert actions in many areas of our everyday life.

Law and order

- Riots without arrests
- Changing law enforcement duties
- Reduced prosecution rates
- Reduced sentencing standards
- Defund the police movement
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Social justice

- Abortion rights
- Gay marriages
- Critical race theory
- Transgender activities
- Taxing innovation and development
- Changing religious and non-profits status
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Political and security

- Censorship
- Open borders
- False/fake intelligence
- Supply chain issues
- Climate change
- Pushing unqualified politicians
- Creating unnecessary laws and restrictions
- Demonizing nationalism and patriotism

So, other than the communists, who else is participating as an "enemy within" to take down our nation and subjugate the American people?

To answer this question we need to keep in mind that words and labels have many synonyms (words that mean the same thing). For example, other words that can be used for "**car**" include automobile, wheels, heap, auto, jalopy, horseless carriage, etc.

There are also words which can be ontologically defined. Since ontology is an abstract approach to classifying non-physical concepts we can use a corresponding physical universe example to demonstrate it. For example "apple" is classified as a genus in the Plant Kingdom. The various kinds of apples are called species. In other words, while all the different species of apples share some of the same characteristics, they differ in taste, length of growing season, resistance to insects and disease, etc.

While words alone can be used to imply different meanings and mislead the listener, a person or group can use words to "twist the facts." Sophists, for example, use logic to twist the meaning of words or they may twist the logic to fit the narrative.

Prevarication is when someone tells a lie, especially in a sneaky way, to avoid telling the complete truth. Prevarication usually includes the leaving out of pertinent facts.

There is another term we need to be aware of – "Anti-Americanism" – is defined as prejudice, fear or hatred of the United States, its government, its foreign policy, or Americans in general. In most cases anti-Americanism discussions have lacked a precise explanation of what the sentiment entails.

So what is it that our "enemies within" do with words? Simply put they alter, distort, or misrepresent the intended meaning of something or message that has been said or written. Their actions include:

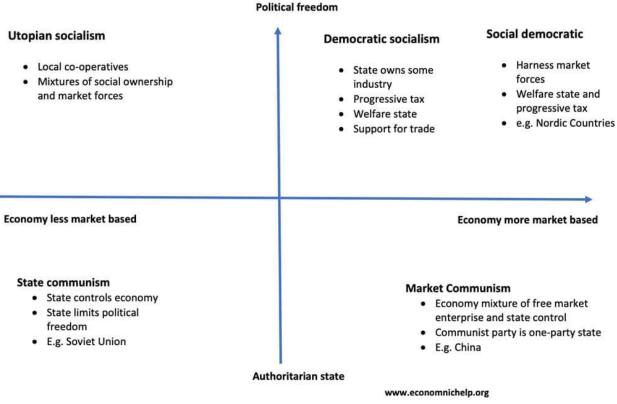
- denying the truth, facts or validity of something,
- describing something as being larger/greater, or smaller/insignificant than it really is
- embellishing something to sound, look better, or more acceptable than it really is (distorting the truth)
- telling half-truth, by leaving out pertinent facts or selecting "sound bites" that meat their agenda
- telling outright lies
- making something obscure, unclear, unintelligible, or confusing. (obfuscation)

The enemy within are those individuals and groups wanting to destroy the American way of life, to take away your freedoms, and to control every aspect of your daily living. They fall into one or more of the following categories:

Socialists

Socialism is an economic and political ideology. In general it is concerned with the equality of distribution and proposing solutions involving co-operation and social solutions. This definition sounds good until you realize that socialism's interests are for the state and not the people.

Wikipedia identifies 18 subcategories of socialism and more than 80 forms of socialism. All forms are counter to a free-market society as shown below.



Included among the socialist movements are the communists, progressives, and globalists, all of which vying for control of the United States and its people.

Muslim extremists

While not classified as socialists, Muslim extremists display anti-Americanism by employing socialist doctrine and methods in order to destroy America. Their goal is not to take over or control America but to eradicate all aspects of democracy, freedom, and influence that "America" represents. Essentially their aim is to reorder our government and society according to Islamic law (Sharia law).

There are more than 70 Islamic militant extremist groups in the US and Canada. To further their goals, these groups carry out many criminal activities and recruit members to their cause through a process called radicalization (brainwashing). Much of their recruitment is conducted in US prisons. Training and further radicalization is conducted through some mosques which own properties that are "training grounds."

The Internet is also used for recruitment, but primarily as a communication conduit for their criminal activities and extremist propaganda.

