

## COMMUNISM HAS ITS OWN PEOPLE

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After being in contact with many communists for long years, I have arrived to the conclusion that the communist system has its own people. Having lived under such a government may have given one the right to speak about it with more knowledge and authority than those who, having not experienced it, contend that communism is good. Good for what, for whom? Here in Canada such opinions are held by people who become “blind because they don’t want to see, deaf because they don’t want to hear”. Some of them feign incredulity when faced with irrefutable facts, such as “preventive executions by firing squad” and “exemplary imprisonments” carried out by Castro’s dictatorship against dissidents. Some are individuals who fled a rightist dictatorship and believe that communism was the alternative. Some write articles or teach classes in universities, trying to give credence to a regime they have not lived under. These are the so-called left-wingers, who at the moment of seeking political asylum, preferred to deliver themselves to their hated capitalist monster’s claws in the U.S. or Canada, instead of the paradise offered by Cuba, the beloved standard-bearer of the socialist revolution in the Americas. What a bunch of hypocrites!

All these strange, inconsistent characters may be placed under a common denominator. Are they really fanatic communists or rather unprincipled opportunists? I have even debated with some of them on TV shows or in the printed press with the intention of communicating my own experiences and of providing evidence of communism’s appalling consequences. Far from showing any desire of starting a dialogue, they became disrespectful, even aggressive. Are these the supporters of fairness, of equalitarian wealth-sharing? Why do they praise those who keep for themselves the lion’s share while distributing only misery to others? Most of them, being atheists, are unable to practice the Christian doctrine of love and respect for others. They feed on intolerance, on hatred, on envy, on coveting the property that others have earned through hard work. Most perceive us as weaklings because we want to live in a democracy and share its benefits even with them, who don’t deserve it because they want to use its freedoms for themselves only. In short, they want to destroy democracy. Finally, they are not suited to the exchange of ideas, to a system where we all, including minorities, have a dignified place. They are custom-made for the aims of communism, perfectly suited to its totalitarian ways. Should we allow such individuals to control the media and perhaps, some day, assume total power?

Let’s take it step by step: What is required for the making of a communist? During my years as a student in Cuba, it was the shyest, the quietest student, the one who communicated the least with others, in other words, the most introverted one, who was considered a model youth and merited being selected as the “communist youth”. He would obviously be a good prospect for the so-called “new man”, who follows the rules and never questions them. Although I received excellent marks I was never selected. How could I be? I was restless, spoke too much, made jokes, argued and criticized. In other words, I was extroverted. It never occurred to them that being introverted is not a positive trait but rather a psychological dysfunction that sometimes requires medical treatment. If encouraged enough, it may even be dangerous because it isolates the individual and renders him a fertile ground for low passions like hatred or envy that may end up unleashing suicide or murder tendencies. No doubt the Communist Party, in order to enlarge their clan, seeks those who hide their light, those who are always ready to say yes.

I saw the same thing when working for Cuban television - after getting a university degree, at the cost of renouncing my religious beliefs, since otherwise I would not have been accepted. The “selected” ones were the introverted, those who kept quiet, the “modest” ones who stewed in their own feelings, the position climbers, the opportunists.

To possess a membership “red card” was equivalent to owning the goose with the golden eggs. It enabled its owner to get a job far above his/her level of competence, with the result that all leadership positions went to employees who, as a general rule and not with many exceptions, were phlegmatic, slow, slippery, tricky, incapable, but their card certified them as reliable “active communists”. They were granted such privileges because they belonged to the “master race”. Were we witnessing a revival of fascism?. This perversion of the system I have named “the rule of mediocrity”. No wonder that economic, political and social disasters always follow communism. No wonder that the true blockade suffered by the Cuban people, as we contend, originates from within, and not at all from outside the country.

And now it happens that, in spite of the collapse of that ideology all over the world, in spite of revelations about atrocities carried out in its name and kept hidden for many years due to the lack of an independent press, some make full use of our respect towards freedom of opinion in order to promote “conferences” about the beneficial effects of communist revolutions for the populations affected. These “conferences” are also a tool to export

terrorism to countries that have reached certain prosperity and social stability. In this way, Aleida Guevara, the Che's daughter, visited 16 Mexican cities in a rush tour propagandizing the Cuban regime and demanding the freedom of five Cuban spies captured and convicted in the U.S. Who pays for all this?

