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A Brief History of Antifa: Part I (and Part-II)

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U.S. Attorney General William Barr has [blamed](#) Antifa — a militant "anti-fascist" movement — for the violence that has erupted at George Floyd protests across the United States. "The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly," he said.

Barr also [said](#) that the federal government has evidence that Antifa "hijacked" legitimate protests around the country to "engage in lawlessness, violent rioting, arson, looting of businesses, and public property assaults on law enforcement officers and innocent people, and even the murder of a federal agent." Earlier, U.S. President Donald J. Trump had [instructed](#) the U.S. Justice Department to designate Antifa as a terrorist organization.

Academics and media outlets sympathetic to Antifa have argued that the group cannot be classified as a terrorist organization because, they [claim](#), it is a vaguely-defined protest movement that lacks a centralized structure. Mark Bray, a vocal apologist for Antifa in America and author of the book "Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook," [asserts](#) that Antifa "is not an overarching organization with a chain of command."

Empirical and anecdotal evidence shows that Antifa is, in fact, highly networked, well-funded and has a global presence. It has a flat organizational structure with dozens and possibly hundreds of local groups. Not surprisingly, the U.S. Department of Justice is currently [investigating](#) individuals linked to Antifa as a step to unmasking the broader organization.

In the United States, Antifa's ideology, tactics and goals, far from being novel, are borrowed almost entirely from Antifa groups in Europe, where so-called anti-fascist groups, in one form or another, have been active, almost without interruption, for a century.

What is Antifa?

Antifa can be described as a transnational insurgency movement that endeavors, often with extreme violence, to subvert liberal democracy, with the aim of replacing global capitalism with communism. Antifa's stated long-term objective, both in America and abroad, is to establish a communist world order. In the United States, Antifa's immediate aim is to bring about the demise of the Trump administration.

Antifa's nemeses include law enforcement, which is viewed as enforcing the established order. A common tactic used by Antifa in the United States and Europe is to employ extreme violence and destruction of public and private property to goad the police into a reaction, which then "proves" Antifa's claim that the government is "fascist."

Antifa claims to oppose "fascism," a term it often uses as a broad-brush pejorative to discredit those who hold opposing political beliefs. The traditional meaning of "fascism" as defined by Webster's Dictionary is "a totalitarian governmental system led by a dictator and emphasizing an aggressive nationalism, militarism, and often racism."

Antifa holds the Marxist-Leninist definition of fascism which equates it with capitalism. "The fight against fascism is only won when the capitalist system has been shattered and a classless society has been achieved," according to the German Antifa group, *Antifaschistischer Aufbau München*.

Germany's BfV domestic intelligence agency, in a special report on left-wing extremism, [noted](#):

"Antifa's fight against right-wing extremists is a smokescreen. The real goal remains the 'bourgeois-democratic state,' which, in the reading of left-wing extremists, accepts and promotes 'fascism' as a possible form of rule and therefore does not fight it sufficiently. Ultimately, it is argued, 'fascism' is rooted in the social and political structures of 'capitalism.' Accordingly, left-wing extremists, in their 'antifascist' activities, focus above all on the elimination of the 'capitalist system.'"

Matthew Knouff, author of *An Outsider's Guide to Antifa: Volume II*, [explained](#) Antifa's ideology this way:

"The basic philosophy of Antifa focuses on the battle between three basic forces: fascism, racism and capitalism — all three of which are interrelated according to Antifa.... with fascism being considered the final expression or stage of capitalism, capitalism being a means to oppress, and racism being an oppressive mechanism related to fascism."

In an essay, "What Antifa and the Original Fascists Have In Common," Antony Mueller, a German professor of economics who currently teaches in Brazil, [described](#) how Antifa's militant anti-capitalism masquerading as anti-fascism reveals its own fascism:

"After the left has pocketed the concept of liberalism and turned the word into the opposite of its original meaning, the Antifa-movement uses a false terminology to hide its true agenda. While calling themselves 'antifascist' and declaring fascism the enemy, the Antifa itself is a foremost fascist movement.

"The members of Antifa are not opponents to fascism but themselves its genuine representatives. Communism, Socialism and Fascism are united by the common band of anti-capitalism and anti-liberalism.

"The Antifa movement is a fascist movement. The enemy of this movement is not fascism but liberty, peace and prosperity."

Antifa's Ideological Origins

The ideological origins of Antifa can be traced back to the Soviet Union roughly a century ago. In 1921 and 1922, the Communist International (Comintern) [developed](#) the so-called united front tactic to "unify the working masses through agitation and organization" ... "at the international level and in each individual country" against "capitalism" and "fascism" — two terms that often were used interchangeably.

The world's first anti-fascist group, *Arditi del Popolo* (People's Courageous Militia), was founded in Italy in June 1921 to resist the rise of Benito Mussolini's National Fascist Party, which itself was [established](#) to prevent the possibility of a Bolshevik revolution on the Italian Peninsula. Many of the group's 20,000 members, consisting of communists and anarchists, later [joined](#) the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War (1936–39).

In Germany, the Communist Party of Germany established the paramilitary group *Roter Frontkämpferbund* (Red Front Fighters League) in July 1924. The group was banned due to its extreme violence. Many of its 130,000 members continued their activities underground or in local successor organizations such as the *Kampfbund gegen den Faschismus* (Fighting-Alliance Against Fascism).

In Slovenia, the militant anti-fascist movement TIGR was established in 1927 to oppose the Italianization of Slovene ethnic areas after the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The group, which was disbanded in 1941, specialized in assassinating Italian police and military personnel.

In Spain, the Communist Party established the *Milicias Antifascistas Obreras y Campesinas* (Antifascist Worker and Peasant Militias), which were active in the 1930s.

The modern Antifa movement derives its name from a group called *Antifaschistische Aktion*, founded in May 1932 by Stalinist leaders of the Communist Party of Germany. The group was established to fight fascists, a term the party used to describe all of the other pro-capitalist political parties in Germany. The primary objective of *Antifaschistische Aktion* was to abolish capitalism, according to a detailed history of the group. The group, which had more than 1,500 founding members, went underground after Nazis seized power in 1933.

