

Hypocrisy: A Fashionable Vice

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In *Animal Farm*, George Orwell gained immortality by capturing the essence of Marxism with his facetious line, *“Everyone is equal, but some are more equal than others.”* There are several characteristics that Marxists have in common, and one is the gross disparity between their words and their actual deeds. For example, abolishing private property is a central dogma of Marxism, but most committed Marxists have been world-class hypocrites by living opulent and extravagant lifestyles that were often financed by expropriating the property of others.

ROUSSEAU: Before Marx, there was Rousseau. Jean-Jacques Rousseau was among the most strident of the radicals who fomented the *“Reign of Terror”* during the French Revolution. Although Marxism had yet to spring from the fevered brain of Karl Marx, Rousseau and radicals like him during the French Revolution helped to inspire Marx's own radical and violent ideology. Rousseau's contempt for the existing order was vivid, and like Marx, his naive and utopian bromides inevitably led to far more oppressive tyrannies.

Despite being a dirtbag, Rousseau held himself up to the world as a paragon of human virtue, even once declaring that, *“I would leave this life with apprehension...if I knew a better man than me.”* Outside of his abstractions and narcissism, Rousseau's relationships with flesh-and-blood humans were very different from his abstract ideal of universal brotherhood. For 14 years he lived parasitically off the generosity of Madame Françoise-Louise de Warens. Later, Rousseau refused to assist her financially, even after he had thoroughly exploited her generosity and her wealth to the point that she was seriously in debt. His narcissism was exceeded only by his greed.

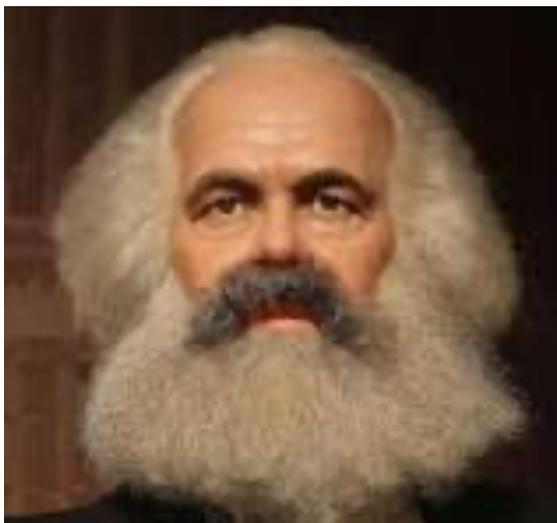


Rousseau & Madame Francoise-Louise de Warens

Moreover, Rousseau could not tolerate the intrusion of children, including his own. He fathered five children with Thérèse Levasseur, but each was left anonymously on the steps of the *Hôpital des Enfants-Trouvés* (the "*Hospital for Found Children*,") in Paris, where life expectancy was low. After Voltaire rebuked Rousseau for abandoning his own children, Rousseau responded, "*How could I achieve the tranquility of mind necessary for my work, my garret filled with domestic cares and the noise of children?*"

KARL MARX: Marx is often wrongly described as an "*economist*" by the kind of people who don't understand the term: Marx was an "*economist*" in the same sense that Josef Stalin was a *humanitarian*, or Jeffrey Dahmer was a *gourmet*. Economics is the study of the distribution of a resource through a market system, so Marxism and the discipline of economics are anathema to each other. Marxism is the **REPUDIATION OF MARKETS**, and the substitution of central government commands, backed by force. These are substituted for the voluntary interactions of buyers and sellers, acting in their own self-interests in markets that have evolved organically since man first walked upright.

The exploitation of workers (the *proletariat*) by the owners of capital, (whom Marx called the *bourgeoisie*,) supposedly inspired *Das Kapital*. However, Marx never labored a day in his life, and was subsidized for much of it by his patron, Frederic Engels. In fact, the only member of the proletariat Marx actually knew personally was the family servant, "Lenchen," whom he exploited by impregnating her. Lenchen was never paid one *Franc* despite years of loyal service in Paris, and was not even permitted to raise their child. (Paul Johnson. *Intellectuals*. Harper & Row, New York. 1988.) The narcissistic Marx assumed that *Lenchen* was sufficiently compensated by allowing her to remain near him.



Karl Marx



Friedrich Engels

SOVIET NOMENKLATURA: Orwell's facetious remark is perfectly illustrated in *Stalin's Secret War* by Nikolai Tolstoy, a relative of the more celebrated author. Tolstoy devotes Chapter Three ("Life at the Top") to the opulent lifestyles of the Soviet "*Nomenklatura*," the USSR's ruling elite. In most cases, they became wealthy by confiscating the property of former party members who were condemned to the *Gulag* or executed in one of Stalin's endless purges.

