*The Red Thread: A Search for Ideological Drivers Inside the Anti-Trump Conspiracy*, by Diana West

This is an incredible book!

In the introduction, she asks, what explains the law-breaking lengths to which the highest government officials in Washington were willing to go to stop the election of Donald Trump, and once he was elected, to destroy or hinder his presidency? Was it devotion to Hillary Clinton? Laughable. Was it saving the republic from Donald Trump? Oh no, the republic was working just fine. 63 million people voted for him. The system was working.

Then she goes on, writing, “Nonetheless, from that day forward, anti-Trump cells inside federal bureaucracies, the Democratic Party and the Republican party, the media, and a network of organizations attacked the legitimacy of the election by alleging that Donald Trump’s epic triumph was the twisted result of ‘collusion’ between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Why?

Thanks to a few bold stalwarts in Congress, led by Rep. Devin Nunes and Sen. Chuck Grassley, some media, and of course, Judicial Watch and its public interest FOIA lawsuits, we are getting to know how. We see the conspirators’ tracks leading to the dark side, where they launched a disinformation campaign based on democratic party-Clinton campaign ‘intelligence’ (Dossiergate); threw the investigation into Hillary Clinton’s private server (Servergate); rigged the secret court system (FISAgate); to engage in domestic espionage against the GOP presidential campaign (Spygate); and then, having failed utterly to tip the election to the woeful, corrupt Democratic presidential candidate, set forth to destroy the Trump presidency by Special Counsel (Muellergate).

This is the mechanical side of insurrection, of attempted coup, as perpetrated by anti-Trump networks so powerful it is unlikely their members ever worry about being charged with sedition. My concern is the conspirators themselves. Who are they? What do they believe in?

They do not believe in the democratic process or the rule of law. That much is clear. They do not believe in the people of this country – certainly not the tens of millions who voted for Donald Trump, the first U.S. presidential candidate to run on the counter-revolutionary agenda of America First. Nor do they respect the ‘America First’ agenda, which received a mandate in 2016 to restore the borders of this country, its economy, control of immigration, and its singular destiny as a nation-state beyond the control of global governance. It is also clear they do not believe in the nation-state.

Stripping away labels and traditions, what is readily apparent is a unifying drive to save, not America, but the globalist system that was created in the aftermath of WWII, anchored in such institutions as the United Nations and the World Bank. Both of these globalist institutions, not at all incidentally, were shepherded into existence by two key Soviet agents, covertly embedded inside the U.S. government: Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White.

Think about that. The foundations of the ‘U.S.-led’ global system were laid by a pair of KGB agents loyal to the Kremlin. In the three-quarters of a century since the founding, this same global system has steadily broken down and subsumed the will and interests of individual nations, including our own. That this is also the dream and strategy of international socialism (a.k.a. communism) should be as difficult to overlook as the presence of Alger Hiss, whose KGB codename was ‘Ales,’ and Harry Dexter White, whose KGB codename was ‘Jurist,’ at the global system’s 1945 creation. If a coup is being attempted against the Trump presidency because it represents the first serious counter-movement to re-establish the building blocks of the nation-state and thus imperil the global system, we are enduring a phase of American politics as far away from usual as a Bolshevik plot. It’s the nationalists vs. the globalists.

Is that just another way of thinking about the anti-communists vs the Communists? Are we again – or rather, still – facing our old enemy, Marxism? Is ideology the missing X-factor that we overlook in our efforts to understand recent events?

Does a red thread run through the anti-Trump conspiracy?” (p. 1, 2)

The rest of the book brilliantly shows with plenty of documentation, that this is exactly what’s been going on! She beings with the Ohrs, Bruce (who was number 4 man at the FBI) and Nellie, his wife, who worked at Fusion GPS. West shows both are communists, Nellie even lived in the USSR, worked for Fusion GPS, got the dossier against Trump, but everything these conspirators allege, they themselves do! (That’s called projection – you project onto your adversary what you yourself are doing. Sound familiar?) West presents some quotes from Nellie Ohr’s papers in getting her Ph.D. which clearly show her socialist/left-leaning perspective.