A German-language pamphlet — "80 Years of Anti-Fascist Actions" (*80 Jahre Antifaschistische Aktion*)" — [describes](#) in minute detail the continuous historical thread of the Antifa movement from its ideological origins in the 1920s to the present day. The document [states](#):

"Antifascism has always fundamentally been an anti-capitalist strategy. This is why the symbol of the *Antifaschistische Aktion* has never lost its inspirational power.... Anti-fascism is more of a strategy than an ideology."

During the post-war period, Germany's Antifa movement reappeared in various manifestations, including the radical student protest movement of the 1960s, and the leftist insurgency groups that were active throughout the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

The Red Army Faction (RAF), also known as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, was a Marxist urban guerrilla group that carried out assassinations, bombings and kidnappings aimed at bringing revolution to West Germany, which the group characterized as a fascist holdover of the Nazi era. Over the course of three decades, the RAF murdered more than 30 people and injured over 200.

After the collapse of the communist government in East Germany in 1989-90, it was [discovered](#) that the RAF had been given training, shelter, and supplies by the Stasi, the secret police of the former communist regime.

John Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University, [described](#) the group's tactics, which are similar to those used by Antifa today:

"The goal of their terrorist campaign was to trigger an aggressive response from the government, which group members believed would spark a broader revolutionary movement."

RAF founder Ulrike Meinhof [explained](#) the relationship between violent left-wing extremism and the police: "The guy in uniform is a pig, not a human being. That means we don't have to talk to him and it is wrong to talk to these people at all. And of course, you can shoot."

Bettina Röhl, a German journalist and daughter of Meinhof, argues that the modern Antifa movement is a continuation of the Red Army Faction. The main difference is that, unlike the RAF, Antifa's members are afraid to reveal their identities. In a June 2020 essay published by the Swiss newspaper *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, Röhl also [drew attention](#) to the fact that Antifa is not only officially tolerated, but is being paid by the German government to fight the far right:

"The RAF idolized the communist dictatorships in China, North Korea, North Vietnam, in Cuba, which were transfigured by the New Left as better countries on the right path to the best communism...."

"The flourishing left-wing radicalism in the West, which brutally strikes at the opening of the European Central Bank headquarters in Frankfurt, at every G-20 summit or every year on May 1 in Berlin, has achieved the highest level of establishment in the state, not least thanks to the support by quite a few MPs from political parties, journalists and relevant experts."

"Compared to the RAF, the militant Antifa only lacks prominent faces. Out of cowardice, its members cover their faces and keep their names secret. Antifa constantly threatens violence and attacks against politicians and police officers. It promotes senseless damage to property amounting to vast sums. Nevertheless, MP Renate Künast (Greens) recently complained in the Bundestag that Antifa groups had not been adequately funded by the state in recent decades. She was concerned that 'NGOs and Antifa groups do not always have to struggle to raise money and can only conclude short-term employment contracts from year to year.' There was applause for this from Alliance 90 / The Greens, from the left and from SPD deputies."

"One may ask the question of whether Antifa is something like an official RAF, a terrorist group with money from the state under the guise of 'fighting against the right.'"

Germany's BfV domestic intelligence agency [explains](#) Antifa's glorification of violence:

"For left-wing extremists, 'Capitalism' is interpreted as triggering wars, racism, ecological disasters, social inequality and gentrification. 'Capitalism' is therefore more than just a mere economic order. In left-wing extremist discourse, it determines the social and political form as well as the vision of a radical social and political reorganization. Whether anarchist or communist: Parliamentary democracy as a so-called bourgeois form of rule should be 'overcome' in any case.

"For this reason, left-wing extremists usually ignore or legitimize human rights violations in socialist or communist dictatorships or in states that they allegedly see threatened by the 'West.' To this day, both orthodox communists and autonomous activists justify, praise and celebrate the left-wing terrorist Red Army Faction or foreign left-wing terrorists as alleged 'liberation movements' or even 'resistance fighters.'"

Meanwhile, in Britain, Anti-Fascist Action (AFA), a militant anti-fascist group founded in 1985, gave birth to the Antifa movement in the United States. In Germany, the *Antifaschistische Aktion-Bundesweite Organisation* (AABO) was [founded](#) in 1992 to combine the efforts of smaller Antifa groups scattered around the country.

In Sweden, *Antifascistisk Aktion* (AFA), a militant Antifa group founded in 1993, established a three-decade track record for using extreme violence against its opponents. In France, the Antifa group *L'Action antifasciste*, is [known](#) for its fierce opposition to the State of Israel.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the collapse of communism in 1990, the Antifa movement opened a new front against neoliberal globalization.

Attac, established in France in 1989 to promote a global tax on financial transactions, now leads the so-called alter-globalization movement, which, like the Global Justice Movement, is [opposed](#) to capitalism. In 1999, Attac was present in Seattle during violent demonstrations that led to the failure of WTO negotiations. Attac also participated in anti-capitalist demonstrations against the G7, the G20, the WTO, and the war in Iraq. Today, the association is active in 40

countries, with more than a thousand local groups and hundreds of organizations supporting the network. Attac's decentralized and non-hierarchical organizational structure appears to be the model being used by Antifa.

In February 2016, the International Committee of the Fourth International [advanced](#) the political foundations of the global anti-war movement, which, like Antifa, blames capitalism and neoliberal globalism for the existence of military conflict:

"The new anti-war movement must be anti-capitalist and socialist, since there can be no serious struggle against war except in the fight to end the dictatorship of finance capital and the economic system that is the fundamental cause of militarism and war."

In July 2017, more than 100,000 anti-globalization and Antifa protesters converged on the German city of Hamburg to protest the G20 summit. Leftist mobs [laid waste](#) to the city center. An Antifa group called "G20 Welcome to Hell" [bragged](#) about how it was able to mobilize Antifa groups from across the world:

"The summit mobilizations have been precious moments of meeting and co-operation of left-wing and anti-capitalist groups and networks from all over Europe and world-wide. We have been sharing experiences and fighting together, attending international meetings, being attacked by cops supported by the military, re-organizing our forces and fighting back. Anti-globalization movement has changed, but our networks endure. We are active locally in our regions, cities, villages and forests. But we are also fighting trans-nationally."

