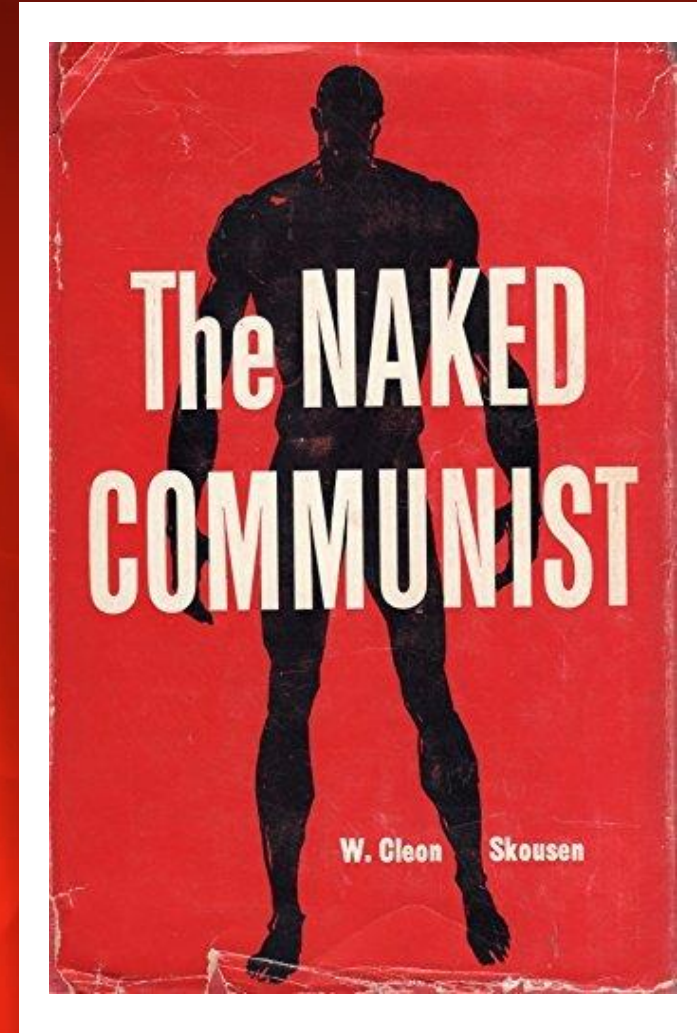

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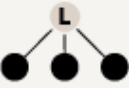
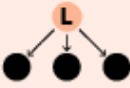
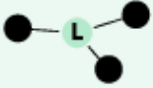
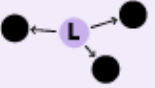
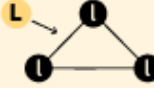

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View of Socialism

Generation*	Approximate Age Range	% With Favorable View of "Socialism"†	Notes / Sources
Gen Z	~18-29 (varies)	~44% (2022) axios.com +3 Also: ~62% (ages 18-29, 2025 poll) Cato Institute +2	Younger cohort shows the highest favorability among generations.
Millennials	~30-44 (varies)	~49% (in one 2020 Gen Z vs. Millennials poll) Victims of Comm... +1 Older polls show ~49% for Millennials + Gen Z combined vs ~39% for Gen X. Gallup.com +1	Millennials show elevated interest compared to older groups, though data vary.
Gen X	~45-59	~39% (one earlier poll) Gallup.com	Favorability drops compared to the younger generations.
Baby Boomers + Older	~60+	~32% or less (older poll) Gallup.com +1	Lowest favorability among the age groups reported.

What's the big deal?

Sneakily slow

- Communism doesn't usually walk in waving a red flag anymore — it drifts in quietly, disguised as “progress,” “equity,” or “safety.” The first defense is discernment.

Karl Marx

- Hurt people hurt people.
- Miserable people make others miserable...
- Poor, lazy/distracted/incorrectly focused
 - “He lives in one of the worst, therefore one of the cheapest, neighborhoods in London. He occupies two rooms. ... There is not one clean or decent piece of furniture in either room, but everything is broken, tattered and torn, with thick dust over everything...”

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- “While his family was starving he could be found at the library...[doing] completely unremunerative study of higher mathematics.”
 - “Regular work bored him; conventional occupation put him out of humor.”
 - “He was always in debt; [and] incessantly being dunned by creditors.”

Atheism and Materialism

- Because there is no God, there is no “morality”
 - **dialectical materialism**, meaning: there is no spirit, no God — only matter and motion.
 - **“We want to sweep away everything that claims to be supernatural and superhuman. We want to eliminate religion and all morality.”** — Friedrich Engels, *Anti-Dühring* (1878)
 - **“Communism begins where atheism begins.”** — Karl Marx, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*
- Religion
 - “Religion is the opium of the people.” (*Critique of Hegel’s Philosophy of Right*, 1843)
He meant that religion dulled people’s pain by promising heaven later — and in his view, that kept them from demanding justice now.

