

Why Trump Is Right to Warn World About Communism

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The surge of communism poses a greater danger to the United States than what was seen during the two world wars and the 9/11 terrorist attacks, President Donald Trump cautioned during a recent NATO news conference.



Flanked by top members of his administration, the president was responding to a [question](#) from our colleague Iris Tao, White House correspondent for NTD, a sister outlet of The Epoch Times.

Tao asked the president what his message was to not only the people living under communism, but also those living in free societies who may be unaware of communism's grip on their nation.

"I want to get the word out, because what's forming is communism in the country, and communism is easy to sell," Trump said. "It sounds so nice. It's not nice. It's a very dangerous term."

The results have indeed been the same each time. Whether in Russia, China, or Cuba, communists promised equality but instead delivered death and poverty. Even the most cautious estimates have placed the total death toll from communism—through its mass killings, manmade famine, forced labor, and more—at a staggering 100 million people.



In Cuba, communist rule continues to create mass food shortages, power outages, and widespread poverty. In China, the regime jails an untold number of prisoners of conscience for their beliefs, even killing them at scale for their organs.

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Beyond the brutal mass murder and destruction of property and wealth lies the most evil intent behind the ideology: to capture or destroy man's soul through the promotion of atheism, materialism, degenerate culture, and a litany of corrupt trends.

Using his voice on the world stage, Trump is shining a spotlight on an ideology that continues to pose the greatest threat to humanity. The president's forceful condemnation of communism is not only the right thing to do, but also a moral imperative.

The influence of communist ideology is not held within the borders of nations ruled by socialist and communist regimes. The communist movement has spread throughout the world under many guises, as [documented](#) in "How the Specter of Communism Is Ruling Our World," published by The Epoch Times.

The central argument of the "Specter" series is that communist ideology is the embodiment of evil in our world, seeking to sever people from God.

Communism co-opts social movements that draw on people's innate goodness, exploiting their drive to help others and turning them into what Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin called "useful idiots." In the United States, socialist ideas and policies have become commonplace, while socialism's overt political arm, the Democratic Socialists of America, has experienced explosive growth.

Earlier this month, the group celebrated becoming the biggest socialist organization in U.S. history with a membership reaching 120,000 people. Hundreds of democratic socialists now hold public office in elected positions at the federal, state, and local levels.

Communist ideology has also become embedded in our textbooks, our media, and the entertainment industry—promoting a culture of entitlement and indulgence.

These developments are a symptom of a grander, civilizational onslaught of communism. Trump has made as much clear in recent remarks.

“These are not mere political disagreements like differences over taxes or regulations,” the president said on July 3. “Communism is a mortal threat to American liberty.”

During the NATO conference, Trump said: “One thing that happens when you go communist is you never come back. You die in squalor, and it gets very evil and very nasty.”

While the communist movement has never ceased its pursuit of global domination and continues to deceive people, Trump’s campaign against communist proxies in Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, and beyond is a reminder that the future is in the hands of those who take a stand.

But resisting communism is not the responsibility of any one person or any single movement. Communism appeals to the darkest aspects of human nature—jealousy, hatred, laziness, and greed. These are the very weaknesses that the communist specter exploits to gain control over people.

Therefore, resisting communism is the responsibility of every individual. It requires each of us to consciously reject the evil within human nature and to cultivate what is good and noble.