Germany's domestic security service, in an annual report, [added](#):

"Left-wing extremist structures tried to shift the public debate about the violent G20 summit protests in their favor. With the distribution of photos and reports of allegedly disproportionate police measures during the summit protests, they promoted an image of a state that denounced legitimate protests and put them down with police violence. Against such a state, they said, 'militant resistance' is not only legitimate, but also necessary."

Part II of this series will examine the activities of Antifa in Germany and the United States.

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A Brief History of Antifa: Part II

Antifa in the United States

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"The only long-term solution to the fascist menace is to undermine its pillars of strength in society grounded not only in white supremacy but also in ableism, heteronormativity, patriarchy, nationalism, transphobia, class rule, and many others." — Mark Bray, *"Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook,"* 2017.

- "They're coming from other cities. That cost money. They didn't do this on their own. Somebody's paying for this.... What Antifa is doing is they're basically hijacking the black community as their army. They instigate, they antagonize, they get these young black men and women to go out there and do stupid things, and then they disappear off into the sunset." — Bernard Kerik, former commissioner of the New York City Police Department.
 - The coordinated violence raises questions about how Antifa is financed. The Alliance for Global Justice (AFGJ) is an organizing group that serves as a fiscal sponsor to numerous radical left-wing initiatives, according to Influence Watch, a research group that collects data on advocacy organizations, foundations and donors.... The Open Society Foundations, Tides Foundation, Arca Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, and the Brightwater Fund have all made contributions to AFGJ, according to Influence Watch.
 - One of the groups funded by AFGJ is called Refuse Fascism ... an offshoot of the Radical Communist Party (RCP).... The group's slogan states: "This System Cannot Be Reformed, It Must Be Overthrown!"
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Editor's note: This is Part II of a series on the history of the global Antifa movement. [Part I](#) described Antifa and explored the ideological origins of the group. Part II examines the history, tactics and goals of the movement in the United States.



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U.S. President Donald Trump recently [announced](#) that the American government would designate Antifa — a militant "anti-fascist" movement — as a terrorist organization due to the violence that erupted at George Floyd [protests](#) across the United States.

The Code of Federal Regulations (28 C.F.R. Section 0.85) [defines](#) terrorism as "the unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives."

American media outlets sympathetic to Antifa have jumped to its defense. They argue that the group cannot be classified as a terrorist organization because, they claim, it is a vaguely-defined protest movement that lacks a centralized structure.

As the following report shows, Antifa is, in fact, highly networked, well-funded and has a clear ideological agenda: to subvert, often with extreme violence, the American political system, with the ultimate aim of replacing capitalism with communism. In the United States, Antifa's immediate [aim](#) is to remove President Trump from office.

Gatestone Institute has identified Antifa groups in all 50 U.S. states, with the possible exception of West Virginia. Some states, including California, Texas and Washington, appear to have dozens of sub-regional Antifa organizations.

It is difficult precisely to determine the size of the Antifa movement in the United States. The so-called "[Anti-Fascists of Reddit](#)," the "premier anti-fascist community" on the social media platform Reddit, has approximately 60,000 members. The oldest Antifa group in America, the Portland, Oregon-based "[Rose City Antifa](#)," has more than 30,000 Twitter followers and 20,000 Facebook followers, not all of whom are necessarily supporters. "[It's Going Down](#)," a media platform for anarchists, anti-fascists and autonomous anti-capitalists, has 85,000 Twitter followers and 30,000 Facebook followers.

Germany, which has roughly one-quarter of the population of the United States, is home to 33,000 extreme leftists, of whom 9,000 are believed to be extremely dangerous, [according](#) to the domestic intelligence agency (*Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz, BfV*). Violent left-wing agitators are predominantly male, between 21 and 24 years of age, usually unemployed, and, [according](#) to BfV, 92% still live with their parents. Anecdotal evidence suggests that most Antifa members in the United States have a similar socio-economic profile.

In America, national Antifa groups, including "Torch Antifa Network," "Refuse Fascism" and "World Can't Wait" are being financed — often generously, as shown below — by individual donors as well as by large philanthropic organizations, including the Open Society Foundations founded by George Soros.

To evade detection by law enforcement, Antifa groups in the United States often use encrypted social media platforms, such as Signal and Telegram Messenger, to communicate and coordinate their activities, sometimes across state lines. Not surprisingly, the U.S. Department of Justice is currently investigating individuals linked to Antifa as a step to unmasking the broader organization.

Historical Origins of American Antifa

In the United States, Antifa's ideology, tactics and goals, far from being novel, are borrowed almost entirely from Antifa groups in Europe, where so-called anti-fascist groups, in one form or another, have been active, almost without interruption, for a century.

As in Europe, the aims and objectives of the American Antifa movement can be traced back to a single, overarching century-long ideological war against the "fascist ideals" of capitalism and Christianity, which the Antifa movement wants to replace with a "revolutionary socialist alternative."

The first so-called anti-fascist group in the United States was the American League Against War and Fascism, established in 1933 by the Communist Party USA. The League, which claimed to oppose fascism in Europe, was actually dedicated to subverting and overthrowing the U.S. government.

In testimony to the U.S. Congress in 1953, CPUSA leader Manning Johnson revealed that the American party had been instructed by the Communist International in the 1930s to set up the American League Against War and Fascism:

"as a cover to attack our government, our social system, our leaders... used as a cover to attack our law-enforcement agencies and to build up mass hate against them... used as a cover to undermine national security... used as a cover to defend Communists, the sworn enemies of our great heritage... used as a cover for preparing millions of people ideologically and organizationally for the overthrow of the United States Government."

A precursor to the modern Antifa movement was the Black Panthers, a revolutionary political organization established in October 1966 by Marxist college students in Oakland, California. The group [advocated](#) the use of violence and guerilla tactics to overthrow the U.S. government.

Historian Robyn C. Spencer [noted](#) that Black Panther leaders were deeply influenced by "The United Front of the Working Class Against Fascism," a [report](#) by Georgi Dimitroff delivered at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International in July and August 1935:

"By 1969, the Panthers began to use fascism as a theoretical framework to critique the U.S. political economy. They defined fascism as 'the power of finance capital' which 'manifests itself not only as banks, trusts and monopolies but also as the human property of FINANCE CAPITAL — the avaricious businessman, the demagogic politician, and the racist pig cop.'"