Ironically, members of the *Nomenklatura* often competed against each other using vulgar and extravagant displays of wealth. These usually exceeded those of the *Romanovs*, whom they had previously despised and denounced for their excesses. High-ranking party members enjoyed rare delicacies purchased at well-stocked, private food stores: meanwhile, the USSR's peasants queued up for stale bread, turnips and cabbages at miserable government-owned "food stores."

BERNIE SANDERS: Like most Marxists, *Crazy Bernie* never had a real job until he was 40, when he was elected Mayor of Burlington Vermont. Earlier, he was evicted from the commune in which he lived because he wouldn't work, and just sat around pontificating all day. He soon realized that hard work wasn't for him, because he couldn't contribute anything of value to the competitive economy found in America's private sector. Instead, he opted for a career in politics. He was recently reported to be a millionaire several times over.

In October of 2020, "Crazy" Bernie -- the *Socialist Party* candidate for president -- was campaigning in Las Vegas and promoting his socialist health care plan called "**Medicare for All.**" Free health care is another basic tenet of Marxism. The stress of campaigning probably caused *Crazy Bernie* to suffer a mild heart attack. Yet, rather than insist on being admitted to a public hospital -- the kind envisioned by his own *Medicare-for-All* scheme -- Crazy Bernie was expeditiously admitted to **Desert Springs Medical Center**, a **PRIVATE** hospital.

There, he was treated by a **private** physician, who performed an angioplasty and installed two "stints." His campaign refused to disclose where he was admitted in order to avoid seeing *Crazy Bernie* denounced as a hypocrite. Ironically, *Crazy Bernie's* life was saved by the very private health care system that he has labored to eliminate throughout his career. The following day he *Tweeted* "**I'm feeling good. I'm fortunate**

to have good health care and great doctors and nurses...” He then added, without any self-awareness, *“Medicare for All!”*



Crazy Bernie Sanders

Crazy Bernie would be dead were it not for America’s ***private*** system of health care, one that *Crazy Bernie* wants to destroy by nationalizing it. He has campaigned for decades against private health care, the very system that saved his life. He wants to take away everyone else’s access to the superior care he received by eliminating private health insurance, and creating a rationed system funded by the federal government. Extrapolating from the events in Las Vegas, it’s probably safe to assume that under *Crazy Bernie’s* scheme, Members of Congress would be permitted to retain their lavishly-funded private health care plan, paid for by those of us on whom he wants to impose his rationed and Marxist system of health care.

NICOLAS MADURO: The ***TRUE*** exploitation that occurs throughout the world isn’t found within capitalist nations, it occurs under Marxism. There, the *“means of production”* are seized, which is an innocent-

sounding expression to describe how Marxist governments expropriate every aspect of a nation's economy. This is then used as leverage to force potential dissidents to support their corrupt Marxist regime, or starve.

This phenomenon inevitably produces a *"graftocracy"* among high-ranking party officials -- like the Soviet *Nomenklatura* -- whose support is purchased by the proceeds of that exploitation. Thus, friends and allies of Nicolas Maduro (and Hugo Chavez before him) destroyed Venezuela's economy by plundering the immense oil revenues they generated, despite promoting themselves as socialist *"reformers."* It's no coincidence that Nicolas Maduro once described *Crazy Bernie Sanders* as his *"revolutionary friend."*



Nicolas Maduro & His "Revolutionary Friend"

ZOHRAN MAMDANI: This leads us inevitably to 33 year-old Zohran Mamdani, the Mayor of New York City, who has a microscopic work history outside of politics. He supposedly worked for his wealthy mommy for a while, and tried being a *"rap"* artist to little avail. But his

family is wealthy, so he owns property in Uganda valued around \$200,000, while formerly living in a \$2,300 per-month, rent-controlled apartment in Queens. He was also a New York State Assemblyman with a salary of \$142,000. Somehow, after graduating from the **Bank Street School** (\$66,000 per year,) and **Harvard University** (\$60,000,) he felt a calling to champion the plight of his fellow downtrodden citizens. Clearly, he is also a hypocrite and fraud like all Marxists.

How they **DO** love money! Mamdani married a wealthy woman at a lavish wedding celebration in the Gulf nation of Dubai, before returning to his family's secluded compound in Uganda for another three days of merriment and celebration. His mother is a filmmaker, and his father is a chaired professor at **Columbia University** (*of course!*) Mamdani's rent was subsidized by his neighbors, who resented paying the prevailing market rent of \$3,000 per month to subsidize him. Having Mamdani as a former neighbor -- rather than someone who paid the full tab -- cost his neighbors an additional \$8,400 per year to subsidize his lifestyle.



Mamdani's Subsidized Apartment in *THIS* Building

Whether they call themselves "*social-democrats*," "*Marxists*," "*socialists*," "*Progressives*," or have the candor to call themselves "*communists*," all of them have one thing in common: they all **HATE** (or *HATED*) democratic capitalism, but they all **LOVE** (or loved) **MONEY** and the trappings of wealth. However, most remain oblivious to the fact that in every instance, their wealth was first created by a capitalist.