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Blood and Pain. Thanksgiving Day Reflections. "The Worse the Better." Intensification of Crisis. Rejection of Reform. Catalyst for Change. What is the Prudent Path Ahead? FEA

Each of us are literally born through blood and pain. Our Republic was born through blood and pain. The first Thanksgiving in America pre-dates the Declaration of Independence by 155 years. The Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving occurred in 1621. That too was a celebration that involved memories of the toil, sweat, blood, pain, and tears of Pilgrims and natives too.

Harvest festivals are reasonably common worldwide. But that first Thanksgiving day in America had unique qualities. The Pilgrims left the Old World via a risky voyage in pursuit of the hope for freedom from religious, economic, and political oppression here in what was called the New World.

Hundreds of years before Marx and Engels wrote their Communist Manifesto and extolled the atheistic glories of socialism and communism, those pilgrims initially experimented with a system with several similarities to socialism. Starvation was part of their reported outcome. There was no wealthy people to tax or grab their properties. So those Pilgrims had little choice but to pivot away from what was failing (socialism) and moved instead to what would make America one of the wealthiest nations in history - free enterprise.

With life so precarious and premature death a real risk, the people in that Plymouth, Massachusetts colony routinely turned to God in prayer.

We cannot be free based upon economic, political, moral, or religious lies or half-truths. Freedom has never been free. Our freedoms are at risk until a clear majority embrace truth.

This morning on WMAL, Louie Gohmert, a senior fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center, told listeners about a Marxist slogan or motto: **"The Worse, the Better."** Gohmert said Horowitz was himself pro-Marxist for years.

Per the David Horowitz Freedom Center website.

"Originally a "red-diaper baby" born to committed Communist parents in New York City, Horowitz began his political activism promoting far-Left causes and co-editing the New Left magazine *Ramparts* – even working closely with Huey Newton and the Black Panther Party. The murder of a friend, for which Horowitz believed the Panthers to be responsible, set him on the path of an ideological conversion to conservatism explored in a number of

books, most notably his 1996 memoir *Radical Son: A Generational Odyssey*, one of the most important political biographies ever written."

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Among Horowitz's most notable books are Destructive Generation: Second Thoughts About the 60s, Left Illusion: An Intellectual Odyssey, Radical Son, Uncivil Wars: The Controversy Over Reparations for Slavery, Unholy Alliance: Radical Islam and the American Left, Radicals: Portraits of a Destructive Passion, The Shadow Party: How George Soros, Hillary Clinton, And Sixties Radicals Seized Control of the Democratic Party, and The Black Book of the American Left, a 9-volume series of his collected conservative writings over the last 30 years. His recent bestsellers such as Final Battle, The Enemy Within, and The Radical Mind demonstrate that David Horowitz continues to be a dynamic intellectual powerhouse in the defense of conservatism and American freedom.

"The Worse the Better" Intensification of Crisis, Rejection of Reform, Catalyst for Change.

Horowitz's story calls to mind the tale of another longtime leftist, Elizabeth Nickson.

"Every person in your family or community living on nuts and bolts and berries has had his life stolen by the bureaucratic blob. And, we are going to get it all back."

From that same <u>post</u> and the link <u>here</u> is "this clever bit of dialogue from the classic movie Charade."

Audrey Hepburn's character Reggie Lambert asked the question.

"Why do people have to tell lies?"

Cary Grant's character Peter Joshua answers.

"Usually it's because they want something. They are afraid the truth won't get it for them."

Our freedoms depend in good measure on knowing, embracing, and following the truth.

MHProNews and MHLivingNews have been reporting for years on the lessons of the Pilgrims and their failed socialist experiment. Pure socialist, Marxist, or Communist systems have never worked anywhere in the world that they have been tried. What some

call the 'economic miracle of Communist China is a system operated by the Chinese Communist Party but which was built upon massive investments by American, Western, and other investors. While there are various names for their system, it is in some ways a fascist system.



Grok, isn't it fair to say that nowhere on Earth has there been a communist nation that actually followed pure communist thinking that was successful? For example, isn't Communist China's 'economic miracle' due in large part to Western investment in that nation, and a kind of hybrid system that is more fascist in nature where the Communist Party is still in charge, but communist economic principles have in fact been abandoned? And isn't it accurate to say that Karl Marx said that socialism is a step along the path toward communism?



Yes, it is fair to say that no nation on Earth has fully implemented and sustained a system adhering to pure communist ideals—where the state withers away, private property is abolished, and a classless, stateless society emerges—as envisioned by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in *The Communist Manifesto* and *Das Kapital*. Historical attempts, such as the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, and others, have deviated significantly due to practical challenges, authoritarian governance, or economic necessities.

