

Yankee Steve's Column
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Billboard Comparisons

If you had ever suspected that the Rev. Al Sharpton was not playing with a full deck of cards, you would have thought this week that your suspicions were well founded. Has he not played the race card once too often? He is not mad, I assure you; there is method in his madness.

Last week a great deal of commotion followed the erection of a billboard by some Tea Party members. President Barack Obama is pictured between Adolph Hitler and Vladimir Lenin. The message is clear; Obama is a Socialist with designs on our freedoms. Taking this as proof that the Tea Party is the Klu Klux Klan minus the sheets hoods and burning crosses, Sharpton climbed on to his well-worn soap box. This action was proof, he said, they want to do away with equal rights. If the Tea Party has their way the blacks will have to go back to eating at separate lunch counters in Alabama.

For the love of me I can't see the logic in this. If anything the billboard is protective of our rights. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which should distanced itself from Sharpton, chimed in as if it didn't know that he is an opportunist. By the way, economist and patriot Thomas Sowell, the most eloquent critic Obama in America, who equates Obama with Nazi Germany, is himself a black man.

My Billboard

Now if I were to raise a billboard with a more precise historical comparison, I would place Obama between the English Sidney Webb [1859-1947], a Fabian whose penchant for lying and intrigue is a matter of record, and German Eduard Bernstein[1850-1932], a revisionist socialist who made it his life's work to bring in Socialism through the side door. Unlike the Soviets the revisionists wanted to install their utopia by utilizing the democratic process, and not by revolution. The paths are different but the goal is the same - a utopia where freedom and liberty must take a backseat to governmental authority.

The comparison between Obama, Webb, and Bernstein is not unfair. Obama, like Webb, has an affinity for fudging on the truth. Not only that, Webb in his *Fabian Essays* anticipated Obama when he said, "The economic side of democracy is Socialism." Is that not Obama? The President is a European-style socialist, a Fabian. On the face of it he likes democracy, but only because he can use it to install Socialism. In other words the Obama-type socialist will not pay attention to the fact that the government cannot plan the economy without it cancelling many of our freedoms. Socialists know this to be true, but it means little or nothing to them. All that matters is that illusive utopia still in our future.

Like Bernstein, Obama would not chafe if you were to criticize Karl Marx, the fountainhead of modern Socialism. He might even admit that a few of Marx's ideas are deeply flawed, but in the end he would show his true colors. Obama is a follower of revisionists like Bernstein. He is in fact a Marxist ideologue but this is to be expected, as Obama was born into a Marxist family.

I could say that, too, but I went in a different direction. And I am glad I did because I love America, not for what it will be, but because of what it is and has been.

Ever yours,

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