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Jobs for ISIS thinking is Marxist

By Trevor Loudon

For many years now I have said the State Department needs to be cleaned out from top to bottom. And I'm not alone in that opinion, either. The U.S. Department of State has a long history of working against the best interests of the United States, consistently shilling for all things socialist. Those who have looked into tax-exempt foundations like the Carnegie Endowment, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Consortium, Guggenheim Fellowship, etc., and the subsequent investigation by the Reece Committee, might know what I'm talking about.

The first U.S. Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, once said, "Consistency has never been a mark of stupidity. If the diplomats who have mishandled our relations with Russia were merely stupid, they would have occasionally made a mistake in our favor."

State Department Spokesperson Marie Harf recently told MSNBC's Chris Matthews ISIS could be stopped if we could just create jobs for them.

At first blush, for those ignorant of Marxist ideology, this sort of thinking seems preposterous. Well, I am strongly inclined to agree. But I digress.

For dyed-in-the-wool Marxists and their fellow travelers (sympathizers), it makes perfect sense. This is why I believe it so important more Americans gain a better understanding of Marxism—since it is lauded and approved of by so many American universities and the liberal media, not to mention those in positions of power within our own government.

Karl Marx believed our view of history needed to be changed (cf. "hope and change"). Cleon Skousen wrote in his book *The Naked Communist* about the central importance economics plays in the Marxian religion.

Marx believed history should be changed to "a fixed, undeviating, pre-determined course of progress which could be charted in the past and predicted for the future on the basis of

a single, simple criterion—economics."

According to Marx and his votaries, if we could only "level the playing field" by making everyone and everything the same (see "equality and fairness"), it would usher in a veritable utopia, i.e., the long hoped for "workers' paradise." Interestingly, about 90 percent of what Karl Marx wrote concerned economics (see *Das Kapital*).

Well, let's just get something straight: ISIS doesn't give a damn about economics—quite the contrary. Their motivations and actions are not influenced by Marxism, per se, but rather the teachings of Muhammad, and a literal interpretation of the Koran and the Hadith.

Although it should be noted that Marxism and Islam have quite a bit in a common.

Until our government pulls its proverbial head out of its posterior region, and begins to address the Islamic ideology that fuels terrorist groups like ISIS, we will forever be beating our collective heads against the wall wondering why we are not getting anywhere, while the enemy runs roughshod over us and others.

If you cannot define the enemy, you cannot defeat the enemy. How many times does it have to be said?

Harf went on to make the patently absurd claim that "we cannot win this war by killing them [ISIS] ... we cannot kill our way out of this war."

So why are we killing them? The whole purpose of war is to kill the enemy until they're either all dead or they surrender unconditionally. Period. You just can't make this stuff up.

Of course this brings us to the all-important question: just whose team is the Obama Administration and the State Department playing for?



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Blue skies grace Sumpter poker run and outhouse races



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The winning outhouse racers: John Czernik, Emi Takalo, and Katie Czernik.

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The Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club promised to host its annual Poker Run and Outhouse Races in Sumpter on Saturday, February 14th, with or without snow.

The event featured sunshine, clear skies, and enough white stuff to run the outhouses on.

John Young, Vice President of the Snowmobile Club said he was telling people who complained about the lack of snow, "Hey, we have the best snow in the state," he said.

Despite the unusually balmy weather, Sumpter saw a good turnout of folks eager to participate in the event. 225 poker tickets were purchased, with participants moving from check station to check station to draw cards and fill out their tickets. Seven check stations were located in town and two out on the trails, for those who wanted to try snowmobiling.

Lynn Applegate said

husband Gary was at a checkpoint on one of the trails and was seeing a few people. Check points in town included the Gold Post, the Stage Stop, Sumpter Bed and Breakfast, The Depot Inn, Soda Mountain Pet Supplies, Homestead Realty, and Rustic Realty.

Michaëlle Clarke, of Homestead Realty, said it had been kind of slow, but she'd had groups of up to fifteen people at a time coming into her office. She said about half of her out-of-town people brought snowmobiles and the other half brought RZR's.

At start time for the outhouse races, there was only one team signed up. However, in a show of friendly competitive spirit, several more signed up as the event got underway, with four teams ending up competing. The Czernik family won the race with their Rasta Rocket.

The awards ceremony later in the evening was well attended. Snowmobile Club President Neal

Bork was losing his voice, so Young opened the program, thanking all those who donated time and effort to making the event a success.

Lori-Jean Pruitt distributed awards of small outhouse figures and cash prizes to winners of the outhouse races.

Nearly \$3,000 was paid out to the top poker hands. The top three prizes went to Carl Swinyer (\$800), James Moore (\$500), and Denise Nielson (\$300). Vickie Christensen then emceed the raffle portion of the event.

There were 6,246 raffle tickets sold, with items donated by numerous local businesses and individuals, and the Snowmobile Club providing several additional cash prizes.

More information on Snowmobile Club membership and events can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub> or <https://sumptersnowmobileclub.wordpress.com>.

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Annual candy sale held in Huntington

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Huntington Historical Society held their annual Valentine's candy sale on Friday, February 13 at Howell's Cafe from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tables were piled high with Valentine's boxes of homemade chocolate and white chocolate fudge, heart shapes chocolate swirl candies, mini rice krispie cupcakes and many more assorted candies packaged in holiday decorated clear boxes all ready for giving to your favorite Valentine.

For those not in the mood for chocolate, boxes of plump cinnamon rolls were also available and selling fast. Valentine candy boxes were sold in varieties either with or without nuts for only \$5 each.

According to Historical Society President Alice Burley, "This is our major fundraiser of the year. The money we make from the candy sale helps pay for the utilities for the year at the museum."

The Huntington Historical Society oversees and



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Jean Kennick mans the candy table.

maintains the Huntington Historical Museum located at 395 1st Street in Huntington and the outdoor exhibit, featuring antique farm equipment, located on Washington Street next door to the cafe. Examples of what you can see inside the museum are frequently posted to the Huntington Historical Societies facebook page.

The Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 or those who want to see it any other time just call any Historical Society

Member or City Hall and they will be happy to have it opened to tour.

They are currently still selling raffle tickets for their Pot 'O Gold Drawing, in which one can win 50, \$1 coins, which will be held on March 17 at noon. Tickets are on sale and available at any Huntington business, for 50 cents a ticket. For those who would like to contact the Huntington Historical Society their mailing address is PO Box 385 Huntington, Oregon 97907.