In July 1969, the Black Panthers organized an "anti-fascist" conference called "United Front Against Fascism," [attended](#) by nearly 5,000 activists:

"The Panthers hoped to create a 'national force' with a 'common revolutionary ideology and political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalist, racist America.'"

The last day of the conference was devoted to a detailed plan by the Black Panthers to decentralize police forces nationwide. Spencer [wrote](#):

"They proposed amending city charters to establish autonomous community-based police departments for every city which would be accountable to local neighborhood police control councils comprised of 15 elected community members. They launched the National Committees to Combat Fascism (NCCF), a multiracial nationwide network, to organize for community control of the police."

In 1970, members of the Black Panthers created a terrorist group called the Black Liberation Army, whose [stated goal](#) was to "weaken the enemy capitalist state."

BLA member Assata Shakur [described](#) the group's organizational structure, which is similar to the one used by today's Antifa movement:

"The Black Liberation Army was not a centralized, organized group with a common leadership and chain of command. Instead there were various organizations and collectives working together out of various cities, and in some larger cities there were often several groups working independently of each other."

Other ideological anchors of the modern Antifa movement in the United States include a left-wing terrorist group known as the Weather Underground Organization, the American equivalent to Germany's Red Army Faction. The Weather Underground, [responsible](#) for [bombings](#) and riots throughout the 1970s, sought to [achieve](#) "the destruction of U.S. imperialism and form a classless communist world."

Former FBI Counterterrorism Director Terry Turchie has [noted](#) the similarities between Black Lives Matter today and the Black Panther Party and Weather Underground groups of the 1960s and 1970s:

"The Black Panther Party was a Marxist Maoist Leninist organization and that came from Huey Newton, one of the co-founders, who said we're standing for nothing more than the total transformation of the United States government.

"He went on to explain that they wanted to take the tension that already existed in black communities and exacerbate it where they can. To take those situations where there is a tinderbox and light the country on fire.

"Today we're seeing the third revolution and they think they can make this happen. The only thing that is different are the names of the groups."

American Antifa

The roots of the modern Antifa movement in the United States can be traced back to the 1980s, with the establishment of Anti-Racist Action, a network of anarchist punk rock aficionados dedicated to fist-fighting neo-Nazi skinheads.

Mark Bray, author of "*The Antifa Handbook*," [explained](#):

"In many cases, the North American modern Antifa movement grew up as a way to defend the punk scene from the neo-Nazi skinhead movement, and the founders of the original Anti-Racist Action network in North America were

anti-racist skinheads. The fascist/anti-fascist struggle was essentially a fight for control of the punk scene during the 1980s, and that was true across much of north America and in parts of Europe in this era.

"There's a huge overlap between radical left politics and the punk scene, and there's a stereotype about dirty anarchists and punks, which is an oversimplification but grounded in a certain amount of truth."

Anti-Racist Action was [inspired](#) by Anti-Fascist Action (AFA), a militant anti-fascist group founded in Britain in the late 1970s. The American group shared the British group's penchant for [violently attacking](#) political opponents. ARA was eventually renamed the [Torch Network](#), which currently brings together nine militant Antifa groups.

In November 1999, mobs of masked anarchists, predecessors to today's Antifa movement, [laid waste](#) to downtown Seattle, Washington, during violent demonstrations that disrupted a ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization. The Seattle WTO protests [birthed](#) the anti-globalization movement.

In April 2001, an estimated 50,000 anti-capitalists [gathered](#) in Quebec to oppose the Third Summit of the Americas, a meeting of North and South American leaders who were negotiating a deal to create a free trade area that would encompass the Western Hemisphere.

In February 2003, hundreds of thousands of anti-war protesters [demonstrated](#) against the Iraq War. After the war went ahead anyway, some parts of the so-called progressive movement became more radicalized and birthed the current Antifa movement.

The Rose City Antifa (RCA), founded in Portland, Oregon, in 2007, is the oldest American group to use "Antifa" in its name. Antifa is [derived](#) from a group called *Antifaschistische Aktion*, founded in May 1932 by Stalinist leaders of the Communist Party of Germany. Antifa's logo, with two flags representing anarchism (black flag) and communism (red flag), are derived from the German Antifa movement.

The American Antifa movement gained momentum in 2016, after Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, a self-described Socialist, lost the Democratic Party's nomination to Hillary Clinton. Grassroots supporters of Sanders [vowed](#) to continue his "political revolution" to establish socialism in America.

Meanwhile, immigration became a new flashpoint in American politics after Donald Trump campaigned on a pledge to reduce illegal migration. In June 2016, protestors [violently attacked](#) supporters of Donald Trump outside a rally in

San Jose, California. In January 2017, hundreds of Antifa rioters tried to [disrupt](#) President Trump's inauguration ceremony in Washington, DC.

In February 2017, Antifa rioters employing so-called [black bloc](#) tactics — they wear black clothing, masks or other face-concealing items so that they cannot be identified by police — [shut down](#) a speech by Milos Yiannopoulos, a far-right activist who was slated to speak at the University of California at Berkeley, the birthplace of the 1964 Free Speech Movement. Antifa radicals [claimed](#) that Yiannopoulos was planning to "out" undocumented students at Berkeley for the purpose of having them arrested. Masked Antifa vandals armed with Molotov cocktails, bricks and a host of other makeshift weapons [fought](#) police and [caused](#) more than \$100,000 in property damage.

In June 2018, Republican Representative Dan Donovan of New York [introduced](#) Bill HR 6054 — "Unmasking Antifa Act of 2018" — that calls for prison sentences of up to 15 years for anyone who, while wearing a mask or disguise, "injures, oppresses, threatens, or intimidates" someone else who is exercising any right or privilege guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. The bill remains [stalled](#) in the House of Representatives.

In July 2019, Antifa radical Willem Van Spronsen [attempted](#) to firebomb the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility in Tacoma, Washington. He was killed in a confrontation with police.

That same month, U.S. Senators Ted Cruz and Bill Cassidy [introduced](#) a resolution that would label Antifa a "domestic terrorist organization." The resolution [stated](#):

"Whereas members of Antifa, because they believe that free speech is equivalent to violence, have used threats of violence in the pursuit of suppressing opposing political ideologies; Whereas Antifa represents opposition to the democratic ideals of peaceful assembly and free speech for all; Whereas members of Antifa have physically assaulted journalists and other individuals during protests and riots in Berkeley, California;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate ... calls for the groups and organizations across the country who act under the banner of Antifa to be designated as domestic terrorist organizations."