The book also demonstrates that Christopher Steele, the MI6 agent, was a confirmed socialist.

One of the most amazing things to me was that West shows CIA director John Brennan is a socialist, a disinformation expert, and that he also converted to Islam while station chief in Riyadh! His master’s thesis seems like an early iteration of Islamic apologetics, showing positive things about the religion. He is also related to IRA terrorists (his grandfather was one). And as West points out, the KGB worked with the IRA! Brennan voted for Gus Hall, the Communist Party USA candidate in ’76! The most disturbing thing about this is that the CIA hired a man with his record, which means they are sympathetic to the communists! He was more favorable toward Nasser’s socialism in Egypt than to Anwar Sadat’s capitalism. Brennan wrote in college, “the democratic process may involve, at some point, the violation of personal liberties and procedural justice.” 48 Can you imagine? Democracy may involve being undemocratic?!

Then there’s the section on James Comey, who claimed to be Republican, but his family is all Democrat, and he is a socialist! West shows he actually wrote papers favoring socialism/communism while in college. One of his heroes is Reinhold Niebuhr, who was also socialist (a prominent member of the Socialist Party 1930-1940), and though a theologian, a liberal, unbiblical one. (He wrote the Serenity Prayer, which is actually good. But the rest of his thought was not what a true Christian should believe!) Comey worked under John Ashcroft, a devout Christian and conservative, which is very ironic, since Comey is the opposite. He admits he was a communist in college and doesn’t say exactly what he is now! But he continues to esteem Niebuhr, so he obviously still believes in that way of thinking. Niebuhr was against anti-communists like Joseph McCarthy. Barack Obama also says Niebuhr is “one of his favorite philosophers.” Niebuhr was in favor of repealing the Constitution! Especially because it was in favor of private property!

Paul Tillich was also socialist! He was associated with the Frankfurt School! (The source of Critical Theory, which led to Critical Race Theory today). Edward R. Murrow was also linked with the IIE, the Institute of International Education, and they helped get Tillich into America and to Union Theological Seminary. The Institute helped transplant many academics from communist Europe to America, thus helping the takeover of academia here. Herbert Marcuse was another one, who helped inculcate Marxist ideas into generations of students.

So there’s a connection between James Comey and the Frankfurt School! Hillary Clinton’s key mentor as a teenager was a Methodist youth minister named Donald G. Jones, who injected Marxist ideas he got from Tillich, the idea that a revival of Christianity could only take place through “a critique of society that took its inspiration from Marxist lines of thought.” (Critical Theory) This minister, Jones, also had Clinton read Tillich, Niebuhr, and from that, she progressed to Saul Alinsky, the man who wrote, *Rules for Radicals*.

Comey’s thesis ended by saying “Niebuhr’s notion of justice is valid for all nations and times.” What was that notion of justice? No right and wrong. No moral absolutes. Love, which is a nice name for his rationale of equality, via redistribution by a coercive, even violent regime. H said equality was a higher goal than peace. Love is approximated by justice. Equality stands for the elimination of power and privilege which are frozen into every contemporary peaceful situation. Justice is the balance of the claims and interests of men, enforced by power, in which the balance is regulated by the principle of equality. Justice is distributive and must be accomplished through power, with one eye on the standard of love and the other on the regulative principle of equality. The duty to establish this justice lies with government. (pg. 46) Comey also wrote, “The Christian in politics must be willing to transgress any purely Christian ethic. He must be willing to sin in the name of justice.” 48 I’m sure God would approve of this, right? Willing to sin in the name of justice?!

The Left has always consistently denied there is any Red Threat, any influence of the KGB or the Kremlin in the US. Yet they (the press) were the ones saying Trump colluded with the Russians and the Russians influenced our elections! There’s no attempt to influence us from the communists, except in helping Trump win the election?!

West discusses the split between modernists and fundamentalists, between Norman Vincent Peale and Niebuhr, between theologians and preachers on the left and right in the early 20th century. Trump loved Peale, who served in many capacities of influence for government, and of course, the left loves Niebuhr. (Just fyi, as an evangelical, I don’t like either one, though both made some positive contributions.)

