

*This is part of a series of articles first published in Mandarin by Dajiyuan. They expose the systematic and brutal destruction of traditional Chinese culture by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and its replacement by the soulless theories of Marx and Lenin.*

*China Uncensored has translated these articles into English so that our readers can have insight into the insidious 'Party Culture' that enslaves Chinese people today.*

## 2. Promoting materialism

Atheism as a basis for the party's culture, destroys people's faith in God and allows the Communists to do whatever they want. However, the Communist Party has gone further. Another cornerstone of the party's culture is to use dialectical materialism and historical materialism as methodology to view the world, so Chinese people, brainwashed by such materialism, view the world and history completely differently to the past.

Materialism is only one very controversial philosophy of Marx and Engels. A publisher, Edward Bernstein, once gave Albert Einstein a manuscript by Engels "Dialectics of Nature", and asked him to comment on whether the manuscript should be printed. After reading it, Einstein said "If this manuscript comes from a writer who is not notable as a historical figure, I would not recommend it for printing, because from the standpoint of modern physics, or from the perspective of the history of physics, the contents of the manuscript bear no special interest." However, the Communist Party promotes Marxism-Leninism as the ultimate truth of all things in the world, and they are compulsory content in textbooks in China.

The 'dialectical materialism' of Marxism is different to traditional materialism. Marx argues that traditional materialism is just an idealistic philosophy - in Marx's materialistic view, in order to transform the world, philosophy should not rest only on analysis of the world; philosophy must take part in the class struggle. At this point, Marx's materialism is not just a philosophy, it not only predicts the so-called historical process from feudalism to capitalism to communism, it also specifies that communism must be achieved through violent revolution.

## Paradise on earth

When communism first appeared, it was filled with idealism: to establish a "paradise" in human society. That ideal attracted many people to join them, resulting in the red curse spreading to a

dozen countries, billions of people enslaved, and hundreds of millions of people dying from unnatural causes. To maintain political power by the use of only violence is difficult. The Communist Party uses lies to "rationalise" their bloody killing. These lies carefully packaged in the theory of communism not only defend the killings, but also guides and controls political, economic, military, legal, scientific, medical and health, education, and social management. Even housing, pensions and family life are controlled, as well as all industries.

The materialism of Marxism has provided theoretical guidance to the communists philosophy of violence and struggle. The early expression of "materialism" in Party culture was "the cult of violence." (or worship of violence). So we see-

**Marx:** *"the material force can only use material power to destroy. "*

**Engels:** *"machine guns and cannons are the most authoritative thing. "*

**Lenin:** *"violence is more effective than 100 debates." "The state is a tool of class oppression."*

**Mao Zedong:** *"power grows out of the barrel of a gun. "*

*Lin Biao: "political power is the power to persecute, once we have power, millionaires, billionaires, can be beaten overnight."*

Nowadays, the party culture has its outgrowth: "idolize materialism", "money worship", "hedonism", eventually to "profit-ism", which leads people to real moral impoverishment. Many Chinese people of today, including many "intellectuals", have benefited from the violent suppression by the Chinese Communists and were bought by the regimes' money policy, "profit-ism".

### **Faith**

The Chinese communists do not understand the power of faith, but worship violence and money, its confidence in suppression also comes from its belief in "materialism".

Materialists deny the role of ethics; deem that there is no universal moral principle beyond the human. It takes morality as belonging to a certain social class, while in China, the Communist Party is naturally the sole authority to define and describe morality. The CCP has turned over its concepts many times through many "revolutions" or "movements" in the past which thoroughly distorted the universal morality. "How much is a pound of morality?" This is the typical thinking logic after being brainwashed by the party culture of "materialism".

Materialism provides roots for disregard of life. Denying the spiritual element, it only recognizes the physical elements. Engels believed that life is nothing but a form of protein. A person dies, is only is a matter of a changed form of the protein, no big deal. This is the important theoretical foundation for killing people by the CCP.

Materialism directly denies the role of conscience. One who believes in God will feel unsettled in conscience if committing bad deeds, and fears God's witness or retribution. An atheist can do evil without any scruples, as Mao Zedong said: "a thorough materialist fears nothing." If there is no God, the only way to punish people in this human world is violence; in particular when a person or organization is itself a master of violence, then what evil will it be afraid of?

