

The Marxist Politicization of Science

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Cultural Marxism requires that its proponents advance their revolution on every battlefield in order to subvert their target civilization and its cultural heritage. The arts, history, education, philanthropy, sports and even law have not escaped its sinister influences. This is an example of Marxism's "*long march through the institutions*," a slogan coined and advocated by Italian communist Antonio Gramsci.

Marxism has even managed to infiltrate and subvert scientific inquiry, an area traditionally immune to ideological contamination since its conclusions *should* be based exclusively on evidence. The demise of science began in the USSR under Josef Stalin in the 1930s, and has metastasized into the social sciences and even the natural sciences. It currently infects many disciplines and has greatly undermined the integrity of scientific inquiry, with equally pernicious consequences for public policy.

ORIGINS: Throughout its history, the Soviet Union's unworkable system of collectivized agriculture routinely failed to feed its own people. Despite having more arable land than any other nation, by 1990 the USSR's agricultural failures were laughingly referred to in the West as "*73 consecutive years of bad weather*." This dismal performance of Soviet Agriculture was primarily attributable to the Soviet leadership's willingness to **substitute Marxist Ideology for scientific evidence**, which cost it dearly over the course of subsequent decades.

The seeds of its demise were sown in the early 1930s when a Soviet "*geneticist*" named Trofim Lysenko claimed to have invented a technique to genetically transmit an organism's *acquired* characteristics. Although no scientist could duplicate his research – an essential requirement of the Scientific Method – Josef Stalin and other

members of the *Supreme Soviet* were greatly impressed, and took official notice of Lysenko.

The notion that the genetic makeup (or "*genotype*") of an organism could be altered by environmental forces -- and then transformed into an entirely new and different organism -- is a concept that has been rejected by modern science ever since the pioneering research of Gregor Mendel in the mid-19th Century.

To the Soviet Leadership, however, Lysenko's claims were an ideal "fit" for their Marxist Ideology. That is, if mankind were completely malleable and exclusively a product of our environment, socialists of the world needed only to arrange a "proper" environment for us in order to mold their subjects into a "New Soviet Man." The environment they were to cultivate was one defined by Marxist Theory.

Thus, Josef Stalin appointed Lysenko to direct the powerful and influential ***Soviet Institute of Genetics***. In doing so, Stalin replaced a dedicated scientist named Nikolai Vavilov, who had devoted his entire professional life to the task of increasing agricultural production to feed his nation. Sadly, like millions of others before and after him, Vavilov was sentenced to death and died in prison.

Soon, Soviet agriculture began to lag ever further behind the rest of the civilized world, with little or no innovation in the realm of hybridization or any other area of genetic research. Lysenko's pseudo-science -- combined with the added disasters of the Soviet Union's collectivization schemes -- made it inevitable that its agricultural output would be deficient. By the 1970s, this forced Soviet leaders to come begging to Washington on a regular basis for trillions of dollars in handouts.

CLIMATE CHANGE: The objective of climate "*alarmists*" is not to alert the world to changes in the Earth's average, ambient surface

temperature, their agenda is entirely political. Their origin as the "Global Warming" movement was inspired by a modest increase of 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit in the Earth's average surface temperature between 1970 and 1998. Since then, sincere efforts to correct the scientific record on "*climate change*" have been routinely obscured and reflexively attacked, despite clear evidence that "*climate alarmists*" intentionally falsify their data in pursuit of their political agenda.

For a number of years, climate alarmists and their allies in the corrupt leftist media regularly claimed that each succeeding year was the warmest on record and that every extreme and destructive weather event was somehow the result of "global warming." The solution they have aggressively promoted is to transition away from fossil fuels and substitute "soft" and allegedly "sustainable" energy sources that have a lower "carbon footprint."

