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Letters To The Editor

On Defense

The other night I had the opportunity to visit a local emergency room. I was able to speak with hospital personnel who not only treated patients with the coronavirus but had to be treated themselves. I spoke with a 30-something EMT who said he had been in a fight for his life.

Once you speak to those who have had this disease in a serious form and those who have treated these patients, one realizes the seriousness of this disease. You can look at statistics and other information that tell you there have been more serious diseases, and there have been, but this is not the common cold, no matter what some may try to tell you.

The response taken to this disease was logical and within reason, at least initially. We entered unknown medical territory and we have learned. Those of us in medicine realize that there are no absolutes, and there is a lot of second-guessing. Mistakes will be made. Yet, we will learn. Can we keep this on a scientific level and avoid the politics and second-guessing?

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The Left's Socialist Crusade

Donald Trump, Jr's mother was originally from Communist Czechoslovakia. While growing up, during the summer, Trump, Jr. spent about a month each year visiting his Czech grandmother. He became fluent in Czech and experienced the difficult life in a communist country. After the collapse of the Soviet empire, his Czech grandmother was able to watch CNN and was appalled by the pro-socialism she observed from Americans. Trump, Jr. revealed these events during a speech at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California (televised by CSPAN). He also noted that 70 percent of millennials are open to voting socialistic, according to a recent poll.

Economics professor, columnist, and libertarian Dr. Walter Williams recently commented in a column that 33 percent of millennials even see communism as favorable. In other recent polls, over 50 percent of Democrats look favorably on socialism. This is despite the fact that people who have experienced strict socialism are vocal about its failings.

My wife was a refugee from East Germany. Her family escaped before "the wall" went up, and they settled in West Germany. They had lived under the tyranny of Hitler's National Socialism (Nazis), as well as the Stalinist "international socialism."

Her family felt the communists were worse than the Nazis. Like Trump, Jr's grandmother, my wife is appalled by Americans' favorable view of socialism. She would like to pack them all off to Cuba or Venezuela so that they can experience the misery of living in a socialist country.

For myself, I am not so optimistic that left-wing liberal Democrats are capable of learning from such an experience: Consider that Senator Bernie Sanders spent his honeymoon in the Soviet Union and returned to the United States "impressed" by what he saw.

Back in the early '90s, shortly after the Soviet collapse, I attended a left-wing conference in Chicago. I approached the booth for the American Communist Party. I identified myself as a conservative and



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asked if they weren't chastened in their views by the collapse of communism.

They insisted that the Soviet-bloc countries "weren't communistic." They claimed they were "state capitalistic." Further, they believed that the people of Central and Eastern Europe were essentially "too dumb" to get communism right. But they *knew* that Americans could get it right.

Not only is the American Left sympathetic to the failed song of communism, it is as race-crazed as the Nazis, calling everyone racist, even as they divide groups by color, race, and creed.

Remember, too, that the Democrats' idea of "progressive" is to allow men in bathrooms with mothers, wives, daughters, and granddaughters.

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