

## Importance of Truth Versus Public Opinion

This young organizer's question, and Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche's answer, were part of an open discussion among about 1,000 members and supporters of LaRouche's movement, gathered in Reston, Virginia on Sept. 1 at its biannual national conference.

Q: When I tell people about Lyn, the biggest objection I hear, over and over again, is: "Well, that's interesting, but that's your opinion." My question is: What's at the root of people's denial that there is such thing as truth, and that truth is knowable to man? Where did this view come from, and why is it shared by people from all walks of life? What is the best way to overcome this objection?

LaRouche: The origin of this is fascism, especially as radiated from Germany, in the form of the followers of Friedrich Nietzsche, who included the members of the Frankfurt School so-called, which had two divisions, in the course of its history. All were fascists. But they divided, because some were Jewish. And the Jewish members found they were not qualified to join the Nazi Party. And they had to be told that; it had to be explained to Theodor Adorno and Hannah Arendt, for example, that they were not qualified for membership in the Nazi Party.

Remember now, this is not surprising, entirely. Because, remember that Vladimir Jabotinsky, who was a joint British and Russian Okhrana agent, was the founder of the fascist movement in Zionism, which is typified today by the Likud, and which is represented by the group of war-makers in New York and elsewhere, such as Max Fisher and so forth, who are called "Mega." They used to call themselves the "Billionaires Club," but they got too much money, so they had to call themselves "Mega." These are the people who brought [in] Joe Lieberman and John McCain, and so forth and so on—all relevant.

Now, remember that Jabotinsky was a Russian agent, but also a British agent: That is, he went to Paris. He worked for the guy in the Okhrana, who issued the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" from Paris. He was attached then, to a British intelligence operation, a Foreign Office operation, called the "Young Turks," which was based in Saloniki, in then Turkey; and this was the group that formed the Young Turk rebellion. Jabotinsky was the editor of a publication, the official publication of the Young Turk organization called *Jeune Turque*.

Another famous person of this group, who was not technically a fascist, was a guy called "Parvus," born Alexander Helphand: a close associate of Jabotinsky, who played all kinds of games in the Russian Revolution; and played a very interesting game in terms of working as a British agent, primarily; also an Okhrana agent of the Jabotinsky-type; also an agent of German intelligence, at a certain point, who funded Lenin's trip to Petrograd, and arranged for it—just as a troublemaker, not because he had any sympathies for Lenin.

But, anyway, Jabotinsky was moved from his position as *Jeune Turque* editor, back to Italy. In Italy, he became the founder of a movement, called the *Betar*. The *Betar* was an avowedly fascist organization, a fascist-Zionist organization, backed by Mussolini. As a matter of fact, an element of the *Betar* was actually a naval unit for the Mussolini naval forces, during the relevant period.

Jabotinsky also made several applications to Hitler for an alliance. Hitler turned him down. But he didn't give up fascism on that count.

### The 'Authoritarian Personality'

Now go back to Germany. Reality is interesting, here—real history. Truth is interesting. Opinions are generally worthless. All right, so, the truth: Hannah Arendt, who was very influential in this country at a certain point, had a very intimate relationship with a leading fascist in Germany [Martin Heidegger], a member of this same group. The same fascist who created Jean-Paul Sartre in France, as a protégé. But, he was German, and he could get by with it. So he became the leading anti-Semite, purging the Jews from the University of Freiburg. She, who admired him to the day she died, went over to the United States, after discovering she could not qualify for Nazi Party membership.

In the United States, she and Adorno, in the late 1940s, produced a book called *The Authoritarian Personality*. And this book was based on the common ideas of Martin Heidegger, her boyfriend, and anti-Semitic purger of Jews.

The theory which she is responsible for, and a number of other fascists worked on it, including—well, Heidegger was on the same theory—was based on a study of Kant. Now, these people were called "existentialists," who were in this group. This group adopted this argument of Kant's saying, there is no truth in the universe; there is only opinion. They praised it, and set forth a doctrine, which was published as an influential book, in the late 1940s in the United States, called *The Authoritarian Personality*.

Now, this doctrine is now a prevalent doctrine in secondary schools and universities and elsewhere, in the United States today. That is, teachers and other kinds of enforcers—the Ritalin-pushers for example, in the schools, will say, "There is no truth. There is only opinion." If you say there is truth, then you are an authoritarian. And this was the definition of this.

## 'We Don't Allow Truth'

Now, it happens, that this crowd is backed by the other crowd, the crowd which is behind the attack for the war on Iraq, the crowd that's pushing that war, the crowd that's supporting Sharon. Sharon is a fascist. That is the truth. He's a member of the Likud. Netanyahu is a fascist—a Jabotinsky fascist. Shamir, a fascist. The hard core of the leadership of Likud is fascist. What these fascists are doing in Israel-Palestine today, is, they're doing the same kind of thing that the Nazis under General Stroop did in Warsaw, against the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto. The same methods, with the same kind of results.

"There is no truth": "You can't say that a Jew can be a fascist." Why not? Jabotinsky said he was a fascist. Jews can be fascists. And most Zionist gangster types in the United States are. And that's the core of the thing.

So, what you have is, you have the biggest circulator of rumors, which targets us, with certain friends who will do it for them; target every place we organize, and spread the word that therefore, "LaRouche is wrong, because there is no truth! There is only opinion. He says, that Sharon is a fascist. That's his opinion. There is no truth." Jabotinsky who was the founder of Likud, said he was a fascist. He said he tried to make an alliance with Hitler, on the basis of fascism, to get Hitler to give up anti-Semitism, and have

one, big fascist movement, a unity soup of fascists. That's the truth!

So, what can you say about this? That people who believe, there is no truth, belong to a society which has lost the moral fitness to survive. And, under present conditions, a society which accepts the doctrine, that there is no truth, but only opinion, such a society will die—including the United States.

I would add to that, that, today, it was pointed out to me by Helga, that [Deputy Secretary of State Richard] Armitage was quoted in the front pages of the local rag—the local Washington rag—as saying that the problem is people abroad: We're more powerful than ever before, and people abroad envy the United States. Now, the attitude of people around the world, toward the United States, and particularly toward the Bush Administration today, is not envy! It's contempt! And even hatred, growing hatred. So, that is a matter of truth, not a matter of opinion.

So, the point is, she [the questioner] found herself being targetted by somebody who repeats this stuff. And we have some people in Chicago, some young ladies in Chicago—one young lady, still young—was also directly targetted in her school on this issue; and by a sociologist-fascist enforcer type, in that school, who says, "We don't allow truth in this school." "So, what are we paying them to teach for?"

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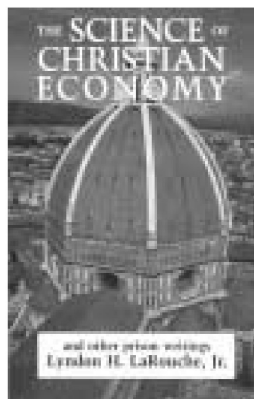
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