Active LaRouche Principle in History Generates Optimism in the Midwest

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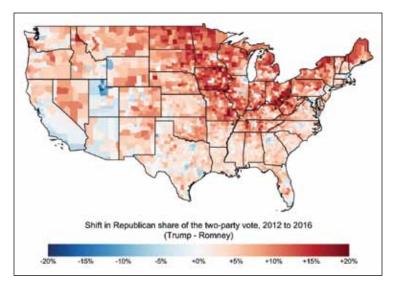
Aug. 20—In America's Midwest, in blue-collar counties where Donald Trump won big, the La-Rouche Political Movement is on the ground organizing to defeat the British-backed coup against the Presidency. We are outside post offices and shopping centers with big signs that say, "Russiagate is a Fraud: Defend Trump." We are educating people on the harmony of interests inherent in reviving the American Credit System of Hamilton, Lincoln, and LaRouche, and on how we can achieve peace through economic development by working with China, Russia, and India.

In many counties of Ohio, West Virginia and upstate New York, the vote swing was as much as 10%-15% from previous Presidential elections, where support for establishment Republicans Mitt Romney and John McCain was lackluster,

but voters resonated with Trump's commitment to rebuild the industrial economy and exit from bad free-trade deals and regime-change wars. While the media are trying to create an image of Trump as an isolated President whom only people on the extreme fringe still support, the reality on the ground is completely the opposite.

The pattern of responses to our initiative indicates a politically independent movement of LaRouche Democrats in strong support of President Trump—not simply on the basis of single issues, but in recognition that Donald Trump is kicking against the same pricks that ran a witch-hunt against Lyndon LaRouche 25 years ago. The American population was not politically mobilized to win the fight at that time.

Typical of the individuals signing up to join us, are workers in their thirties and forties who have never voted for anyone but a Democrat, until they voted for Donald Trump. Most are members of labor unions, and some are part of what remains of a highly skilled workforce tied to manufacturing. In Youngstown, Ohio, outside of a rally Trump addressed last month, scores of people identified themselves as LaRouche supporters—people who personally campaigned for Lyndon LaRouche during his many Presidential campaigns or



knew someone who had.

We are also meeting many veterans who want an end to the endless destabilizing wars, and people who were not political until the destruction known as the Obama Presidency. Many people respond by telling us how important it is that we are out there representing a voice for truth against this torrent of lies and hate.

Voters in these areas are not merely abandoning the Democratic Party in droves to defend Trump. Seeing all but five members of Congress voting to impose sanctions against Russia, and buying wholly into the nowdisproven Russiagate fraud, confirmed in the minds of many that the President is really not a Republican—he is at war with the establishment in both parties. In other words, the sanctions bill was the point at which Trump's base was liberated from the Republican Party establishment, which never supported him. In states like Michigan, activists reported that the state Republican Party did virtually nothing to elect their Presidential nominee, or to protect the integrity of the voting process, leaving the campaigning up to parallel grass-roots organizations coordinating directly with the national Trump campaign.

In discussion with LaRouche PAC this past week, the head of a pro-Trump activist group in another Mid-

western state indicated that his activist base was mainly made up of Democrats—members of labor unions and retired teachers. He was frustrated—sick of being called a racist and thrilled to hear of a plan to defeat the coup. He reported that in a town where the coal-mining operation went under and has been restarted since Trump's inauguration, six out of eight of the businesses that shut down have reopened, bringing back 300 jobs. The issue is the economy.

What is almost universally understood among this working-class layer in the Rust Belt, is that there is no compatibility between the "boom-bust" Wall Street monetarist system of theft, and the commitment to revolutionary advances in the productive capability of the nation—the American System—of which China is now the leading example. Reviving the American System has been the life's work and mission of Lyndon La-Rouche, which made him the target of an operation much like the one targeting Trump today, to kill him or remove him from power.

In 2006, during a period of accelerated auto-plant shutdowns, Lyndon LaRouche initiated a campaign to reverse the devastation to the machine-tool sector of our economy, calling on Congress to draft an *Economic Recovery Act* for retooling idled auto manufacturing plants for the purpose of building critical national infrastructure. The automobile industry was really a "build anything" industry and could easily be repurposed under the direction of a new Federal corporation, to build components for high speed electrified rail, nuclear power plants, and the large lock gates found along our navigable waterways and rivers.

This proposal received extensive support from hundreds of state legislators, city and county governments, and many trade union locals and councils in the region, but it was defeated by the influence over Congress of investment banks and hedge funds, which proceeded to asset-strip much of the auto sector plant and equipment.

While the failed monetarist axioms of the top income strata of U.S. society have devastated the flyover regions where Donald Trump successfully campaigned for President, the ideas of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche have taken hold in Asia, where during the same period the Chinese government successfully curbed financial speculation and instituted a Hamiltonian system of banking, making a staggering volume of investment in public projects for the common benefit of the Chinese people and all the partner nations involved. The reality of that global shift, and President Trump's openness to work with China on the Belt and Road Initiative, is the basis



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upon which to move now for total victory against the dying British-empire directed trans-Atlantic system.

The desire for an economy not measured by monetary value, but by a harmonically combined future effect for mankind, as seen in China's Belt and Road Initiative, is the typical desire of the skilled American industrial worker.

Other forms of short-term survival, whether criminal, quasi-criminal or otherwise, fall under the category of "gettin' paid." From the standpoint of an increasingly productive industrial economy where people have good jobs (as President Trump correctly stated last week), it is not difficult to foresee an increasingly unified nation capable of solving any lingering problems.

As citizens realize the power of fighting alongside an international movement for peace and development, to finally destroy the British empire-which they are actually doing if they are effectively defending the Presidency-they are becoming very, very optimistic. The issue is not whether you root for Donald Trump, or think he is a great guy. The issue is whether you personally have the courage to take on the pricks who have been destroying this country and promoting war-in the way that Lyndon LaRouche has taken them on for the majority of his life. In a recent discussion with associates, in response to the renewed notoriety of LaRouche's role in U.S. politics, he responded, "It's not just me. It's not just me as a person. It's what I represent as an axis to strike for what needs to be struck. And that's the only thing I ever really did that was important."