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# **Exposing the Socialism Disaster**

America is facing a pivotal moment. Younger generations are increasingly drawn toward socialism, driven by economic frustrations and reinforced by decades of educational and cultural indoctrination. This shift threatens to undermine the free-market system that has historically been the engine of prosperity and human flourishing. At the same time, faith —the moral compass that has anchored America's resilience —is being eroded in schools, churches, and institutions.



To counter these trends, we must restore hope and direction through a renewed commitment to both biblical truth and moral capitalism.

### In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » The Generational Shift Toward Socialism
- » The Influence of Education and Cultural Indoctrination
- » Restoring Hope Through Faith and Free Enterprise



YOUR MISSION: Learn how socialism is advancing in America, why it is succeeding among younger generations, and how faith-based free enterprise can reverse the trend.

## WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » Socialism is gaining ground with America's youth—policies like state-run enterprises and rent controls threaten economic freedom and personal opportunity.
- » Education and culture are being used as tools of indoctrination—schools, media, and even churches are shaping future leaders to reject the values of freedom and faith.
- » Faith-based free enterprise offers the only proven alternative—restoring hope, prosperity, and moral foundations for the next generation.



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#### 1. The Generational Shift Toward Socialism

A significant generational divide is reshaping America's political landscape. In the 2025 New York City mayoral race, young voters under 35 are overwhelmingly rallying behind socialist (really communist) candidates like Zoran Mamdani.

This surge of support is fueled not by ideological conviction, but by frustration over everyday realities—skyrocketing rents, rising grocery bills, and a fading sense of access to the "American Dream."

Unlike older generations who lived through the Cold War and witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union, younger Americans lack direct memory of communism's failures and instead view socialism as a potential remedy for their economic struggles.

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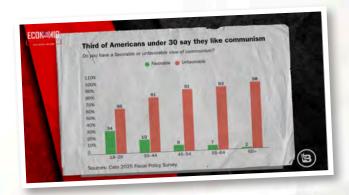


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The data bears this out. Surveys show that 62% of Americans aged 18–29 hold a favorable view of socialism, and 34% even view communism positively—despite its well-documented history of claiming over 100 million lives.

For many, this embrace of socialism reflects not just economic hardship but also a profound sense of exclusion, a belief that they have little or no ownership stake in the prosperity of their country.



This divide is striking. Older Americans, informed by lived experience of communism's consequences, remain wary of centralizing control over markets and daily life.

Younger Americans, however, without that historical grounding, increasingly see collectivist policies as the easiest path forward.



Attention: Socialism thrives on grievance, not solutions, and if left unchecked, it will reshape America's political and economic future, plunging our great nation into the dark ages.

#### 2. The Influence of Education and Cultural Indoctrination

The rise of socialism in America's youth is not an accident; it is the fruit of a decades-long strategy to infiltrate the nation's educational, cultural, and even religious institutions.

As early as the 1950s, thinkers like Cleon Skousen documented this effort in *The Naked Communist*, which outlined specific goals such as controlling schools, softening curricula, and using teachers' associations and textbooks as conduits for socialist propaganda.

This systematic campaign, later referred to as the "Long March Through the Institutions," sought to erode the traditional values of faith, family, and patriotism that once served as safeguards against tyranny.

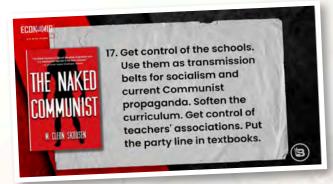


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By capturing the institutions that shape minds and narratives, Marxist movements realized they could transform not just policies, but entire generations.

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The consequences of this campaign are now undeniable.

Research shows that 60–80% of young people raised in the church abandon their faith during college, often at institutions that deliberately replace biblical teaching with political activism. Yet the indoctrination begins well before college.

Public schools frequently prime students with secular and collectivist ideals, weakening parental influence and replacing traditional morality with a values-neutral, or even openly anti-traditional, framework.



By the time students reach universities, they are immersed in environments that dismiss absolute truth, rewrite history, and elevate social justice ideology as a substitute for biblical faith.

This influence stretches beyond the classroom. Media, arts, and even many churches have been reshaped to promote what critics call "social"

religion"—a theology that prioritizes political activism and social causes over timeless biblical truth.

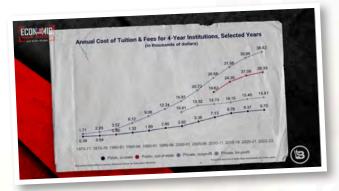
Such replacement corrodes the moral foundations that once anchored society, leaving young people especially vulnerable to ideologies that promise equality but, in practice, deliver only shared misery.



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"You'll look at mainline Protestant denominations. We were infiltrated by the Social Gospel in the early part of the 20th century. And communists were able to hijack the mainline Protestant Ivy League institutions like Princeton Seminary, Harvard, [and the] University of Chicago." —Ryan Helfenbein



This indoctrination represents far more than a shift in politics; it is a direct assault on cultural confidence and spiritual conviction.

