

Newsletter April 2021

In our January 2013 Newsletter, we discussed the mad rush toward world socialism. The appetite for socialism in the United States continued to grow to a crisis level in the years that followed— even as the economy rapidly expanded to record levels under the resolute capitalist policies of the Republican Party's leadership from 2016 through 2019. In our July 2020 Newsletter Article we discussed the great sociopolitical upheaval that had taken place within the United States in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic as well as the sociopolitical upheaval remained in the forefront as the United States approached the critical national election season of late 2020. The Republican Party's platform of 2016 had embraced a constitutional-conservative and essentially pro-Christian worldview, which remained firmly in place in 2020. In total contrast, the Democrat Party platform of 2020 was essentially a total antithesis and repudiation of all of those constitutional-conservative policies and agendas – including its resolute pro-Christian worldview.

A brief history is in order here to comprehend how the Democratic Party's movement away from constitutional principles and toward socialism had come about. The Democratic Party was founded around the year 1828 by avid supporters of Andrew Jackson, and at that time it had supported limited national government and had been a strong proponent of state sovereignty, while opposing tariffs on the interstate sale of goods.

The catalyst for change was rooted within the evil practice of human slavery. Institutionalized slavery had become deeply embedded in the great plantations of the southern states. In 1854, the Republican Party emerged on the political scene, essentially replacing the failed Whig Party,¹ to combat the expansion of slavery from the southern states into the nation's western territories. This strong opposition to institutionalized slavery led to the election of Abraham Lincoln to the office of the presidency in 1860 with the strong backing of northern factory workers, prosperous farmers, as well as professional northern businessmen – with little or no support from the southern states. In protest, the southern states withdrew from the Union to form the *Confederate States of America* (1861–1865). This withdrawal was viewed as an illegal action, thus leading to the bloody American Civil War between the northern and southern states.²

The Republican Party's success in leading the Union to ultimate victory, and its role in the abolition of institutionalized slavery, was such that the party had largely dominated the political scene. The Democratic Party had split in two nationally in 1860 over the issue of slavery, thus weakening it to the extent that following the Civil War it had only won the presidency twice in the years prior to 1910. However, in 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson won the White House and was subsequently reelected to an additional second term in 1916. Under Wilson, the Democratic Party began to support ever-more progressive legislation while also strongly opposing foreign involvement in favor of international pacifism and isolationism.

As the twentieth century began, World War I loomed on the horizon. That led to the establishment of a temporary federal income tax to support the war effort. Nevertheless, this purported “war tax” was never repealed,³ leading over time to ever-increasing federal taxation to support a bloated federal government that soon grew in size to exercise dictatorial control over the states – the very opposite of that which the Democratic Party had once stood for and actualizing the very thing that the founding fathers of the nation had greatly feared. As a consequence of the economic excesses of the “roaring twenties,” the U.S. stock market soon crashed resulting in the great economic depression of 1929. Capitalism immediately fell into disfavor, leading to the election of New York Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt and his “New Deal” coalition in 1932 that implemented a flurry of socialist legislation as a purported cure for the nation's economic ills.⁴

Effects of this New Deal coalition would be felt up until the year 1965. In 1963 Democrat Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson assumed the office of the presidency following the assassination of Democrat President John F. Kennedy. Johnson soon won passage of the Clean Air Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. After his reelection in 1964, he passed even more sweeping socialist reforms which he referred to as the formation of

1 The Whig Party had been organized in 1834, in opposition to what they viewed as the dictatorial actions taken by Andrew Jackson. The name “Whig” was derived from the British party that opposed supposed royal prerogatives.

2 cf. *CRC Book III*, Chapter 18:6, page 335

3 cf. *CRC Book III*, The Sixteenth Amendment, page 378.

4 cf. *CRC Book III*, The Great Depression Era, page 381.

“the great society.” The Social Security legislation of 1965 had created two government-run healthcare programs, known as Medicare and Medicaid.⁵

The Democratic Party continued to promote ever-expanding socially-liberalized political programs. By the year 2000, liberal-progressives had totally overwhelmed and transformed the Democratic party and had even made some inroads into capturing the Republican party as well. Due in no small part to the Community Reinvestment Act passed during the first year of Democratic President Jimmy Carter of 1977 and the artificially induced construction boom that it fostered, the financial institutions literally froze in 2008 with the bankruptcy of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) from massive amounts of unpaid mortgage debt leading to a deep economic recession. Although not initially of his making, this crash had occurred during the second Republican administration of George W. Bush and in desperation, it was dealt with by the infusion of 700 million dollars of public funds into the banking system so that it could continue to function.⁶

Barack Obama running as a Democrat defeated Republican candidate John McCain in the 2008 presidential election leading to the passage of many socialist programs by a Democratic congress in 2009 as follows:⁷ 1) 787 Billion dollars allocated by congress for an economic recovery program through massive government spending;⁸ 2) Governmental control of the financial industry through a massive infusion of public funds into the banking system;⁹ 3) Rationing of energy through a program called “Cap and Trade” supposedly designed to reduce smokestack emissions, but which would tax and ration energy leading to dramatically increased energy costs; 4) Government takeover and control of two major automotive manufacturing industries that were on the verge of bankruptcy in order to save union jobs;¹⁰ 5) Government promotion of more labor unions through a program called “Card Check” thus driving up labor costs and reducing employment; 6) Proposed government control of healthcare with strong tendencies toward adopting a monolithic taxpayer-supported single-payer system of a government-controlled health care program, *The Affordable Care Act*, which was more commonly referred to as Obamacare.