The more important issue, is that it takes away the judgement of morality and good and evil, from Gods and the will of Heaven that is beyond the mundane existence, to where it becomes

part of the secular power, and along with the corruption of secular power and reputation, finally completes this change of value to judging good and evil only through personal interests.

Party culture states that "materials decide consciousness" "economic foundation decides superstratum", so economic development will led to political civilization, and a democratic perfect and flawless legal system, and a rise in morality and cultural prosperity. Such a thorough "materialism" ideology has provided the complete opposite evidence that we all witnessed through decades of political corruption, authoritarian rampages, moral decay, cultural destruction, and the judicial system becoming a tool of the Party alongside, so called, economic openness.

The CCP uses the developing economy to defend itself from criticism of lack of democracy, legal procedure, freedom of belief, freedom of expression, freedom of association and other basic freedoms denied by the brazen violence of the State, citing 'economic underdevelopment, low levels of education, poor cultural quality of the people.

Is it really true?

*"We should not think that as long as we have ships and cannon, we can be regarded as a strong country. We must see that democracy itself is a force. All wealth, all weapons of defence only when combined with democracy can be regarded as a real powerful force. "*  
*"They (Kuomintang) thought for China to practice democratic politics, is not today, but a number of years in the future. They hope to raise the knowledge and level of education of the Chinese people to bourgeois democratic countries in Europe and America, then to enforce democratic politics (in China) ... .. actually, only under the democratic system, will it be more easy to educate and train people."*

The above quotes are by the Chinese communist's own mouthpiece -- Xinhua Daily, on March 5, 1944, and February 25, 1939, criticising the then Kuomintang government during the war.

Thus, before the Communists seized power, they did not think that the economic status and education level of the people was an obstacle to democracy, and now that economic status and education level is much higher than during the Sino-Japanese war or the civil war, how is it an obstacle?

## Slogans not science

Even more ironic is that while chanting "materialism", broadcasting "material determines consciousness", it has always paid more attention to ideological propaganda, and regards it as far more important than the agricultural sector.

Under the banner of 'materialism', the Communist Party has repeatedly committed the "voluntarism" error - (such as) "How brave the people are, how big the harvest will be", "one day equals to 20 years", "forward with communism", and so on. Peng Dehuai regarded these slogans "grandiose" and "petty-bourgeois fanaticism" and not in line with the rule of economics and scientific laws, so Peng was purged by Mao Zedong as "anti-party", and then Mao started the movement of "opposition against rightist opportunism" across the country. It directly led to more than 30 million people starving to death during the "Great Famine". This was actually the result of the Chinese Communists "idealism".

*(Peng Dehuai was a prominent Chinese Communist military leader, and served as China's Defense Minister from 1954 to 1959.)*

In 1960, Lin Biao declared: "the human factor first, political issue first, mind status first, and flexible thoughts first. This is the direction of ideological and political issue for our army, it is also the direction of our army growth." The "Four Firsts" placed mind over material, and undoubtedly is "idealism", but Mao praised it, "who says the Chinese didn't create? 'The Four Firsts', is a creation." On February 1, 1964, in the People's Daily editorial, "the whole country should learn from the people's Liberation Army of highly advocated political and ideological issues, adhere to the 'four first' principles ... .. These are the reasons that the People's Liberation Army is invincible."

Today, the communists still boast of the "three represents", claiming that dozens of these words "formed a system of science ... .."; "are the foundation of the Communist party; the party's power base, the source of its strength." The minister of the party's central propaganda department said "we must make great efforts to make the 'three represents' into the thoughts of people, make it as the action guide for vast numbers of cadres and the masses, let it become the fundamental guiding principle of all our work." So much so that in some rural areas, on the walls appeared large slogans --"Let 'three represents' guide our abattoir."

Both "materialism" and democracy, were placed in the major theory system of the Communist party, that is dialectics. The function of these dialectics is how to call "white" as black. "A white horse is not a horse" or "grey white is not white," etc. such games are littered throughout the communist party language system, and were widely accepted or accustomed to unconsciously

by most people. Therefore, the lame economy is regard as a "socialist market economy"; Communist dictatorship being called as "Socialistic democracy"; dictatorship became the "people's democratic dictator", human rights violations became the "Socialist human rights theory with Chinese characteristics".

In short, after attaching the prefix, you can arbitrarily modify the original definition of the term. This ridiculous concept of "dialectics" saturated mainland China in the past and still continues today.

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