

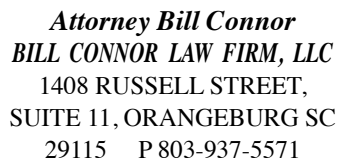
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“to dethrone God and destroy capitalism” Karl Marx explaining his object in life.

to believe in God, including liberals (62%), young adults (68%) and Democrats (72%). Belief in God is highest among political conservatives (94%) and Republicans (92%).” https://news.gallup.com/poll/393737/belief-god-dips-new-low.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=morelink&utm_campaign=syndication This new poll reflects the influence of Marxist ideology on our young through many classrooms, and we can expect this to increase alongside growing acceptance of the socialism. Time is drawing short to reverse it. Let me explain.

First, Karl Marx was not solely committed to ending capitalism, but was even more committed to Godlessness as the predicate for his “utopian” socialist system. In summarizing his life work, Marx proclaimed that his object was to “dethrone God, and destroy capitalism” <https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1853/01/01.htm>



twifw.org/the-four-twisted-truths-of-marx/. The notable early Marxists like Lenin were equally vehement opponents of God. After the Bolsheviks took power in Russian and founded the Soviet Union those Marxist leaders quickly created the “League of Militant Atheists” (also known as the “Society of the Godless”) with the motto: “Struggle against religion is struggle for socialism”. Under Marx’s theories, religion was part of the superstructure upholding capitalism and the “original sin” of private property and must be dismantled. As famed author and anti-Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said of Marxism: “the world had never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized, and tenaciously malevolent as that practiced by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin, and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions.” <https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/12/aleksandr-solzhenitsyn-men-have-forgotten-god-speech/>

Alongside the ungodliness, recent Polls also show support among young Americans for socialism is rising with increasing Godlessness, as occurred with early 20th century Marxists. A June 2021 The Hill article noted: “Fifty-four percent of Gen Z adults said they had a negative view of capitalism, while 42 reported having a positive view..... The number of 18- to 34-year-olds who have a positive view of capitalism also appears to be shrinking. Forty-nine percent said they had a positive view of capitalism and 46 percent said they viewed it negatively..... But two years ago, 58 percent said they viewed it positively, while 38 percent said they viewed it negatively.” <https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/560493-majority-of-young-adults-in-us-hold-negative-view-of-capitalism-poll/> These numbers are not surprising, considering that even back in 2016 studies found that openly Marxist professors outnumbered conservative professors by a wide margin. <https://www.academia.org/self-identifying-marxist-professors-outnumber-conservatives-as-college-professors/>. Conservatives, particularly Christians, are most likely to self-censor to avoid persecution in school by a wide margin. A multitude of articles have been written about the overwhelmingly anti-Christian and anti-capitalist environment on college campuses. As Senior Fellow at the Goldwater Institute Jonathan Butcher has described in his book “Splintered”, Marxist ideology has entered K-12 education from our universities. According to Butcher,

“Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” – Bible (Proverbs 1:8-9)

Joe, a young teenage boy, was hurting. His girlfriend had just broken up with him, and he felt like his world had come to an end. As he sat in front of the TV he tried to keep from crying. His father noticed his behavior and asked what the problem was. He tried to tell his father about breaking up with his girlfriend but his father belittled him, even made fun of him, and told him just to get over it.

Thinking back on my teen years, as long ago as that was, I sympathize with Joe. At that age, relationships are all-important and problems in boy-girl relationships can be especially traumatic. Mrs. Leia Joseph, parent, teacher, and crisis counselor for teens, says the “one over-arching theme that greatly helps or hinders teens is their perception of love and support from their parents.” She highlights six principles she has learned along the way.

- Berelational, but not their best friend. God has created us for relationships. He created us to love Him and to love one another. Young people want relationships, but they are also very sensitive to the progress of those relationships. They are not sure of themselves and can be easily hurt. Quoting Mrs. Joseph, “[Your children] don’t want you to treat them

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difference between right and wrong without feeling condemned. As early as possible our children need to know there is an absolute, there is a right and wrong, and the Bible helps us determine the difference.

- Care deeply, but care about other things too. Parents have other interests besides their children. Our children need to learn to respect our times away from them. However, they also need to be assured that we will be there no matter what if they need us

- Trust that God's plan outshines your dreams. We want the best for our children, and that means leaving them in God's hands. We pray and are the best parents we can be, following God's plan. However, our children have free will and we must "Be faithful by loving and caring for them today, and trust God to ultimately write a better story for your child than you could imagine."