At the end of Obama’s second term, it was assumed that highly-progressive Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton would be his successor to continue and expand upon Obama’s socialist programs. Democrats were absolutely shocked when Businessman Donald J. Trump, running on the Republican ticket, won the presidency in 2016. A strong proponent of Capitalism, Trump had no political track record and was thus hated and attacked in every way possible by progressive Democrats as he rapidly began to disassemble many of their progressive programs in favor of more conservative capitalist programs. Democrats successfully enlisted the liberal media in their efforts to debase him, declare him an illegitimate president, and to remove him from office. As Democrats gained control of the House of Representatives in the mid-term election of 2018, they brought articles of impeachment before the Senate in an attempt to remove him from office. The basis of the charge was so nebulous that it was summarily defeated by the Republican-controlled Senate. Throughout it all, the economy continued to soar under the Trump administration and unemployment fell to new lows during his presidency – until the COVID-19 pandemic struck in early 2020. This pandemic was made to order for Democrats to regain political control of the government as the U.S. economy tanked through draconian shut-downs of business and industries, and even places of worship, in an effort to prevent the spread of the deadly virus until an effective vaccine could be developed.¹¹ Irrationally, President Trump received all of the blame by Democrats for a catastrophe not of his making.

5 cf. CRC Book III, “Great Society Programs of the 1960s,” pages 416-419.

6 cf. CRC Book III, page 485 -490

7 cf. CRC Book III, page 492

8 It should be noted that this money was primarily spent for sustaining or creating additional government jobs, thus supporting the move toward socialism.

9 Some of the financial institutions returned those funds to the government in an attempt to function as a free enterprise once again. It is unclear what the government did with any of the returned funds.

10 Like various financial institutions, General Motors struggled to pay back federal funds in order to gain administrative control over their own corporation once again.

11 As this newsletter is being written, three vaccines have been developed and their rapid use appears to be having a major effect upon reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus to the extent that the national economy is slowly recovering. However, that recovery will soon be stymied by new and more-egregious environmental regulations and ever higher taxes.

As the 2020 presidential election approached, the Democratic party advocated a massive federal government supported by ever-higher taxes, as well as advocating government-funded campaign-finance reform that would favor the reelection of Democrats in the future. It also favored immigration reform essentially leading to open national borders, knowing full well that a great and sudden influx of impoverished immigrants would greatly add to their political base and could ultimately bring to an end the nation's current two-party system. Democrats also opposed the second amendment to the Constitution that ensures citizens the right to bear arms, and advocated very strict gun-control laws for all private citizens out of fear that an armed rebellion against their governmental overreach and control could one day undermine all of their progressive efforts. Every mass-shooting incident is being used to advance that agenda regardless of its underlying cause.

The highly seductive socialism that had become so deeply embedded within the Democratic party of the United States served to encourage the cause of sexual revolutionaries who were determined to throw off all moral restraints, as well as anarchists whose goal was to throw off the authority of any and all legitimate government. The party had in fact become fully complicit in those efforts as many of those radicals had become welcomed and integrated into its membership and were elevated to positions of rhetorical if not official authority. Not surprisingly, biblical Christianity is increasingly being viewed as an enemy of the proposed secular state. Today's Democrats have proposed radical LGBT and abortion rights legislation in an effort to undermine the strong moral and ethical Christian belief systems upon which the nation had been founded. Democrats also propose a weakened criminal justice system, while advocating the legalization of marijuana as a recreational drug.

For the most part, the news media were so overwhelmingly biased in favor of liberal policies, agendas and a secular worldview that it "rubber-stamped" and arrogantly parroted the Democratic party's highly liberal rhetoric. Conservative journalists within opposing media, who spoke out against those radical views, were branded as bigoted right-wing extremists. So sharp had become this political divide in the United States that many individual citizens would not even discuss their political views with friends and family for fear of becoming embroiled in endless argument resulting in personal rejection. This complete lack of meaningful political dialog among the populous prevented the radical views of the Democrat party from being properly recognized and aired.

Although most Republicans had voted for a continuation of the conservative Republican platform, which President Trump had successfully pursued, a virtual personality cult had also formed around him. That unhealthy development coupled with a general hatred of his abrasive personality and bombastic leadership style caused many to unwittingly vote against their own best political interests, long-held moral values, and declared religious beliefs.

In the general election held on November 7, 2020, Joseph Biden far exceeded the required 270 electoral votes after a very long and contentious tabulation of massive amounts of mail-in ballots, which had been forced upon the electorate through an unreasonable fear of spreading the COVID-19 pandemic at in-person polling places. The total ballots received far-exceeded the number of registered voters; moreover, the incumbent President gained several million more votes than that which he had received in 2016, thus rendering the validity of the election suspicious to say the least.