One tactic employed by "global warmers" has been to hype all-time **record high temperatures** whenever and wherever they have occurred, to create the impression that the Earth really is warming to dangerous levels. Yet, the highest temperature ever recorded on Earth was 136 degrees Fahrenheit in Libya in 1922, and the highest recorded temperature in the U.S. was 134 degrees Fahrenheit in Death Valley, California in 1913. **However, the consumption of fossil fuels in 1913 and 1922 were negligible compared to today.** Thus, on its face, carbon emissions can't reasonably be considered the cause of *global warming*.

Since that particular data is a matter of historical record (Cristopher Burt. *Extreme Weather*. W.W. Norton and Company, 2007,) the concerns of climate alarmists were forced to evolve from "*global warming*" to "***climate change***." Afterwards, extreme temperatures of any kind were routinely cited as evidence of this alleged *climate change*. Yet, the **record cold temperature** on Earth was minus-129 degrees Fahrenheit in Vostok, Antarctica in 1983, when carbon

emissions from fossil fuels dwarfed all prior years. Likewise, the coldest temperature ever recorded in the lower 48 U.S. states was in Embarrass, Minnesota in 1996, a year that climate alarmists associate with their alleged warming trend.

Moreover, the **most oppressive heat wave** ever recorded in the U.S. occurred in July of 1936, creating record high temperatures in half of all 48 American states at that time. Yet, fossil fuel emissions in 1936 were about four percent of today's fossil fuel emissions.

Conversely, America's **coldest year** ever recorded was 1899, when temperatures declined below zero degrees Fahrenheit in all 48 states: yet, fossil fuel emissions were significantly lower in 1899 than in 1936, a year associated with many record high temperatures. **Clearly, the left's preoccupation with carbon emissions from fossil fuels can't be the cause of their dubious "climate change," whether generating warmer or colder temperatures.**

Climate alarmists have engaged in a very unethical *cherry-picking* of record high and record low temperatures in isolated locales in order to "*illustrate*" the existence of either *global warming* or *climate change*. Their agenda is not scientific and its ultimate purpose is to impose harsh controls on the world's population and help transition to a socialist world government run by elites, commissars and technocrats. The rest of us will be required to bicycle back to the 19th Century.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT & DETERRENCE: Another clear example of the triumph of ideology over empirical evidence surrounds the debate over the deterrent effect of **capital punishment**. In light of the accumulated evidence, the effectiveness of the general deterrent effects of capital punishment should be nearly beyond doubt, despite the relentless efforts of leftist politicians and the Jews' Media to hide this fact from

the American public. Their motive is clearly censorship and a desire to "filter" all news and fact.

In his review of the most recent studies on the deterrent effect of capital punishment before the **Senate Judiciary Committee** on February 1, 2006, former Reagan *Chief Economic Advisor* Paul Rubin summarized the literature on the deterrent effect of capital punishment in this manner: ***"The literature is easy to summarize: Almost all modern studies and all the refereed studies find a significant deterrent effect of capital punishment...To an economist, this is not surprising: We expect criminals and potential criminals to respond to sanctions, and execution is the most severe sanction available."***

For example, Dezhbakhsh and Shepherd found that each U.S. execution for the crime of murder saved the lives of 18 innocent victims, by virtue of its general deterrent effect. (**ECONOMIC INQUIRY**, 2006)

Paul Zimmerman, a former Reagan Administration Economist discovered slightly different results, finding that each execution in the United States spared the lives of 14 innocent victims as a result of capital punishment's deterrent effect. (**AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY**, 2006.)

RACE & IQ: Similarly, there is NO phenomenon in the social sciences more thoroughly documented than the relationship between **race and IQ**, where an average 15 point IQ disparity favors whites over blacks. There have been over 650 empirical studies proving this difference. (See Herrnstein & Murray. ***The Bell Curve.***)

Despite truly mountainous evidence of lower black IQs, the Corrupt Leftist Media aggressively "spike" this fact to ensure that it never comes to the attention of the American public. Not only is such evidence carefully censored, but anyone who dares to utter such a

truth quickly becomes a pariah and the target of a media "*feeding frenzy*" by Cultural Marxists and their minions.

