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How the Left Abandoned Middle America

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Historians will long analyze and ponder the political sonic boom of 2016. People will read about it decades or perhaps hundreds of years from now. For students of history considering this election, a prophetic Huffington Post article, “Hillary Clinton has a 98% chance of winning the presidency,” might serve as a fine primary source.

Such a headline reveals how the Huffington Post’s editors (and readers?) stand aloof from those Rust Belt states like Michigan and Wisconsin—and maybe even Minnesota and New Hampshire, which came close to favoring Donald Trump.

Decades ago, the Democrats appealed to the average working person, the “little guy.” Candidates like Jim Webb represent this era of the party. Over time, however, Democrats became the party of the coastal elites: intellectuals, Hollywood stars, and Silicon Valley moguls, as well as progressive college students. In doing so they ignored the working-class portion of their base. Engulfed in the obsession of identity politics, the left proceeded apace, focusing on reaching out to various groups such as millennials, African-Americans, women, Latinos, gays, etc. The overemphasis during the campaign was both blatant and patronizing. The signs were ubiquitous: “Latinos for Hillary!,” “Women for Hillary!”

Did it ever occur to Mrs. Clinton that you can appeal to all people with a “People furious with stagnant wages for Hillary!” sign? How about a “People vexed with skyrocketing health care premiums for Hillary!” sign? Apparently not.

Perhaps this focus was a calculated effort due to the lack of enthusiasm for Hillary’s campaign, but her message amounted to a sibling’s rewrapped Christmas gift: Nice try, I know what I’m getting.

Imagine a Michigan factory worker in despair who lost his manufacturing job, foreclosed on his house, and lost a son to heroin, only to be told by coastal

progressive elites that he had to repent for his white privilege. Obama advisor Van Jones echoed this sentiment, saying: “as a liberal, when those factories started closing, did the NAACP come help? Did Greenpeace? Did the National Organization for Women, did any liberal group come? We didn’t ask them for a date.”

Clinton displayed a sneering disdain for many of Trump’s backers by calling many of them a “basket of deplorables.” It’s as if

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Of course, some have claimed that Trump played footsie with ethno-nationalists. Such movements are reprehensible and should be swiftly condemned. But it is important to understand that the shrill cohort of white nationalists makes up only a small fraction of his supporters.

Consider filmmaker and progressive activist Michael

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Reflecting on Communism After Castro

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In the wake of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro’s death, it’s time for the world to be reminded of a very important truth. Communism doesn’t work. While the philosophy seems popular among young millennials, most of them were not even alive during the most recent periods of communist oppression to see its horrors and failures. Not only is it economically unfeasible, but in nearly every modern communist state, its governing structure has led to the immense suffering of the people. In smaller communistic societies where violence was not employed, the communities have rarely lasted more than a generation or two

This Week’s News in 140 Characters

EDITORIAL REPORT

-  **Bill Kristol** @BillKristol · 1h
Fair to point out that a rising tide doesn't always lift all boats. But really foolish to undercut policies that do lead to a rising tide.
↳ 27 ↻ 23 ❤️ 62 ⋮
-  **The New York Times** @nytimes · 8m
Go inside the Oceti Sakowin camp in North Dakota. Standing Rock protesters were ordered to leave but are digging in. nyti.ms/2gVJtC1
↳ 4 ↻ 22 ❤️ 34 ⋮
-  **Matthew** @Matthops82 · 14h
The moral of the Stein story is that there a lot of people in this world that are gullible enough to give money to pretty much anything.
↳ 4 ↻ 4 ❤️ 7 ⋮
-  **Newt Gingrich** @newtingrich · 14h
Nick Burns tweeted about Taiwan is Trump listening to the State Department? I hope not. Americans voted to change Washington not to obey it.
↳ 387 ↻ 1.8K ❤️ 5.1K ⋮
-  **The Associated Press** @AP · 30m
BREAKING: First official results in Austria: Left-leaning candidate takes unbeatable lead in presidential election.
↳ 38 ↻ 825 ❤️ 753 ⋮

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before they dissolved on account of tension with members’ human desires to work for themselves and own property. History shows that communism always fails.

Cuba happens to be a prime example. Castro’s guerrilla army overthrew the government of Cuba by force in the late 1950s, installing a communist regime. Once his regime was in place, he resorted to violence to keep power. His enemies often met their ends with non-judicial sentences, firing squads, and assassinations. Thousands of individuals died. An estimated 78,000 more died attempting to escape the Castro regime. In total, more than 1.5 million fled Cuba, seeking asylum in the United States and other countries.

Beyond Cuba, plenty more examples of communist oppression occur in recent history. The Soviet Union similarly mistreated its

It can only be successful when all members of society are active, willing participants

people, leading to the deaths of millions of citizens. After emerging from behind the Iron Curtain, many of the formerly Soviet-dominated nations are still

Reactions to Fidel Castro

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The death of the infamous Cuban leader Fidel Castro sparked a wide range of reactions.

In the United States, it was marked by widespread celebration. Many Americans understood Castro in the context of the brutal violence and oppression he inflicted upon the Cuban people. During his rule, he ordered the deaths of thousands of Cuban citizens via extra-judicial orders and was responsible for a number of human rights abuses. Many of the Cubans who had fled to the U.S. during his regime viewed his death as closure for both their suffering and the suffering of their friends and family.

In addition, Cubans now living in America viewed Castro as a wicked man who lied to them about the possibility of making their lives better under communism. Following the Cuban Revolution, Castro had used his passion, charisma, and promises of prosperity to rally the Cuban people after overthrowing the U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista. As it turns out, a number of Castro’s policies did more to