Without the grounding of faith and an honest understanding of history, the next generation is primed for radical political solutions that appear compassionate but inevitably destroy liberty and prosperity.

What begins as an intellectual argument ultimately reveals itself as a spiritual crisis: the hollowing out of faith and tradition, leaving a vacuum easily filled by collectivist ideology.

That is why the battle for the next generation cannot be reduced to economics or governance—it is a battle over worldview.

If America is to resist the lure of socialism, it must rebuild the moral and spiritual foundations that enable young people to discern false promises and stand firm in truth. Only then can we turn to the real solution: restoring hope through faith and free enterprise.



Attention: Educational and cultural indoctrination is not accidental—it is a deliberate strategy that is stripping away freedom and faith, weakening the very foundations on which a prosperous and free society depends.



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### 3. Restoring Hope Through Faith and Free Enterprise

Countering the advance of socialism requires far more than economic arguments alone; it demands a return to the moral and spiritual foundations that first made freedom possible.

At its core, this is not simply a debate over policy, but a struggle over worldview. Socialism thrives by offering material promises that ultimately collapse into equal misery.

The true alternative is faith-based free enterprise—a system that aligns economic freedom with biblical truth and moral responsibility.

Institutions like Liberty University provide a powerful blueprint for this approach. Liberty's mission to train "champions for Christ" integrates the gospel with education, fostering not only academic excellence but also spiritual formation, resilience, and hope.





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Its Standing for Freedom Center exists to advocate for life, liberty, and truth, offering an antidote to the materialistic despair that fuels socialist ideology.

By grounding students in both free-market economics and Christian conviction, Liberty demonstrates that freedom and morality are not in conflict, but in fact strengthen one another.



"You can't fight materialism with materialism. You fight it with godliness. Faith is the necessary foundation for all freedom." –Ryan Helfenbein

This vision provides a hopeful alternative to the culture of despair. Where socialism offers empty promises, **Moral Capitalism**—free enterprise rooted in biblical principles like generosity and justice—multiplies human flourishing.

It not only equips young people with practical skills for success but also instills a deeper sense of purpose, community, and calling.

For a nation where 74% of parents believe their children will be worse off than they are, this model is not optional; it is essential.

Faith-based free enterprise restores the American Dream by creating genuine economic opportunity while upholding the moral order that prevents freedom from decaying into exploitation.

Grounded in principles such as honest weights and measures, it delivers economic justice rooted in both truth and compassion.

Unlike socialism, which erodes hope, this framework empowers individuals to build stronger families, healthier communities, and a more prosperous nation.

It is the only sustainable path forward—one that protects liberty, restores confidence, and offers future generations something greater than equality of misery: the promise of flourishing freedom.



Attention: Faith-based free enterprise is the antidote to socialism, offering both moral direction and economic hope.



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## **ACTION STEPS:**

- 1. Visit <u>standingforfreedom.com</u> to learn more about the work Ryan Helfenbein and his team are doing to guide a generation back to the right path.
- Support Faith-Based Education: Enroll or encourage others to attend institutions like Liberty University that uphold free-market principles and Christian values.
- 3. **Educate Yourself and Others:** Read *The Naked Communist* by Cleon Skousen to understand historical communist strategies and share insights with family and friends.
- 4. **Engage in Community Dialogue:** Host discussions or join local groups to promote the benefits of free-market capitalism and counter socialist narratives.
- 5. Advocate for Economic Freedom: Support policies that reduce government intervention—such as lower taxes and deregulation—to foster opportunity.
- 6. **Invest in Financial Literacy**: Explore resources like *Pirate Money* to understand biblical economic principles and guard against inflation.
- 7. **Mentor Young People:** Share stories of free-market success and the dangers of socialism with younger generations to build historical awareness.

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- 1. Get the book <u>Pirate Money</u> to learn about the transactional gold and silver movement sweeping America. Legislation has now passed in Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri! This is the answer to inflation and the looming threat of CBDC.
- 2. Get a copy of <u>According to Plan</u> to better understand these domestic attacks on our Liberty as well as the overall Marxist plan to consume America.
- 3. Seek opportunities to inspire other Americans to stand up for what is right.
- 4. Send them this Economic Battle Plan™ and ask them what they are doing to stand for America and Liberty!



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- » Elect Politicians that understand the need to preserve American Liberty.
- » Encourage and ask your elected officials to educate themselves.
- » Ask them how they are working to strengthen our education system and reverse the push for Marxist indoctrination. These are big issues, if your representatives are not aware and working toward solutions directly or indirectly based on their committees, hold them accountable!

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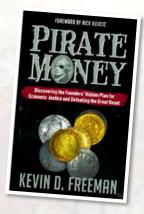
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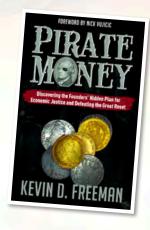
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