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- Hate vs love
 - **“We must hate—hatred is the basis of Communism....—** Vladimir Lenin
 - Morality is used to control people
 - Utilitarianism (the ends justify the means)
 - “We say that our morality is wholly subordinated to the interests of the class struggle of the proletariat. (Lenin)
 - **Ok to lie, cheat, steal if it brings about the desired goal**
 - Voting
 - Rioting
 - Stealing
 - Lying
 - “Living Wage”

Economic Change to Achieve Social Upheaval

- **“It is not the consciousness of men that determines their existence, but their social existence that determines their consciousness.”**
- Objective: Overthrow of capitalism and private property
- Utopia
 - Classless, stateless society
 - Communal ownership of the means of production
 - Abolition of the family and traditional social structures
 - Elimination of classes and class distinctions

45 Goals of Communism (1963)

1. **Capture one or both major political parties** in the U.S.
2. **Use court decisions** to weaken American institutions by claiming civil-rights violations.
3. **Gain control of schools**; soften curriculum, control teachers' associations, insert party lines in textbooks.
4. **Use student riots** to foment public protests against targets of Communist attack.
5. **Infiltrate the press**; control editorial positions and policy making.
6. **Gain control of radio, TV, and motion pictures.**
7. **Discredit American culture** by degrading all forms of artistic expression and substituting meaningless art.

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23. **Eliminate laws against obscenity** by framing them as censorship violations.
 24. **Break down moral standards** by promoting pornography and obscenity in media.
 25. **Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity** as “normal, natural, and healthy.”
 26. **Infiltrate the churches** and replace revealed religion with “social religion”; **discredit the Bible.**
 27. **Eliminate prayer or religious expression** in schools on the pretext of “separation of church and state.”
 28. **Discredit the American Constitution** by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, or out of step
 29. **Discredit the Founding Fathers** and portray them as selfish aristocrats.
 30. **Belittle all forms of American culture** and discourage teaching American history.
 31. **Support socialist movements** to eliminate free enterprise.

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32. Infiltrate and gain control of labor unions.
 33. Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
 34. **Dominate psychiatry** and use mental-health laws to control dissenters.
 35. **Discredit the family** as an institution; encourage promiscuity, divorce, and rebellion against parents.
 36. **Emphasize the need to raise children away from parental influence.**
 37. Create the impression that **violence and insurrection** are legitimate paths to social change.
 38. **Overthrow all colonial governments** before natives are ready for self-rule.
 39. **Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.**

How to reach those deep into leftism

- Elitism
- “A newly converted Communist frequently acquires a feeling of omniscient superiority over his unconverted fellow men.... In this state of mind the student will often drop his attitude of critical inquiry. He will invite indoctrination in heavy doses because of his complete assurance that he has at last discovered Truth in its ultimate form.”
(pp. 38-39)

What can you do?

1. Guard the Mind — Fight Ideological Drift

- Emphasize Truth

- Bible's truthfulness (defend the Bible—have a script)

- John 17:14-19

- ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

2. Emphasize Holiness

- Connect to John 17 (sanctified with truth)
- The goal is a relationship with God through Jesus (not just get people to church)
- Matt 7:22-23
 - ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- 1 Peter 1

- ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,

- 1 Cor 6:9-11

- Or do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And such were some of you**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- 2 Cor 6:14-18

- ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or **what fellowship has light with darkness?** ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

- “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- ¹⁷ **Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,**

- ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

3. Emphasize Morality

- God instills in us right/wrong
 - Universal
 - Innate (Romans 2-3)
- Use extreme examples
 - Kant's Categorical Imperative (see end slide)
- Justice/Fairness
 - **Proverbs 21:3** – “To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.”







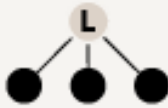
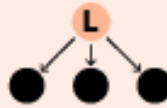
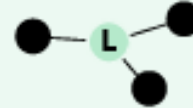
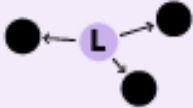
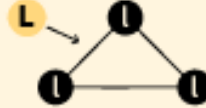

4. Create and Sustain Close Family Ties

- **Proverbs 22:6** – “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
- **Deuteronomy 6:6–7** – “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road.”
- **Ephesians 6:4** – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”
- **Colossians 3:21** – “Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”

5. Fight Back

- Media
 - What you watch, read
 - Support Christian works (Vidangel, Clear Play)
- Schools
- Politics

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Kant's Categorical Imperative (First Formation—there are 3)

- “Act only according to that maxim whereby you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law.”
— *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (1785)
- In modern English:
 - “Before you do something, ask: what if everyone did this, all the time? Would that make sense, or would it destroy morality itself?”
- **Example:**
 - **Lying:** If everyone lied all the time, trust would collapse and truth-telling would lose meaning (Hence, you could not lie any more). So lying cannot be a universal moral law — therefore, it's immoral.
 - **Stealing:** If everyone stole, the concept of property would vanish. No one could own anything, including the thief — self-defeating! So no one could steal any more if no one owned anything.
 - **Keeping promises:** If everyone kept promises, trust and cooperation thrive — so it *can* be universalized, and thus is moral.