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Socialism by force

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"The trouble with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

*Margaret Thatcher
Former Prime Minister, Great Britain*

Failing to learn, our government continues unabated towards socialism, convinced it knows best, the Constitution obviously outdated, the people's wishes obviously wrong.

In the 1960s two radical socialist professors from Columbia University, Richard Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven, created the Cloward/Piven Strategy, first printed in a 1966 issue of The Nation magazine. It should not surprise us that Columbia breeds radicals.

Three years ago, it welcomed to its campus the Iranian "dignitary," Ahmadinejad; and it continues to ban ROTC from its campus in defiance of the United States Supreme Court. Describing the Cloward/Piven plan, David Horowitz said it is a "strategy of forcing political change through orchestrated crisis," no need for the Constitution or the people's permission.

Critical to the plan is recruiting as many people as possible to the welfare rolls, doing whatever is needed to overwhelm the system's ability to deal with the demand, the goal to destroy the government's ability to pay for those demands leading to financial collapse.

In New York City in 1975, socialist advocates proved the strategy works, recruiting enough welfare recipients to put "one person

on the welfare rolls . . . for every two (people) working in the city's private economy." The system was overwhelmed and the city went into bankruptcy. Rudy Giuliani called it "an effort at economic sabotage." But the real success of New York's bankruptcy was changing the attitudes of people towards welfare from temporary help to a lifetime entitlement.

With Karl Marx logic, socialists like Cloward and Piven believe the "ruling" class supports welfare as a means of keeping poor people poor, which requires destruction of the system to cause the poor to revolt, forcing the needed socialist change. As Cloward said to the New York Times in 1970, people can only advance when "the rest of society is afraid of them."

To create the crisis "cadres of aggressive organizers" are needed to recruit people to the welfare rolls, leading to unprecedented "sharing of the wealth." Is this already happening? The demand for entitlements must overwhelm the federal budget to the point it begins massive deficit spending, continuing until the financial system collapses under the weight of unmet demands. Is this already happening?

President Obama's Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, said, "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that is an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." It's not much of a stretch to go from taking advantage of a crisis to creating the crisis. Is this already happening?

Is the plan already implemented and unfolding? Are government

spending and entitlement demands in line with the Cloward/Piven plan of forced socialism? Are organizations recruiting more welfare recipients and demanding more types of entitlements? Are organizations specifically targeting welfare voters, getting them to the polls to elect the "correct" candidate? Has the government pressured lenders to offer home mortgages people could not afford, fomenting the current crisis?

And now that the government is in an economic crisis, is it creating massive new entitlement programs to "save the economy?" Is it supporting massive, unprecedented deficit spending to "save the economy?" Is it promoting Karl Marx's philosophy by propping that people creating capital are the problem and people not creating capital are the abused, class warfare between the "bourgeoisie" and the "proletariat?" Is the government advocating more "taxing of the rich" with Karl Marx "heavy progressive income taxes"?

Are our politicians so inept that they are inadvertently carrying out the Cloward/Piven plan or are they so egotistical, so superior, so arrogant that they deliberately created this crisis to force on us the Cloward/Piven socialism they know is best?

Maybe our country really does have two classes of people, the Washington aristocracy and the rest of us. Whose country is it?

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