

InSight

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Friedman and race-science

"Fascism" is a word that gets bandied about a great deal these days, as anyone who has been told that development of nuclear energy or German classical music is "fascist," well knows. Yet we cannot evade the sober reality that the advent of fascism in the grave economic crisis now facing the world, and particularly the so-called West, is a very real danger. Let us define our terms.

The danger of a new fascist takeover in the advanced sector is signaled by the simultaneous emergence of a media campaign for Nazi race science and the revival of Nazi economics under the rubric of "austerity" or "fiscal conservatism." The connection was recently avowed in an interview by the notorious race scientist Richard Herrnstein of Harvard, who pronounced "valid" the link between Dr. Milton Friedman's "Fiscal conservatism" and his own brand of "eugenics."

This underlines the lurid significance of Friedman's own admission, in a public radio broadcast last year, that his theories are identical with the policies of Hitler's Hjalmar Schacht.

In the popular imagination, fascism is associated above all with a policy of racial discrimination so hideous that some 18 million "inferior" beings, including Jews, Slavic peoples, communists, and millions of individuals whose only crime was being too old or too weak to work, were put to death. The propaganda campaign around the Holocaust has emphasized the ideology of racialism which the Nazi brand of fascism used to justify the extermination of "non-Aryan" peoples.

Yet it was not the bestial ideology of anti-Semitism, anti-Slavism, and so forth which was the root cause of that policy. Rather, the ideology was tailored to meet the strict consequences of Schachtian economics, which demanded the looting of labor resources and capital equipment in order to meet the inflated demands of financial debt repayment. Hitler's Nazis were in fact *imposed* on Ger-

many by the London financial oligarchy that backed Hjalmar Schacht—including some of the same Jewish-name banking families today involved in the Holocaust campaign.

Recently, massive media publicity was given to the announcement by Dr. William Shockley that he and two other Nobel prize winners had donated their sperm to a sperm bank in California in the interest of propagating a master race. Dr. Shockley achieved some notoriety in the early part of the last decade, for publication of "experimental evidence" purporting to show that intelligence is inherited, and that blacks are genetically inferior to whites.

Shockley's Harvard co-thinker Herrnstein reminded us that "Shockley has in the past suggested a more efficient use of fiscal means as incentives and disincentives ... to be able to change the reproductive rates of various groups. This coheres with the types of ideas Friedman would have on changing the welfare system. Look, the welfare system defends the lower rung of IQ's.

"If IQ is inherited, as I'm confident can be proven, then public policy is now lowering the mental age of the population."

The "valid connection" made by Dr. Herrnstein should shame honest conservatives, Democrat or Republican, into renouncing Friedman's fiscal austerity doctrine on the grounds that its consequences are immoral.

Happily an alternative exists. It is to join forces with France's Giscard and West Germany's Schmidt who are creating a new gold-backed monetary system in cooperation with key Arab and nonaligned nations. This would provide a basis to generate the credit for a new industrial boom while rescheduling the nonperforming debt.

The outcome of the Friedman Schachtian alternative would not stop with the slaughter euphemistically labeled eugenics or euthanasia. As the Nazi experience taught us, its ultimate result is war.