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In *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*, Ji-Li Jiang provides a window into a terrifying epoch. As a young schoolgirl in the 1960s, she was an eyewitness to, and participant in, the mob violence of Mao Tse-tung's Red Guards, as they swept away the evil Four Olds (Old Customs, Old Culture, Old Habits, Old Ideas) to make way for China's new communist customs, culture, habits, and ideas. She recounts a number of harrowing incidents in which the newly indoctrinated communist zealots singled out an innocent shop owner, teacher, or fellow student for pitiless assault.



Their crimes? There weren't any crimes; the victims were simply accused by one or more members of the mob of deviating from Communist Party thought, adhering to the Four Olds, or having family ties to the bourgeoisie class. The mob action typically involved surrounding the "criminal's" shop or home, destroying and/or confiscating his property, and subjecting him to public humiliation, beatings, and torture. Everyone was required to join in the denunciation. A public confession of one's crimes and sins might save one from further torture, prison, "re-education," or execution. Or it might seal one's doom.

Government use of organized mob denunciations and mob violence is not unique to Communist China, however. In fact, it has been a standard feature of Communist regimes everywhere: Russia, Cuba, Bulgaria, Hungary, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, etc.

The frightening similarity between those communist mob actions and what we have seen rapidly developing here in America will not be missed by anyone familiar with Communist history. Tragically, too few Americans remember, or have even *heard* of, the Cultural Revolution. Well, we just got a taste of the Maoist Red Guard methods with the recent vicious smearing of Nick Sandmann and Covington Catholic High School. In Washington, D.C., to participate in the annual March for Life, Nick and his fellow students from Kentucky had no way of knowing that they would be subjected to an incredible Orwellian "Two Minutes Hate" session. Only in this case, the intense hatefest would go on for days, not a mere two minutes. And it would immediately go viral, spread nationally and globally by both the major media and social-media platforms. In an instant, 16-year-old Nick Sandmann found that he was the new Emmanuel Goldstein, the fictional character in Orwell's *1984* who was held up as the object of hate by the propagandists of Big Brother.

Sandmann and the Covington students were denounced as racists and examples of "white privilege." They were subjected to vile epithets and denunciations from not only anonymous Internet trolls, but from writers and commentators in the national media, Hollywood celebrities, politicians, and — most



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disheartening of all — their own diocese and school. Death threats and bombing threats forced Covington Catholic High School to close temporarily.

What horrific crime did Sandmann commit? As you know by now, he and his classmates were accused of blocking, threatening, and disrespecting Nathan Phillips, whom the media presented as a “Native American elder” and a “Vietnam veteran.” Critics also indicted Sandmann for the Orwellian offense of “facecrime,” since he had stood smiling while Phillips banged a drum in his face. His accusers insisted on interpreting his smile as a wicked “smirk,” which was more evidence of his “white privilege.” Additional video soon surfaced to prove that it was Phillips who was the aggressor and that the boys had done nothing wrong. Moreover, it also came out that Phillips is a professional agitator with a long, sordid history — and was never a Vietnam vet.

The real “crimes” for which Sandmann and the Covington boys were being persecuted comes down to this: 1) They are pro-life; 2) they are Christian; 3) they are males; 4) some of them were wearing the verboten Trump MAGA cap; and 5) most of them are white.

Some in the media and in Tinsel Town, realizing they had been fully exposed by the facts, offered half-hearted apologies and excuses for their inexcusable defamation of the boys. (Others, such as NBC, doubled down, further exalting Phillips, while trying to get Sandmann to confess to being in the wrong.) The Most Reverend Roger Foys, the Catholic bishop of Covington, also apologized to Nick Sandmann and his family, as well as to all Covington Catholic families “who have felt abandoned during this ordeal.” “We should not have allowed ourselves to be bullied and pressured into making a statement prematurely, and we take full responsibility for it,” said Bishop Foys.

Among the lessons that must be learned from this disgraceful episode are: 1) Never trust the Fake News lynch mob; 2) never allow yourself (or those representing you) to be bullied into cowering before the mob; and 3) never join in their deceitful and cowardly denunciations.

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