

The destruction of children's ties to their parents and their parent's values has been a goal of every leftist revolution for centuries. The left, over and over again, has the same conceited idea, that if they are given control over their fellow humans, they can remake human nature and improve it creating the NEW CITIZEN or the NEW SOCIALIST PERSON. It is strange that a group of people who tout evolutionary theory so religiously don't seem to have grasped that the social constructs of the family and familial values may be the result of millennia of societal evolution. It would seem that, many in the legislature feel omnipotent enough that they could just as well sit down and do the complete design of a new species of mammal and then pass a bill budgeting its fabrication.

It's instructive to look at how successful previous forays into designing the NEW CITIZEN have been. The biggest change in education that the French Revolution brought about was that "**the main purpose of the schools was to serve the state**" (Stamp, 1966). The revolutionaries like Robespierre no doubt thought that this would serve the purposes of their new revolutionary state. Robespierre would have felt at home in the Oregon legislature. What these French revolutionaries didn't understand is that once you have freed people from the traditional values and constraints of society, they may not behave entirely to your liking. The revolution begat **NAPOLEON** and Napoleon begat a great many dead people.

With the fall of the German imperial state in 1918, the socialists and other Marxists who helped bring it down established the Weimar Republic. There was considerable impetus to remake the German educational system to develop the NEW SOCIALIST PERSON. The Frankfurt School assisted in this by developing critical theory and a concerted (and conceited) effort was made to abolish traditional ways of thinking including the influence of parents' traditional thinking on children by educators who were much superior in their social outlook. The Weimar period is now famous (or infamous) for its anything goes society (rather similar to that of today). It appears that the German education system of the time was pretty successful in completely disorienting their students from traditional societal and moral strictures. They were easy pickings for a new, malign ideology propagated by **HITLER**, and that begat a lot more dead people.

Russian revolutionaries of 1917, Lenin and Trotsky, were sure they could engineer the NEW MARXIST MAN. Parents had no control over what was taught to their children, and it was the conceit of the state that human thought and behavior could be designed so as to allow people to work as cogs in a "scientific" machine. This led to a population so cowed and conditioned that they were easy pickings for **STALIN**, and that begat even more dead people.

From these examples, the same sort of conceited and malevolent socio-political philosophy that is trying to redesign Oregon's children and future society would not seem to have done too well in the past. Of course, many in our ruling class in Salem believe themselves to be the result of superior social evolution and therefore much wiser than their Marxist predecessors. There does seem to be, however, a historical record of the Marxist Left starting revolutions, including those that abolish representative democracies, but their fellow totalitarians on the Fascist Left (Yes, I said left.) finishing them. Perhaps there is some wisdom in using the societal structures and values that have evolved over millennia of trial and error.

As an additional thought, I suspect many of our betters in the state government believe that in the end everybody will see what wonders they have done in altering human nature and they will be able spend their futures basking in the warm gratitude of their fellow citizens. It's instructive that Robespierre was sent to the guillotine by his fellow revolutionaries. German Marxist revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg was ordered shot in the back of the head by the socialist founder of Weimar, Ebert. Trotsky and was shot to death by order of Stalin and nearly every other Bolshevik leader of the Soviet Union was executed by his fellows. Gives one something to think about.

Please protect the children and vote no on SB 1583.

Sincerely,
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