"Antifa are terrorists, violent masked bullies who 'fight fascism' with actual fascism, protected by Liberal privilege," [said](#) Cassidy. "Bullies get their way until someone says no. Elected officials must have courage, not cowardice, to prevent terror."

Antifa Exploits Death of George Floyd

Antifa radicals increasingly are using incendiary events such as the death of George Floyd in Minnesota as springboards to achieve their broader aims, one of which [includes](#) removing President Trump from office.

Veteran national security correspondent Bill Gertz recently [reported](#) that the Antifa movement began planning to foment a nationwide anti-government insurgency as early as November 2019, when the U.S. presidential campaign season kicked off in earnest. Former National Security Council staff member Rich Higgins [said](#):

"Antifa's actions represent a hard break with the long tradition of a peaceful political process in the United States. Their Marxist ideology seeks not only to influence elections in the short term but to destroy the use of elections as the determining factor in political legitimacy.

"Antifa's goal is nothing less than fomenting revolution, civil war and silencing America's anti-communists. Their labeling of Trump supporters and patriots as Nazis and racists is standard fare for left-wing communist groups.

"Antifa is currently functioning as the command and control of the riots, which are themselves the overt utilization of targeted violence against targets such as stores — capitalism; monuments — history; and churches — God."

Joe Myers, a former Defense Intelligence Agency official and counterinsurgency expert, [added](#):

"President Trump's election and revitalization of America are a threat to Antifa's nihilist goals. They are fomenting this violence to create havoc, despair and to target the Trump campaign for defeat in 2020. It is employing organized violence for political ends: destruction of the constitutional order."

New York's top terrorism officer, Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller, [explained](#) why the George Floyd protests in New York City became so violent and destructive:

"No. 1, before the protests began, organizers of certain anarchist groups set out to raise bail money and people who would be responsible to be raising bail money, they set out to recruit medics and medical teams with gear to deploy in anticipation of violent interactions with police.

"They prepared to commit property damage and directed people who were following them that this should be done selectively and only in wealthier areas or at high-end stores run by corporate entities.

"And they developed a complex network of bicycle scouts to move ahead of demonstrators in different directions of where police were and where police were not for purposes of being able to direct groups from the larger group to places where they could commit acts of vandalism including the torching of police vehicles and Molotov cocktails where they thought officers would not be.

"We believe that a significant amount of people who came here from out of the area, who have come here as well as the advance preparation, having advance scouts, the use of encrypted information, having resupply routes for things such as gasoline and accelerants as well as rocks and bottles, the raising of bail, the placing of medics. Taken together, this is a strong indicator that they planned to act with disorder, property damage, violence, and violent encounters with police before the first demonstration and/or before the first arrest."

In an interview with *The Epoch Times*, Bernard B. Kerik, former police commissioner of the New York City Police Department, [said](#) that Antifa "100 percent exploited" the George Floyd protests:

"It's in 40 different states and 60 cities; it would be impossible for somebody outside of Antifa to fund this. It's a radical, leftist, socialist attempt at revolution.

"They're coming from other cities. That cost money. They didn't do this on their own. Somebody's paying for this.

"What Antifa is doing is they're basically hijacking the black community as their army. They instigate, they antagonize, they get these young black men and women to go out there and do stupid things, and then they disappear off into the sunset."

After photos appeared to show protesters with military-grade communications radios and earpieces, Kerik [noted](#): "They have to be talking to somebody at a central command center with a repeater. Where do those radios go to?"

Across the country, in Bellevue, Washington, which was also hit by looting and violence, Police Chief Steve Mylett [confirmed](#) that the people responsible were organized, from out of town, and being paid:

"There are groups paying these looters money to come in and they're getting paid by the broken window. This is something totally different we are dealing with that we have never seen as a profession before. We did have officers that were in different areas that were chasing these groups. When we make contact, they just disperse."

Antifa Financing

The coordinated violence raises questions about how Antifa is financed. The Alliance for Global Justice (AFGJ) is an organizing group that serves as a fiscal sponsor to numerous radical left-wing initiatives, [according](#) to Influence Watch, a research group that collects data on advocacy organizations, foundations and donors.

AFGJ, which describes itself as "anti-capitalist" and [opposed](#) to the principles of liberal democracy, provides "fiscal sponsorship" to groups advocating numerous foreign and domestic far-left and extreme-left causes, including [eliminating](#) the State of Israel.

The Tucson, Arizona-based AFGJ, and people associated with it, have [advocated](#) for socialist and communist authoritarian regimes, including in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. In the 2000s, AFGJ was involved in anti-globalization demonstrations. In the 2010s, AFGJ was a [financial sponsor](#) of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

AFGJ has received substantial funding from organizations often claiming to be the mainstream of the center-left. The Open Society Foundations, Tides Foundation, Arca Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, the Ben & Jerry Foundation and the Brightwater Fund have all made contributions to AFGJ, [according](#) to Influence Watch.

One of the groups funded by AFGJ is called [Refuse Fascism](#), a radical left-wing organization devoted to promoting nationwide action to remove from office President Donald Trump, and all officials associated with his administration, on the grounds that they constitute a "fascist regime." The group has been present at many Antifa radical-left demonstrations, also [according](#) to Influence Watch. The group is an offshoot of the Radical Communist Party (RCP).

In July 2017, the RCP [bragged](#) that it took part in violent riots against the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany. The RCP has [argued](#) that capitalism is synonymous with fascism and that the election of President Trump would lead the U.S. government to "bludgeon and eliminate whole groups of people."

In June 2020, Refuse Fascism took advantage of the death of George Floyd to raise money for a "National Revolution Tour" evidently aimed at subverting the U.S. government. The group's slogan [states](#): "This System Cannot Be Reformed, It Must Be Overthrown!"

