

After Newt, let other New Age fascists follow

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The departure of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the New Age futurist who proclaimed himself a French revolutionary (jacobin) upon his ascendancy to the Speakership in 1994, should be a harbinger of a total cleanup of the U.S. House of Representatives. The brash symbol for New Age fascism is gone, but now the serious work of exorcising his ideology remains.

Gingrich's declaration that he will leave his Congressional seat as well as the Speaker's chair, is in keeping with his belief in the British parliamentary system. He is "taking responsibility" for the poor showing of his party in the mid-term elections, responsibility he does indeed hold, as he pushed through the last-minute ad campaign against President Clinton. The maneuver is widely being seen as the removal of an abrasive personality, since those who will be replacing Gingrich in the Republican leadership that still dominates the Congress, share his ideology. To a large degree, that is true.

All the more important, then, for us to review here the ground-breaking studies which this magazine put out in 1995 and 1996, which documented the genesis and British-sponsored backing for the New Age futurism, and Conservative Revolution fascism, which Newt represents. The apparatus which created Gingrich is not only still in place, but it has increased the stock in its "Democratic" wing—the New Democrats—in hopes of achieving its ultimate aim of destroying the concept of government upon which the American republic was founded. It's the entire stinking mess that has to be taken out to the garbage dump.

Why the Conservative Revolution is fascist

In a seminal article entitled "Phil Gramm's 'Conservative Revolution in America,'" published in the Feb. 17, 1995

edition of *EIR*, Lyndon LaRouche addressed the genesis of Gingrich's "Contract with America" in historical and philosophical detail. Introducing a series of documentary articles, he presents the following thesis: that the Contract with America's "neo-conservative following was organized, top-down, by the bloated network of indoctrinating and funding organizations constructed under the overall coordination of the branch of British intelligence services which created Friedrich von Hayek's Mont Pelerin Society and deployed it against the United States." As such, he concludes, it is a fascist movement.

LaRouche then dissects the essence of fascist movements, locating the oligarchical sponsorship of such movements historically. In fact, LaRouche notes, Gingrich's supporter Lord William Rees-Mogg, who puts a lot of effort into organizing the Conservative Revolution in the United States through newsletters like *Strategic Investment*, describes Gingrich's "Third Wave" beliefs as a form of neo-feudalism. Their vision of the technetronic future, involves educating only the top 5% of the population, and leaving the rest to scramble to survive.

Lord Rees-Mogg is joined by fellow oligarchs and their Leporellos, such as the academics who founded and continue von Hayek's Mont Pelerin Society, in steering the populists who are most identified with the "conservative" movement. Their theories call for the dismantling of the nation-state, and its characteristic responsibilities to the universal education, health, and welfare of the general population. Instead, there is to be a struggle for survival, with the rules set by the international oligarchical few.

LaRouche presents an extensive proof of the fascist nature of the Conservative Revolution in this article. The nub of the matter is the commitment of the movement to turn

back the clock to an era prior to the fostering of scientific and technological progress. This is demonstrated not in rhetoric, but in the determination of the conservative revolutionaries to destroying the forms of republican government upon which the promotion of such progress absolutely depends.

In the backup articles to LaRouche's piece, *EIR* researchers show how the Mont Pelerin ideologues dominate the think-tanks and political action committees which ran the Conservative Revolution's successful drive to control the Congress, and show that the Contract with America measures themselves, sugarcoated as they are in populist rhetoric, will devastate the majority of the population.

The futurist agenda

EIR's 1995 dissection of Gingrich's ideology—and that of his colleagues Phil Gramm, Dick Armey, Bill Archer, and the like—was followed in January 1996 with another major study, this time focussing on the futurist pedigree of the Speaker. In this feature, put together by Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg, *EIR* puts a spotlight on the careers of Heidi and Alvin Toffler, the New Age futurists who coined the phrase "Third Wave" to describe the campaign to destroy industrial civilization.

Toffler combined his promotion of the information age with a call for "anticipatory democracy," a form of social engineering in which the proliferation of "feedback" (or focus) groups would give people the *illusion* of making decisions, while the supranational corporations, and bankers, actually would determine what is produced, who gets what, and the general conditions of life.

Toffler, once a leftist, but closely allied with Newt's Progress and Freedom Foundation, specifically attacks the ideas of man's dominion over nature, man's superiority over animals, and the principle of progress which flows from the first two. It is instructive to read some of his drivel:

"This industrial civilization took the idea of representation and merchandised it around the planet as the latest, most efficient, most humane form of government imaginable. As the industrial way of life spread, representative government, denatured or otherwise, spread with it. In fact, using shorthand, one might declare representative government—whether 'capitalist' or 'socialist' in form—to be the key political technology of the industrial era.

"This era is now screeching to a halt. Industrial civilization is now in a state of terminal crisis, and anew, radically different civilization is emerging to take its place on the world stage. . . . We are swiftly entering a new, more sophisticated state of evolutionary development based on far more advanced yet more appropriate technologies than any known so far. This leap to a new phase of history is bringing with it new energy patterns, new geopolitical arrangements, new social institutions, new communications and information networks, new belief systems, symbols, and cultural assumptions.

"Thus it must generate wholly new political structures

and processes. I fail to see how it is possible for us to have a technological revolution, a social revolution, an information revolution, moral, sexual, and epistemological revolutions, and not a political revolution as well. . . . In this sense the breakdown of government as we have known it—which is to say representative government . . . —is chiefly a consequence of obsolescence. Simply put, the political technology of the industrial age is no longer appropriate technology for the new civilization taking form around us. Our politics are obsolete."

Try to think through the gobbledygook. What Toffler is saying—and Gingrich echoes verbally and in print—is that the Constitution is outmoded, that free trade and globalization are here to stay, and a 1984-style society based on technetronic communication is the wave of the future, and of control.

The Democratic Gingrichites

Newt Gingrich and his anti-government, New Age ideology are by no means unique in the Republican Party. There is a vast network of think-tanks and groupings with whom he has worked, and its representatives are still in place in the Congress. They are still determined to deregulate government, privatize Social Security, sabotage the building of government infrastructure, and otherwise destroy the potential for reversing our economic and social decline.

Equally worrying, however, are his co-thinkers on the Democratic side of the aisle. These are the Information Age New Democrats, descended from the Jimmy Carter tradition, and willing to go along with the futurist agenda, as long as different buzzwords are used.

Take into account, for example, the fact that the Tofflerites had established in 1979 the Congressional Clearinghouse for the Future, a grouping of Congressmen devoted to creating a "paradigm shift" away from traditional commitments to scientific and technological progress, and toward the information age. This group had 23 Representatives and 4 Senators in 1979, and they were all brainwashed in this anti-industry, anti-government ideology. Gingrich joined the group when he came to Congress in 1979. Another member was Tennessee's Al Gore, Jr.!

The Democratic Leadership Council, for example, fits the bill as an ideological spawn of this group. Explicitly rejecting the Franklin Roosevelt approach, including responsibility to labor and farm constituencies, this group has substantial convergence with the Gingrichite program, including its information age push. ("Just give them a computer, and they don't need a doctor or a teacher. . . .") It's not surprising that they—led by Vice President Gore—pushed President Clinton to sign the Gingrichite welfare bill, and to ram through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) bill.

But, if the FDR coalition emerges to do its job, these New Age Democrats will soon be joining Gingrich—on the unemployment line.