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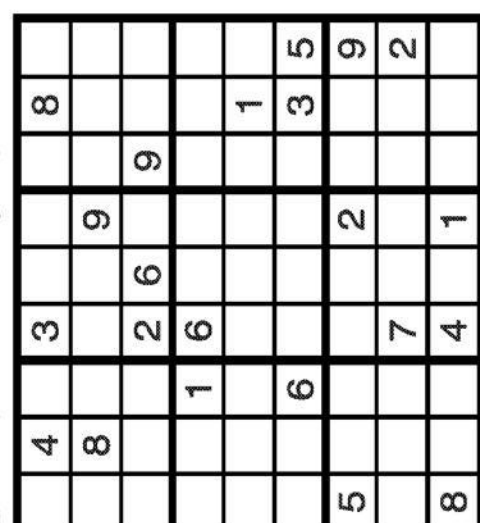


1. Half-conscious states
8. Unnatural
13. Deep regret
14. Rogue
15. Took without permission
19. An alternative
20. After B
21. Partner to "flowed"
22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
23. Helps you bear
24. Egyptian river
25. Lake __, one of the Great
26. Make free from bacteria
30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples
32. Most unclothed
33. NJ senator Booker
34. Tibetan lake
35. Desecrate something sacred
38. John __, English educator 1467-1519
39. Obtains in return for labor
40. Views
44. Rugged cliff
45. Not quiet
46. Body part
47. Newt
48. German city
49. A way to save money
50. NBC's Roker
51. Dire Straits frontman
55. Actress Lathan
57. Most meager
58. Poems
59. Companions

1. Draws over
2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
5. Certified Radio Operator
(abbr.)
6. Power of perception
7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty
9. The last section or part of
anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
12. Most unnatural
16. Spanish island
17. The skill to do something
18. Where golf games begin
22. Untethered
25. Print errors
27. The sport of engaging in
contests of speed
28. Ones to look up to
29. Stringed instrument
30. Gives whippings
32. Type of tie
34. Make more concentrated
35. Die
36. Part of a winter hat
37. Young men's club
38. Bathrooms need it
40. U.S. president
41. American novelist
42. Take into custody
43. Hurts
45. Type of gibbon
48. American actor Lukas
51. Partner to cheese
52. Some are covert
53. Political action committee
54. To and __
56. Atomic #28



Fun By The Numbers



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	4	9	3	1	7	5	8	6
6	8	7	5	4	9	3	2	1
1	3	5	2	6	8	9	7	4
3	2	1	6	7	5	4	9	8
4	5	8	9	2	3	6	1	7
7	9	6	1	8	4	2	3	5
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	6	9
9	1	3	7	5	6	8	4	2
8	6	2	4	9	1	7	5	3

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Marxism primarily came to American Universities through “Critical Theory” ideology of the Frankfurt school Marxists. Butcher writes “this distain (American laws, government, and capitalism society) has infiltrated K-12 schools (from university education departments influencing teachers).” In *Splintered*, Butcher also described the connection of Critical Theory, in-

cluding Critical Race Theory to Marxist ideology emanating from Frankfurt School Marxists.

The 20th Century gave the world a chance to see the results of Marxism. Every country that attempted Marxism failed miserably. Not only in Marxism's catastrophic failures with economics, but destruction of life and freedom. Over 100 million are estimated

to have died under Marxism during the 20th century, and that number doesn't capture the level of suffering from lost property, lost freedom, and lost dignity. Importantly, religious citizens were crushed under Marxism, as Solzhenitsyn and many others have made clear. In the few remaining Marxist states, religion remains the primary enemy of Marxist leaders. Thankfully, America stood strong throughout the Cold War and defeated Marxism through a strong faith in God and confidence in our free system.

It's time for Americans, particularly those who came of age before the turn from God and freedom, to stem the tide. It is up to the older generations to help guide the younger to the future of proven success, and away from the catastrophe of Godless Marxism. The time is short, as Marxism will reach a critical mass when it will be nearly impossible to stop. Let's follow the admonition of our Lord from Proverbs 14:34 that "Righteousness (Godliness) exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people". Teach our young to get back to that exalted nation, and condemn Marx and his attempts to dethrone God.