Antifa's "Utopia"

Meanwhile, in Seattle, Washington, Antifa radicals, protesters from Black Lives Matter, and members of the anti-capitalist John Brown Gun Club seized control of the East Precinct neighborhood and established a six-square-block "autonomous zone" called the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone, "CHAZ," recently [renamed](#) "CHOP," the Capitol Hill Organized (or Occupied) Protest. A cardboard sign at the barricades [declares](#): "You are now leaving the USA." The group [issued](#) a list of 30 demands, including the "abolition" of the Seattle Police Department and court system.

"Rapes, robberies and all sorts of violent acts have been occurring in the area and we're not able to get to them," [said](#) Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best. Several people have been [wounded or killed](#).

Christopher F. Rufo, a contributing editor of *City Journal*, [observed](#):

"The Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone has set a dangerous precedent: armed left-wing activists have asserted their dominance of the streets and established an alternative political authority over a large section of a neighborhood. They have claimed de facto police power over thousands of residents and dozens of businesses — completely outside of the democratic process. In a matter of days, Antifa-affiliated paramilitaries have created a hardened border, established a rudimentary form of government based on principles of intersectional representation, and forcibly removed unfriendly media from the territory.

"The Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone is an occupation and taking of hostages: none of the neighborhood's residents voted for Antifa as their representative government. Rather than enforce the law, Seattle's progressive political class capitulated to the mob and will likely make massive concessions over the next few months. This will embolden the Antifa coalition — and further undermine the rule of law in American cities."

Antifa in its Own Words

The American Antifa movement's long-term objectives are identical to those of the Antifa movement in Europe: replacing capitalism with a communist utopia. Mark Bray, one of the most vocal apologists for Antifa in the United States and author of "Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook," [explained](#):

"The only long-term solution to the fascist menace is to undermine its pillars of strength in society grounded not only in white supremacy but also in ableism, heteronormativity, patriarchy, nationalism, transphobia, class rule, and many others. This long-term goal points to the tensions that exist in defining anti-fascism, because at a certain point destroying fascism is really about promoting a revolutionary socialist alternative."

Nikkita Oliver, former mayoral candidate of Seattle, Washington, [added](#):

"We need to align ourselves with the global struggle that acknowledges that the United States plays a role in racialized capitalism. Racialized capitalism is built upon patriarchy, white supremacy, and classism."

Patrisse Cullors, a co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, [confirmed](#) that the immediate goal is to remove President Trump from office:

"Trump not only needs to not be in office in November, but he should resign now. Trump needs to be out of office. He is not fit for office. And so, what we are going to push for is a move to get Trump out. While we're also going to continue to push and pressure Joe Biden around his policies and relationship to policing and criminalization. That's going to be important. But our goal is to get Trump out."

Rose City Antifa [tweeted](#):

"As antifascists we know that our fight is not just against organized fascism, but also against the capitalist state, and the police that protect it. Another world is possible!"

Seattle Antifascists [added](#):

"This is the revolution, this is our time and we will make no excuses for the terror."

A group called PNW Youth Liberation Front, Antifa's youth organization, [tweeted](#):

"The only way to win a world without police, prisons, borders, etc. is to destroy the oppressive systems which we are currently caught in. We must continue the fight against the state, imperialism, capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, and so on if we ever want to be free."

A pamphlet distributed in the Seattle "Autonomous Zone" [stated](#):

"The idea that the working class can control our own lives, without states, governments or borders, is also called anarchism. But how do we get from our current capitalist society to a future anarchist-communist one? ... In order to destroy the current order, there will need to be a revolution, a time of great upheaval."

A poster in the Seattle "Autonomous Zone" [stated](#):

"Oh, you thought I just wanted to defund the police? This whole system needs to go."

One of the leaders of the Seattle "Autonomous Zone" [said](#):

"Every single day that I show up here I'm not here to peacefully protest. I'm here to disrupt until my demands are met. You cannot rebuild until you break it all the way down. Respond to the demands of the people or prepare to be met with any means necessary. By any means necessary. It's not a slogan or even a warning. I'm letting people know what comes next."

A group called the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, which has nearly 15,000 Twitter followers, [called](#) for an insurrection:

"Revolutionary greetings from the insurrection sweeping throughout the occupied territories of the so-called United States of America.

"As the history of this miserable nation repeats itself once again, what has become clearly evident is that black people have been and will continue to be the only revolutionary force that is capable of toppling the oppressive status quo.

"Everywhere the pigs [a derogatory [term](#) for police] have lost their will to fight. Their eyes, which only yesterday were windows to empty hatred and contempt, now display stultifying self-doubt and cowardice. For once, their behavior portrays their weakness as every step they take back is marked by hesitation.

"Together, if we keep pushing, this land of chattel slavery, indigenous genocide, and foreign imperial aggression can finally be wiped out so that it will only be remembered as one of the more ugly chapters in human history."

An Antifa radical from Maryland [tweeted](#):

"This isn't protest. This is rebellion. When rebellion gets organized we get revolution. We are seeing the beginnings of that and it's glorious."

An Antifa agitator from New York [comments](#) on the American flag:

"That sh*t is a fucking cloth with colors on it. It doesn't live or breathe and is nothing but a representation. Any Black, Latinx, or Native person looking at that thing being respected, should be offended at that flag that represents genocide, rape, slavery, and colonization."

An Antifa media platform, "It's Going Down," [wrote](#):

"Looting is an effective means of wealth redistribution."

An Antifa activist from North Carolina on [free speech](#):

"The idea that freedom of speech is the most important thing that we can protect can only be held by someone who thinks that life is analogous to a debate hall. In my opinion, 'no platforming' fascists often infringes (sic) upon their speech, but this infringement is justified for its role in the political struggle against fascism."

Torch Antifa Network, in [response](#) to President Trump's announced plans to designate Antifa as a terrorist group:

"Antifa will be designating the United States of America as a terrorist organization."

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David Yazdan MD • Jun 25, 2020 at 10:47


Excellent resumes of the terrorist organization. The question is, what is FBI is doing? If we know who is financing and subsidizing these destructive demonstrations, then the organizers must be arrested and indicted. We cannot wait until the country is destroyed before we stop the carnage. The democratic campaign is also supporting this terror for their hatred of Trump. I just hope more and more people see this for what it is. Floyd's death has nothing to do with this; it was just a good excuse.