The election count was hotly contested by Republicans in the midst of a flurry of federal lawsuits alleging various voter irregularities, ballot-stuffing, illegal procedures, and out-right fraud by Democrat-run state governments in hotly-contested battleground states. In the end, it proved to be impossible to amass sufficient specific evidence of systemic fraud to the extent that the U.S. Supreme Court would agree to intervene. The high court was loathe to intervene in what it viewed as a political dispute on the basis that it would set a dangerous precedent of Supreme Court intervention to determine the outcome of all future elections.

On November 23, the General Services Administration (GSA) formally put the transition toward a Democrat administration into motion. Biden officially became the President elect on December 14 2020 as the Electoral College of each state met to cast its final vote totals. On January 6th 2021, a joint session of Congress, presided over by Vice President Mike Pence, assembled in the nation's capitol to certify the electoral vote.

Midst great turmoil and violence, an angry mob embedded within a far greater number of conservative Republicans and ardent Trump supporters stormed the capital building. This unmitigated act of sedition was

viewed by many to have been incited by a speech made by President Trump in which he had encouraged his supporters to gather at the Capitol Building to hotly protest the outcome of the election. It became necessary to suspend the joint session of Congress and fully evacuate the Capitol building. The insurrection was ultimately quelled by Capitol Police supported by the National Guard, tragically resulting in five fatalities. The joint session of congress reconvened and proceeded to certify the electoral vote in the early hours of January 7th.

On January 20, 2021, Joseph R. Biden was sworn into office as the 46th President of the United States under an unprecedented heavy guard, with twenty-five thousand somber members of the National Guard virtually locking down and sealing off the entire District of Columbia. American flags marked the totally empty area where in past inaugurations an elated crowd of well-wishing citizens had stood to witness the ceremony. Kamala D. Harris made history when she was sworn in as the very first woman, the first African-American, as well as the first person with South Asian ancestry, ever to have held the office of Vice President of the United States.

While Biden's acceptance speech was filled with warm cliches and vignettes calling for national unity, his series of extreme-left executive orders following that speech greatly widened that political and moral divide. His appeal for unity effectively called for a concession of the conservative right to recenter itself to the extreme left, thereby yielding to liberal politicians' absolute control over every aspect of human life from the womb to the grave. This demand derailed any possibility of political cooperation let alone any meaningful sense of unity.

President Biden, a highly liberal self-professing Roman Catholic, along with Vice-president Harris, whose philosophic belief constitutes a secular blend of atheism with black liberation theology,¹² constitutes the most far-left liberal-progressive candidates ever elected to the highest offices of the United States – far exceeding the earlier progressive activism of Democrat President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression era. The the House of Representatives remains under progressive Democrat control, while the Senate has now become evenly divided between liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans. Vice President Harris as president of the Senate gives Democrats a secure majority in the event of a tied vote for all general legislation excluding only highly significant bills that require a super-majority of sixty percent to pass.

This new administration constitutes an extreme lurch toward both the political and libertine left as is evidenced by the many far left liberal and LGBT-friendly appointments that Biden has made to his cabinet and other governmental offices. His initial pro-abortion executive orders issued on the very day of his inaugural address only served to support that premise. Since then, a bevy of additional executive orders have been forthcoming at a rate indicative of a socialist coup d'etat. Should the highly radical agendas of the extreme left-wing of the Democratic party prevail through the passing of codified legislation, the core values of the United States as a Constitutional Republic could become permanently altered to the extent that a nation once founded upon sound Christian principles could ultimately degenerate into a despotic atheistic socialist nation wherein almost anything will be legally approved by the government determined to remain in power by satisfying the insatiable appetite of the nation's rapidly growing degenerate minorities.

While its major tenets are currently being upheld and defended by a tenuous 6 to 3 majority of justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, the United States Constitution, which was specifically written for a God-fearing, fully informed, moral and self-governing populace, has already become but an old dusty parchment that is rarely recognized as such by its progressive government. Should it fail to restrain the more radical elements of the population, the United States will cease to exist as a self-governing nation as deeply embedded socialism ultimately drives it onward toward an atheistic totalitarian state. At that time, the United States will no longer be a dominant force for good in the world, and her colossal failure will leave a power vacuum resulting in a chaotic state of global anarchy¹³ © *Arthur J. Smith April 2021*

12 cf. *Comprehensively Reformed Christianity* Book III, Pages 336 and 414.

13 The Holy Bible speaks prophetically concerning a coming final seven years of this current age. As that period begins, a diabolical individual, whom the text refers to as a beast and the Antichrist, will be called forth by Satan to falsely lay claim to the earth and to head up an existing global government (cf. Re. 6:2; 13:1). However, his offer of a permanent state of world peace will soon end in a massive global war, immediately followed by mass starvation, pestilence, and extremely painful deaths. The terrible affliction of those days will be unequalled by any previous period in the history of the earth. However, this period of tribulation will soon be cut short by the glorious return of Jesus Christ, the rightful heir of the earth, who will ultimately bring an end to all war and will establish true world peace and righteousness within a millennial Kingdom age upon the earth (cf. Newsletter Article January 2019).