The suppression of this critical fact has paved the way for the Pharisees of the Jews' Media, race-hustlers, the "Democrat" Party, and charlatans in the field of education to automatically attribute ANY racial disparity in academic achievement to "*systemic race discrimination*." They assume a false equality of outcome in advance, and then censor all evidence disproving their assumptions.

Their failure to honestly and accurately address the true cause of racial disparities in academic achievement has paved the way for an endless litany of destructive and expensive policies imposed upon public education. These include not only "*dumbed-down*" curricula, but also federal court-ordered *desegregation*, the charade known as *Common Core*, the *No Child Left Behind* law, *Critical Race Theory*, and a variety of other fraudulent and destructive educational policies which have failed miserably or even managed to aggravate the problem.

Their ideology compels them to assume that the chronic failure of blacks to attain levels of academic achievement commensurate with whites must demonstrate *de facto* evidence of systemic race discrimination by whites. As usual, not only are whites wrongly defamed, but they must also bear the social and economic costs of remedying a situation for which they bear no responsibility, and which is probably irremediable.

CONCEALED CARRY LAWS: Likewise, the public is mostly unaware of the ground-breaking research of Economist John Lott and Legal Researcher David Mustard, who studied the incidence of violent crimes in all 3,054 U.S. counties for 28 years. It was the most comprehensive study in the history of criminal justice, and conclusively demonstrated that "*Concealed-Carry Laws are the most cost-effective means of reducing violent crime ever studied by economists....*"

Concealed Carry Laws (CCL) have been so effective at reducing violent crime rates that 44 U.S. states have now adopted some form of "*Shall Issue*" statute, in which every County Sheriff is required by law to issue a CCL to every eligible applicant. (This usually requires U.S. Citizenship, no felony record, at least 21 years of age, and no Domestic Violence Misdemeanors.)

One consequence of the proliferation of CCLs was a dramatic and 40 year across-the-board decline in violent crime rates (i.e.,) rape, robbery, murder and aggravated assault. For approximately 40 straight years, the aggregate violent crime rate in the U.S. consistently declined.

Only since the *ChinaVirus* pandemic has violent crime accelerated, owing to insane and misguided criminal justice "*reforms*" by corrupt and incompetent, black and Marxist officials in **BLUE** counties, most of whom were heavily funded by fellow communist-Jew, George Soros. Those **BLUE** areas prove Lott and Mustard's conclusions, since they are invariably, counties with the most restrictive gun controls.

This phenomenon has created a dilemma for Marxist gun-banners -- especially those in the Jews' Media -- who desperately labor to repeal or subvert the Second Amendment. They all predicted "*wild-west shootouts*" with each state's enactment of a CCL statute, but the proliferation of CCLs has actually produced this dramatic **DECLINE** in violent crime rates until recently.

The general public remains unaware of the evidence because the Jews' Media "spike" and obscure such evidence: if anything, the left has "doubled-down" on their efforts to repeal the 2nd Amendment.

The decline in violent crime rates resulting from the proliferation of CCLs is one particular public policy where inconvenient facts must truly try the souls of Marxist gun-banners, since the evidence supporting

Concealed-Carry is so compelling. This is why they find it necessary to spike such evidence.

CONCLUSION: Conservatives, Libertarians and Republicans are routinely denounced as "*science deniers*" by the left, because most have the good sense to reject the left's phony predictions of doom from *climate change*. Ironically, in the debate over *climate change* -- as well as many other policy debates -- it is invariably the left that willfully dismisses scientific evidence because its support or opposition to a given policy is exclusively driven by the dictates of Marxist Ideology.

Their Marxist subversion of scientific inquiry has harmful consequences for the integrity of science as well as for public policy. The lessons illustrated by the Soviet Union's experience with "***Lysenkoism***" should stand as a warning to scientists and policy-makers, alike. Policies based on lies must inevitably fail, and with disastrous results.