Reply->

Naomi Be • Jun 25, 2020 at 01:09

It is the very system they condemn (democracy) who enables those groups to actually voice their misguided spoiled brat opinions. The mesmerising obscenity is that each and every communist regime on the planet is ruled by very rich dictators who rule over very poor and very oppressed populations. I would seal off Seattle's "autonomous zone". Install a border, let all those communist lovers live there and apply for visas to enter the democratic USA.

Reply->

John F  Naomi Be • Jun 25, 2020 at 17:28


Unfortunately there are probably many innocent residents that are caught within this Autonomous Zone who would be happy if they were outside of it.

Reply->

Diane • Jun 24, 2020 at 20:50

Antifa - their focus is on recruiting the young with the promise of a lucrative life while instilling fear with an intimidating dress code of black masks and black clothing that don't reveal their age, carrying raw & crude weapons. They're trained to overrule their victims of any age, using vicious behavior.

Reply->

glenn  Diane • Jun 26, 2020 at 09:44

That is the key. These dissenters are now a trained, well equipped with military grade comm's and tactics sophisticated enough that they herd genuine protesters to do what They want anarchy and overthrow of the US system of gov't. It is their stated goal. Doesn't this sound to you reasonable people an action of a foreign army invading our country ??? Wake up, you complacent people. You need to take up arms to defeat these invaders, just like our fathers went to Europe and Japan to defeat crazy people trying to take over the world. This is the first war on our own soil that involves a foreign power taking over, like in Seattle. Seattle needs to be squashed before others in Oregon and LA and back east get the idea they can carve up our country into fiefdoms, like in the middle ages in Europe. This is a war, not of race, but of Putin, Soros and others wanting to defeat us from within.

Reply->

GKK • Jun 24, 2020 at 14:42

It is very important to recognize the existence and the malice of these organizations. Great article!

Reply->

Chris Coles • Jun 24, 2020 at 03:42

History has shown, again and again, that communism does not lead to the freedom of the people; instead it becomes the launch pad for a small group to take complete control of entire nations; while at one and the same time; making the "people" slaves to their "desperate for power" leadership. Again, Karl Marx never lifted a finger; never did a days hard work; over his entire lifetime; yet he remains lauded as someone who commands changes to the work life of the ordinary people. Instead he should be seen as nothing more than someone whose thinking has no grounding from experience of work.

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So, yes, there are reasons to introduce change for the better, but this antifa is not the way forward; instead simply another return to a repeatedly failed concept driven by a very small number intent upon making war against anyone they can identify as a potential "enemy".

Reply->

Stephen Becket • Jun 24, 2020 at 00:41

An excellent article that I will pass on. Why is Soros still allowed to walk the streets? He is insidious.

Reply->

Cheever Hardwick • Jun 23, 2020 at 14:01

ANTIFA is indeed a terrorist, Marxist organisation dedicated to the overthrow of the United States government, which in itself is treason and those proven to be members of or funding ANTIFA should be tried and executed for treason. Period. Not a difficult concept.

Reply->

eli  **Cheever Hardwick** • Jun 23, 2020 at 22:59

ANTIFA has hidden hands---EU wanting to bring the US down --These riots seem to be much more organized and funded than simple Marx and Engel movements---if it was only so--it would tire out--which it does not seem to do .This brings us to reasons behind this movement---such as

1. They clearly see US turning inwards--this will bring economic devastation for many when production units come back to US . Organizations such as the UN and others clearly note that the US will leave these organizations---their funding will become limited and many of those depending on US paying their salaries fear losing their unproductive jobs .
2. They fear the AI---US will change it's global vision--AI will become a huge threat for globalism---and on and on ---but reality is clear--1. Globalism has created huge social and economic problems for US
3. Multicultural societies that are composed of highly different elements have failed and dragged many countries down ---Sweden ,UK, France and others with Muslim migrants have clearly seen the consequences of their bringing those with attitudes that does not adjust to the host country---just note---no-go zones , mosques on many corners shouting incitement . cousin marriages that bankrupt health care and welfare systems of host country ---and on the average a population that is difficult to educate to the standard of the host country---they will find a few professionals in their midst---but by far they are less productive and creative -net negative --again --the truth might be difficult---but the sooner the better --Many of these problems arise from politicians who do not want to face the rioters even if they completely disagree ---it seems they have made the same calculation as many in third world countries--save enough and leave--

leave the problem to others---meaning there will not be responsible politicians who desire to face these people---expect more chaos and huge poverty ---the creators of jobs will leave-they have one fundamental aspect---they neither announce their intentions or the will to counter these riots when it is clear that the rioters are well funded and organized .

Reply->

Curt Gibson • Jun 23, 2020 at 13:34

If you want communism, there are countries around the world that can offer you that. Why are you trying to change what makes America, America? There are many folks around the world who would like to have these opportunities. America rewards creating things. If you cannot create, then you want to destroy? Sounds like a sore loser.

Reply->

Jim Austin • Jun 23, 2020 at 12:15

Antifa is the militia of the liberal contingent, the goon squads, the bully boys, their private army. Liberals have been going leftward over the years, but they're still too squeamish about using violence themselves.

Thus whenever the liberal contingent believes a riot or physical assaults would be useful, liberal authorities just order the police to stand aside, and Antifa is all too willing to oblige. Antifa thugs are always willing to beat up on fascists. Of course, they define fascist as anybody to the right of Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, Kim Jong Un, et al.

So far, they've beaten up on real fascists. They've beaten up on conservatives. They've beaten up on moderates.

They've even beaten up on liberals who haven't polarized far enough leftward to avoid the fascist label. Now they're into beating up on random individuals. They live for such moments.

Antifa is the means the liberal contingent use to reap advantages of violence without any direct risks to themselves.

As an organization seeking to violently enforce their own rules that are at variance with the U.S. Constitution regarding free speech and assembly, Antifa is engaging in insurrection. The essence of insurrection is a violent challenge to legitimate authority, a direct challenge to the Constitution itself. It's a challenge to the governments right to make and enforce certain laws.

Antifa is not trying to petition the government. Antifa is trying to be the government.

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution refers to the president's power and responsibility to "suppress

Insurrections." That makes Antifa a military problem, not a law enforcement problem.

It means the government has the power and responsibility to send armed personnel to hunt them down and kill them along with quislings and collaborators in local governments that prohibit police response.