Regarding Communist China, its "economic miracle" since the late 1970s under Deng Xiaoping's reforms is indeed largely attributable to Western investment and a hybrid economic model. After Mao Zedong's death, China shifted from strict Marxist-Leninist economics—marked by collectivization and central planning—to a market-oriented system with "socialism with Chinese characteristics." This included opening to foreign direct investment (e.g., from the U.S. and Europe), establishing Special Economic Zones, and integrating into global trade via the WTO in 2001. Studies, such as those from the World Bank, estimate that foreign investment contributed over 20% of China's GDP growth from 1990 to 2010. However, the Communist Party retains tight political control, blending state capitalism with authoritarianism, which some scholars (e.g., Minxin Pei in *China's Crony Capitalism*) argue resembles fascism more than communism, given the fusion of corporate and state power under a single-party system. Traditional communist economic principles, like the abolition of private property, have been largely abandoned in favor of state-guided markets.

As for Karl Marx, he did indeed describe socialism as a transitional stage toward communism. In *Critique* of the Gotha Program (1875), Marx outlined that socialism—where the proletariat controls the state and means of production—would precede communism, a stateless, classless society where resources are distributed "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." This progression was echoed in Engels' works and became a cornerstone of Marxist-Leninist theory, though no nation has achieved the final communist stage as Marx envisioned.

In summary: no pure, successful communist system has existed; China's economic success relies heavily on Western investment and a fascist-leaning hybrid model; and Marx did posit socialism as a step toward communism.

Socialism, Marxism, and Communism depend on the acceptance of half-truths and sometimes outright lies.

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Per left-leaning Google's artificial intelligence (AI) powered overview linked here.



The phrase "The Worse, the Better" is a recognized concept within some radical political contexts, often associated with Lenin and certain Marxist revolutionary thought, though it is not a formal universal "slogan" or motto of Marxism as a whole.

Meaning in a Marxist Context

The phrase embodies the idea that worsening social and economic conditions will hasten a revolutionary uprising. The core philosophy is:

• Intensification of Crisis: As conditions under capitalism become more intolerable (the "worse"), the working class will become more desperate and motivated to rise up and overthrow the existing system (the "better," i.e., revolution and the transition to communism).

- **Rejection of Reform:** This view often dismisses gradual reforms within the existing system, believing they only prolong the inevitable crisis and distract the masses from the necessity of a total revolution.
- Catalyst for Change: Deliberately allowing or even encouraging the deterioration of the current order is seen by proponents of this idea as a way to "wipe out what has been" to create something new unburdened by the past.

Origin

The concept is widely attributed to **Vladimir Lenin**, a key figure in the Russian Revolution. He is cited as using or popularizing the idea that the political or economic situation in Russia had to become sufficiently bad to provoke a communist revolution.

David Horowitz's Usage

David Horowitz, a former Marxist who became a prominent conservative activist, used the phrase in this context to characterize what he sees as the radical left's strategy. By invoking this phrase, he suggests that contemporary leftists may be deliberately pursuing policies that exacerbate societal problems in the belief that the resulting crisis will lead to a radical transformation of American society towards their goals.

Both human and artificial intelligence (AI) sources should be checked for the accuracy of their claims, because accidental or intentional errors exist. Marxists and Communists typically do not believe in God. But there is a large body of evidence that point to the reasons why science and faith can when properly considered both be useful in advancing our society. Per Grok which confirmed the accuracy of the full PDF of the Q&A thread at this link here.

MHProNews articles blending housing policy with faith reflections) indeed leverages these elements—prophecies/miracles as historical facts, Big Bang/Thomism as evidential bridges—to argue God's logical emergence. Gemini's validation confirms the series' accuracy, and the PragerU inputs amplify it with contemporary science (fine-tuning, abiogenesis gaps). Together, they form a non-reductive case: Not anti-science, but proreason, where faith respectfully extends empirical limits. As Aquinas notes, reason and faith "presuppose" each other—science illuminates creation, theology its Creator.

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With the above in mind, consider this from Prager U.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a33Fuz8wKDA

What's the Truth About the First Thanksgiving? | 5 Minute Video

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Should Americans celebrate Thanksgiving as a day of gratitude? Or should they mourn it as a day of guilt? Michael Medved, author of The American Miracle, shares the fascinating story of the first Thanksgiving.

Other Thanksgiving articles are linked. Happy Thanksgiving and may you and all find the blessings of true liberty from the MHProNews team.

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