Left/Right Wing Extremists

At both ends of the political spectrum are extremist groups. Both groups exploit legitimate political issues yet share similar characteristics:

- Both recruit from the military and prison populations
- Their criminal offenses are similar and include bombings, murder of law enforcement officers, and attacks on government installations
- They are antidemocratic (reject state authority)
- Both see their mission as bringing about a revolution
- Both groups pose a danger to the United States

Left-wing groups

- encompasses multiple ideologies (anarchism, communism/socialism/Marxism, and autonomous radicals)
- emphasize class struggle
- support people in third world countries
- centers around the notion of correcting injustices
- synonymous with either communism or causes such as environmentalism

Right-wing groups

- fervent belief in God and Christian teaching
- opposed to the 'New World Order'
- emphasizes freedom from government control
- believe in extreme patriotism
- involvement in survivalist movements
- typically called being opposed to the 'New World Order' militia groups

Identifying the Enemy Within

According to Sun Tzu, a 6th century BC military strategist, to identify and defeat the enemy you must know and understand your enemy. We know the goals of our enemies within. We also know their strategy to use violence, and propaganda to achieve those goals. Given these two overreaching strategies we can identify who the enemy is.

To identify who is behind protests and riots is fairly easy as most of the groups behind these activities either directly claim responsibility, or just cannot keep quiet about their actions, especially when the riots turn violent.

However what is not so easy to identify are the individuals who spur these groups into action. While these cowards want to remain in the dark, following the money trail usually leads them, yet usually fails in prosecuting them.

The enemy within, however, does not rely on violence alone to achieve change. Rather than going after a single big event/change, the enemy within realizes that many small changes will eventually lead to total change.

As previously mentioned the communist party identified 45 goals in the 1950s and has already achieved 44 of them over a period of time. Achieving those goals was not through violence but rather from the use of propaganda, coercion, political influence, and relying on the seven cardinal sins mentioned at the beginning of this commentary.

Of the list of tools listed, propaganda has the greatest impact on the general population and yet, it is the least likely to be prosecuted as a crime.

One element that plays a role in the success of a movie is music. If you turn on the caption feature while watching a steaming movie, you will often notice that the caption defines what type of music is being played. Some key words used to describe the music are dramatic, upbeat, sad, dark, somber, etc. In addition to the dialog and actor performance, music is used to elicit an emotional response. Likewise propaganda is designed to a positive response to its message whether truthful or not, accurate or inaccurate.

The effectiveness of propaganda relies on two things: creating emotional imagery and wordsmithing. Wordsmithing is the art of using words to improve clarity, style, or a response. It is often used in the media by writers, and by propagandists.

Propaganda can be either written or speech. Regardless of how it is presented, we need to:

- differentiate between propaganda and reasoned argument
- understand various techniques used to deliver propaganda
- understand the effects of propaganda

By knowing what techniques are used by propagandists we can use deductive and inductive reasoning to identify and counter the propaganda. Following are some of the propaganda techniques that are used.

• <u>Glittering generalities</u>: Seeks to make us approve and accept without examining the evidence. Uses important-sounding words like "good," "honest," "fair," "excellent" and "best," that have little or no real meaning. These words are used as adjectives in general statements that cannot be proved or disproved.

Also include are phrases such as "we believe in", "fight for", and "live by virtues," deep-set ideas, such as civilization, Christianity, good, proper, right, democracy, patriotism, motherhood, fatherhood, science, medicine, health, and love. These are vague, nice-sounding descriptions of things; "Have a lawn that makes you proud." Get the biggest and best for your money."

• <u>Transfer</u>: An attempt is made to transfer the prestige of a positive symbol to a person or an idea. For example, using the American flag on the side of a bus for a political event suggests that the event includes a form of patriotism. Gun sights

in red or blue on regions of a map suggest that those are the targeted regions by the party affiliation.

- <u>Testimonial</u>: Speakers attempt to convince their audience that they, and their ideas, are "of the people." Testimonials are made to appeal to your sense of home and family: "Lemonade, just like grandma used to make." "It's as American as apple pie."
- <u>Card-stacking</u>: Represents only side of an issue/situation and hides the other. Presents only what is favorable or what is unfavorable, whatever serves the cause.
- <u>Euphemisms</u>: Attempts to pacify the audience in order to make an unpleasant reality more palatable. This is accomplished by using words that are bland, less emotional provoking and euphemistic (politically correct) Examples:
 - Department of Defense instead of War Department
 - Relocation center instead of prison camp
 - Letting someone go rather than firing them
 - Certified pre-owned instead of used
 - Sanitation engineer instead of garbage man
- <u>Repetition</u>: If a statement is repeated often enough, it will be remembered
- Lies and half-truths: Telling a lie to gain audience support
- <u>Rhetorical questions</u>: Questions that do not require an answer because the answer is obvious
- <u>Targeting the enemy</u>: Unifying a group by identifying a real or imagined enemy
- <u>Assertion</u>: Making bold statements rather than reasoned arguments to defend a position
- <u>Bandwagon</u>: Convincing others to do or believe something by saying everyone else is doing it, and so should you. You are urged to hop aboard and join the crowd: 'Be like all the others...", "Join the younger generation, vote for..."
- <u>Comparison</u>: Amplifying values, qualities and/or actions by comparing themselves to someone else without any specific evidence indicating a cause and effect relationship. An example is: People who drink caffeinated coffee don't sleep well, Nancy drinks caffeinated coffee, therefore she does not sleep well.
- <u>Embarrassment</u>: Making opponents look foolish or undesirable by presenting embarrassing stories about them.