Antifa has achieved the status of the Confederacy, and the government should look to Abraham Lincoln as a guide in dealing with them.

Reply->

Mark Matthias • Jun 23, 2020 at 12:12

Looking through the lens of Holy Writ throughout my adult life I have distilled the daily news into neither being liberal nor conservative. I was raised to be conservative, but that is not the goal of leaving this world with a clean conscience. It is still about who is right and who's wrong. Both sides go tit for tat but neither has the answer to life and truth. Seeing the appeal of the conservative ideology to the American south and seeing the liberal movement with some compassion for the common man but theologically raising the fist directly at God's face with its loose policies. And it's invasive -- Even in this post, for example,

"The only long-term solution to the fascist menace is to undermine its pillars of strength in a society grounded not only in white supremacy but also in ableism, heteronormativity, patriarchy, nationalism, transphobia, class rule, and many others." My problem is...How does "transphobia" get on this list? Obviously this is not a condemnation of "people" who are homosexual, but it is an endorsement of homosexuality in and of itself -- just as all of us have something that needs improvement. How can this be? Long before today "children" have been clearly indoctrinated into this persuasion, which was inevitable as children are the most vulnerable to good or evil. Is this fair? To use the word, Phobia with anything that is at least questionable as to its beneficence and edification is turning a blind eye can be very harmful -- at the very least children should be sheltered from such controversy until they can make wise decisions.

Reply->

Mark Matthias  Mark Matthias • Jun 23, 2020 at 17:38

As most political commentaries show -- it either Communism or Democracy; but there's more to life than temporal ideologies! What have these debates solved? We are sinking deeper into an indelible wave of evil all over this world. Neither side has the 'solution', ultimately. When we put the ideologues of the American south, only one culture has anything to hang onto -- the rest... tough luck. so in all fairness, it's worth it to

take a look at those in this polyglot, yet here to serve only one established culture -- it is simply not fair and actually intolerable. This is also why the express mission of Judeo-Christian ministers is to establish a third group pertaining to God's establishment. Politically the more we fight a battle that cannot be won, the more quickly we sink -- the results of which will be appreciated when it is too late to be civil. The moral decline is a runaway train, Who can stop it?

Reply->

Chris Coles • Jun 23, 2020 at 11:48

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Andrew Boughton • Jun 23, 2020 at 11:48

Superb piece.

Reply->

Henry • Jun 23, 2020 at 11:02

The same situation happened in the tsarist Russia before the bolshevik revolution, when authorities were very lenient towards violent communists. Only tough and radical means of fighting the communist plague can save the society and civilization. Alas, there is no leader in the US to enforce them.

Reply->

Robin Phillips • Jun 23, 2020 at 10:12

Time to call out the National Guard and get those FEMA camps filled up! Bin communism now! Shut down

ANTIFA thugs!

Reply->

Peter Sloan • Jun 23, 2020 at 06:38

Enlightening... and possibly frightening, but it has to be faced up to. Cowardice will simply not do. Lots of this info we are already aware of in a generality, this crosses the T's and dots the I's. Sadly too many of our population are fiddling while the West burns.

Reply->

Richard F Turnbull • Jun 23, 2020 at 06:10

The fact is it is necessary to arrest and send the violent extremists of any and all ideologies through a fair judicial process, imprison them for a fair and reasonable time if they are found guilty, etc. --- but NOTHING will ever deter patriotic Americans from opposing far right wing extremists lunatic fringe kooks, Nazis, white supremacists, the lot, irrespective of the ultra-Leftist or "ultra-P.C." yammerings of some pompous, completely irrelevant, utterly uninfluential would-be movement theoretician.


I enjoy reading the Gatestone Institute articles that expose real, actual, serious threats to U.S. national security or the double standards in the mass media vis-a-vis the I/P issues. Btw I am a white male hetero, and completely unworried by the "threat" supposedly posed by whoever that was being quoted earlier, NO ONE takes these people seriously, it is just the individual acts of violence or serious property damage (no matter who is responsible) that poses a problem. The rest is 100% protected speech under the First Amendment, short of actual incitement to imminent violence --- and that includes the Nazis in Skokie years ago, unfortunately. And if those same Nazis marched now, GUESS WHO would be confronting them? That's correct, "antifa," and as long as the antifa contingent doesn't break the law, more power to them. Fiat justitia ruat caelum.

Reply->

Arlene  Richard F Turnbull • Jun 23, 2020 at 16:23

Thank you for saying this.

Reply->

Henry  Richard F Turnbull • Jun 23, 2020 at 18:32

Sir, this so-called antifa has nothing to do with fighting non-existing nazis. Their goal is to install communism across the globe. As to fascism, racism, transphobia, islamophobia, etc., etc, - they keep inventing these non-existing problems as a pretext for violent destruction of the existing order.

Reply->

Joan French  Richard F Turnbull • Jun 25, 2020 at 17:03

"NO ONE takes these people seriously, . . ." Respectfully, Richard, I think you are wrong. Many people take them seriously and have become fearful to the point that they acquiesce to the demands of Antifa and bow down to BLM (literally take a knee), indulge in massive Maoist-type thought purges about white guilt, and censor conversations about their fearful feelings with others.

My husband and I were involved with the Civil Rights movement in the '60's and, as we went deeper into the activism, saw the true nature of SNCC, SDS and the Black Panthers which was violent and bigoted. Our best friend joined the Black Panthers, became a communist and told us he couldn't be our friend anymore because we were white. So much for the content of one's character! The activist educational center then was Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. It has been a communist-led organization since its inception in the early 40's. It has now morphed into the Highlander Center for Education and Research but still trains activists and encourages coalitions of activist groups. Ash-Lee Henderson is a co-director, daughter of a Black Panther, a staunch Marxist and has played a part of most of the socialist orgs in the nation, including the infamous Freedom Road/ Liberation Road which supports Antifa.

Antifa is similar to the Nazi Brown Shirts for these neo-Marxists whose movement has been alive and active for so many years. They've taken over our schools, universities, the Democratic Party, politics at all levels, even our culture and have succeeded in censoring any other voices in the media. It is your attitude that we shouldn't take these people serious that is dangerous.

Reply->

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