In desperation, after failing very badly in their repeated attempt to export guerrillas and weapons, they have now orchestrated an ideological invasion, paid for by the Cuban people. Latin America is now the target of this new strategy. Vital to them is Venezuela, a country half-won over by deception and massive electoral fraud. In a recent visit, Celia Hart, daughter of Armando Hart, a former Culture Minister in Cuba, stated: "The only way for Venezuela, as a nation, to free itself from imperialist oppression, is to be led by the hand of the socialist revolution ... we are at the optimum moment to intervene, organize and lead the continent to wherever we want" and then accused her own comrades when she stated that "the communists in Bolivia betrayed the Che". An unhappy statement made for the sole purpose of protecting Fidel Castro, the real culprit of the Che's death. It was Castro who failed to deliver the promised resources and abandoned him in the Bolivian jungle! Witnesses to these events have attested to the fact that at that time, the Che had become a hindrance to Fidel.

As we can see, communism not only has "its own people", but it can easily exterminate them whenever they seem to cease being useful to the party's interests. This happened in Stalin's Russia, and also happened in Castro's Cuba when Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa was executed by firing squad. Communists have no friends, no family, no brothers, no children. If their relatives or friends are deemed to have become "traitors to the fatherland", communists coldly accept their execution, because their doctrine is paramount. There are countless instances of this behaviour. They have no heart, they have rooted out any kind of compassion from their feelings.

At the time of the collapse of the Soviet system, during a conversation with a communist, he said, referring to tank crews who had not carried out the communist order to shoot at the demonstrators on the streets: "they are contemptible, they should have shot at the people, it is their fault that we lost everything". Since then I had serious doubts about his friendship, but certain curiosity persisted in me about him, for I wanted to know if he still retained any sort of humanity. I was greatly shaken when I learnt that he had rejected the chance to visit his exiled children and grandchildren. He said he wanted to stay in Cuba to defend it from the American invasion, which the dictator had announced for a long time, after trying to provoke it time and again. He willingly wasted the opportunity to reunite with his family, something that many others so ardently desire!

Whom can they deceive, these wolves in sheep clothing? Whom do they try to use, these improvised lecturers on terrorism? Certainly not people like us, who love freedom and have learned something from last century history. They target open societies where they can act with impunity and spread their venom. And they can always find the gullible ones, those prone to become addicted to the communist utopia like drug-addicts to narcotics. We can see the results in recent revolts. They travel freely to the United States, to Europe, to Canada, and there they seek people of their own, luckily very few, but who can still do a lot of harm because of their use of violence. And we allow it. While we nap in democracy, they look for its weak spots and take full advantage of its freedoms to confuse the issues and export their terrorism. We the weaklings -as they call us-, we the democratic ones, tolerate them, perhaps trusting that no matter how far the lies run, the truth will always catch up with them. However, none of us are allowed to enter their countries, dominated by means of oppression. They do not allow us in, because they are afraid of us. They are more afraid of words, of freedom of expression, than of bombs. Not us. We are more afraid of bombs, and they know that. Freedom of speech make us vulnerable, but it also makes us stronger.

Ours is a very solid vision, very much inspired by José Martí's ideas, against dictators of the right and against communist dictators. It is consistent in its moral defence of democracy, and of capitalism, because capitalism is the only system that so far, has been able to provide for both the material and the spiritual needs of the people, because it is based mainly on man's ideals of economic, political and social freedom. Anything else is an enormous fraud concocted by these swindlers of people's conscience who do not accept their failure.

Of course communism has its people! These are the people they call up to form brigades - whether they are called "fast-action brigades" or "Bolivar circles" - to divide, to spew their hatred, to practice intolerance and violence against those who will not accept their terrorism. Because, in Lenin's words "it is inconceivable to have a socialist revolution without imposing terror". Under his leadership, people have only two choices, to accept the system or to expect imprisonment, exile or death. That is why those who rebel against these regimes are two-fold heroes, because repression is two-fold destructive, physically and psychologically. That is why, at this stage in history, after Castroist-Stalinist atrocities have been made public, those who support or pretend to support the tyrant, are hypocrites, shameless scoundrels, that is, they are tailor-made for communism.