- <u>Humor</u>: Use humor to get on the good side of audience or become friendly to win trust
- <u>Name calling</u>: Links a person or idea, to a negative symbol. Used in the hope that the audience will focus the negative symbol, instead of looking at the available evidence. 'I don't want those big-mouthed kids in the library." "Our downfall began under the other party." "Your money problems are caused by that party."

Each of these devices makes an appeal to feelings rather than to reason or the evidence. When reading or listening to someone or a group attempting to change your mind, ask yourself what is written or spoken is extremely manipulative. If so, look for errors in logic, appeals to emotion and blatant discrimination.

AOC and the Squad

Over the years the number of socialists (disguised as Democrats) in Congress has increased. Since Obama's presidency, the number has not only increase but so have the number going far left.

With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's (AOC) election in 2018 she immediately formed an alliance with three other minority congresswomen. This alliance became known as "the Squad" or as "AOC's Squad," which became the nucleus of the far-left movement. In many ways this group has become a danger to democracy and our way of life.

While we recognize the far-left activities in Congress, we have failed to recognize that the squad is also the first public representation of groups with differing values coming together for a common cause – achieving progressive power in government.

The Squad's membership has grown from its initial four to include several other "progressive Democrats from varying backgrounds.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	Socialist, Hispanic, for increased taxation, abolishing ICE, LGBTQ equality, defund the police, supports pay raises for Congress, supports criminal justice reform, tuition-free college, universal healthcare, and "Green New Deal." call for open borders, pro abortion
Ilhan Omar	Somalian, Muslim, anti-Semitic, Immigration rights activist, calls for reduction of military aggression, LGBTQ activist
Ayanna Pressley	Baptist, Activist, pro-abortion, revise criminal legal system
Rashida Tlaib	Palestinian, Muslim, Socialist, opposes Israel's right as a state, calls for abolition of police and incarceration
Mark Pocan	Lifelong advocate for progressive causes
Pramila Jayapal	Indian, socialist, Immigration rights activist, supports MoveOn.org
Jamaal Bowman	Socialist, activist, criminal justice reform, income equality

Cori Bush	Socialist, BLM activist
Marie Newman	Progressive - supports social equality, egalitarianism and
	gun control

All of the above are members of Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC). The CPC represents the most left-leaning faction of the Democratic Party.

All members also support the "Green New Deal."

What is unique about the Squad is the coming together of diverse backgrounds and beliefs to support the far-left agenda. Such individuals and groups within the government do not uphold their oath of office to "protect and defend

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

"The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States."

- U.S. Constitution, Article VI, clause 3

The 45 goals of communism

- 1. U.S. should accept coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war.
- 2. U.S. should be willing to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.
- 3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament by the U.S. would be a demonstration of "moral strength."
- 4. Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.
- 5. Extend long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites.
- 6. Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.
- 7. Grant recognition of Red China and admission of Red China to the U.N.
- 8. Set up East and West Germany as separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the Germany question by free elections under supervision of the U.N.

- 9. Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress.
- 10. Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N.
- 11. Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces.
- 12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.
- 13. Do away with loyalty oaths.
- 14. Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office.
- 15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the U.S.
- 16. Use technical 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 current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
- 18. Gain control of all student newspapers.
- 19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations that are under Communist attack.
- 20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book review assignments, editorial writing, and policy-making positions.
- 21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV & motion pictures.
- 22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all form of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings," substituting shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms.
- 23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. " Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."
- 24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
- 25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.
- 26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural and healthy."
- 27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a "religious crutch."
- 28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state"

- 29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
- 30. Discredit the American founding fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."
- 31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of "the big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.
- 32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
- 33. Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the Communist apparatus.
- 34. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
- 35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.
- 36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
- 37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
- 38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand or treat.
- 39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose communist goals.
- 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. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.
- 42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special interest groups should rise up and make a "united force" to solve economic, political or social problems.
- 43. Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for selfgovernment.
- 44. Internationalize the Panama Canal.
- 45. Repeal the Connally Reservation so the U.S. cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike.