



Homeschooling and Socialism□

Is homeschooling compatible with socialism and vice-versa? Apparently not, for homeschooling means parental control of education, and that is anathema to socialists.

The most important institution in a socialist society is a government-owned and -controlled education system in which children can be indoctrinated to willingly accept state control of their lives. Public-school teachers are not freedom fighters. They are government employees who must obey the mandates of the state.



In a socialist system, the state owns the children. Parents are merely breeders, and since homeschoolers tend to like large families, the population-control socialists will no doubt try to abolish homeschooling.

In communist Russia, which was known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the state owned the means of production and just about everything else. Farmers could not own their own land. They were forced to work on collective farms, totally subservient to the dictates of the government. In fact, the government was called the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. The official religion was atheism. That perverse regime lasted 75 years and finally collapsed because it was so completely at odds with human nature.

Cuba and North Korea are totalitarian states in which there is no individual freedom to speak of. China, which is ruled by the Chinese Communist Party, has adopted a limited capitalist economy in order to help it grow economically. But all newspapers and publishing companies are controlled by the government. Freedom of speech does not exist, and religion is tightly controlled. Homeschooling obviously has no place in that kind of regime.

And now in America, we have socialism in the White House and a Congress controlled by the Marxist left wing of the Democratic party. These socialists already have a government-controlled education system which is turning out young Americans who don't know the difference between socialism and capitalism, or a democracy and a constitutional republic. They have been so totally dumbed down that they are willing to accept the chains of socialist control over their lives as inevitable. And since it promises economic security — the security of enslavement — why fight it?

The reason why the socialists in power are determined to saddle the nation with a universal, national health-care system is because it will give them complete control over the lives of everyone, including homeschoolers who will be forced to accept government-imposed health insurance. All of this is patently unconstitutional. But socialists have always considered the United States Constitution to be an obstacle to their goal of total power.

The Constitution provided Americans with a limited national government and a maximum of individual freedom. The result is that America became the richest, most advanced nation on earth, with the highest standard of living. Why? Because individual Americans were free to pursue their dreams. But if



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the socialists in Washington have their way, all of that will come to an end.

The only positive thing about this situation is that all of the socialist wolves have removed their sheep's clothing and are now revealed for who they really are: totalitarians at heart. They are the ones who would like to silence conservative talk shows, confiscate our guns, impose punitive taxes, and ration health care. They are the ones who are destroying our free-enterprise system.

And judging from the speed with which they want to transform America, it is obvious that they are serious in their intent to destroy our free way of life.

Under these dire circumstances, what are home schooling parents to do? Since homeschoolers have rejected the state's control over the education of their children, they must do all in their power to defeat the efforts of the socialists to destroy parental rights.

Until now we have permitted the left and so-called moderates to whittle away at the Constitution, so that now it only applies to the protection of our enemies being tried in our civil courts. But try to use the Constitution to defend individual freedom and free enterprise, and you will be fought tooth and nail by the socialists.

And so, the country is divided between those who want to restore constitutional government and those who want to get rid of it. In other words, the enemy is within our gates. We still have a chance to end this socialist nightmare by voting them out of office in 2010. But will America do it? Only God knows.

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