There’s a lot about the Clintons and their expertise in smearing their opponents. They used Derek Shearer, his brother Cody, and Sid Blumenthal to do hit jobs on women Clinton got involved with and such. They got really good at intimidating people, doing opposition research, leaking any dark secrets to the press to hurt their opponents, etc. They did this to Paul Tsongas, and to Dan Quayle, alleging drug use in the latter’s case, but without any real evidence. They were good at “political hit jobs.” Derek even wrote to Bill Clinton, asking for an ambassadorship, and was granted one to Finland, which he could later use in his resume. He used that to write an op-ed in the NY Times against the America Alone, America first concepts Trump championed.

Shearer cowrote a book on “economic democracy” with Tom Hayden, showing that socialism had developed a bad reputation (unfortunately, in his opinion) and suggesting the socialists should change to this new name of democratic socialism or economic democracy to get their ideas across. This was a Hayden “stealth-socialist” tactic.

It is very possible the Steele dossier was actually first written by the Shearers, then touched up and promoted by Steele as “an MI6 agent” to clean it up and give it more clout by disconnecting it from these known hit-men. Brooke Shearer was Derek and Cody’s sister, and she became friends with Hillary Clinton. Her husband was Strobe Talbott, editor-at-large at Time. He was a roommate to Derek in college (Yale). He later became deputy secretary of state during the Clinton presidency and worked with VP Al Gore and Larry Summers to come up with Russia policy. He was a “missionary for globalism,” and believed one day the nation-state would be obsolete, there would only be a one-world government (61.) But the KGB looked at him as a “special unofficial contact.”

A former KGB agent who coordinated spying in the US, after coming out, helped write a book about it all, and he said Talbott thought too highly of himself and too lowly of the KGB, so he proved to be very useful to the KGB, and they used him as a source of information and to accomplish their goals without his realizing it. Even when he worked for Time, he took positions that agreed with the Russians all the time. (And we wonder why the media seem to be working for the enemy?!) He had a close friend, Victor Louis, a known KGB agent who leaked Khrushchev tapes to Time, so the Soviets could get the information out there without being seen as openly sharing it. Louis thus advanced Talbott’s career so they could use him more. These leaks helped Yuri Andropov in his power struggle with Brezhnev. By publishing them, Talbott and Time helped Andropov’s cause. (63) The Senate confirmed Talbott as deputy secretary of state 66-31, a man who was best friends with a KGB agent! And they knew this, because it’s in Jessie Helm’s testimony! Yet they approved him anyway?!

Al Gore, as well as his father, also a senator before him, were supported and helped by “red millionaire” Armand Hammer, a leading Soviet agent of influence. (64) The FBI approached Madeleine Albright and asked her not to discuss secret stuff with Talbott in the 90s, because they knew he couldn’t be trusted! And the Senate approved this man?! Secretary Hillary Clinton and Talbott worked together very closely. He helped her write speeches. Cheryl Mills, Clinton’s staff person, also interacted with him.

Albright and Talbott were in a panel discussion about fascism in 2018, speaking against Trump, held at the Brookings Institute, where Talbott became the director. She interacted with Stefan Halper, FBI informant and CIA asset in the Carter Page accusations and anti-Trump conspiracy. She tried to get Carter Page to enter into debate, so they could get some quotes they could use from a “senior Trump advisor” who was no such thing! Richard Dearlove, the former director of MI6, Christopher Steele’s boss, was also at that presentation and probably helped get Steele’s dossier to the FBI.

West devotes some pages to Edward Lieberman, original counsel to Albright’s lobbying firm, The Albright Group. His wife Evelyn was Senator Joe Biden’s press secretary for 5 years, then entered the White House in ‘93 on Hillary Clinton’s staff, then as Bill Clinton’s deputy chief of staff (she’s the one who got Monica Lewinsky another job after the little scandal at the Oval Office). Then Evelyn Lieberman worked under Albright at State. Her husband worked in Russia, had connections with Russian intelligence through Rinat Akhmetshin, a guy who was in Trump Tower to meet with Don Jr. to supposedly bring op research to help the Trump campaign. This turned out to be a total lie, and they were all Hillary supporters trying to smear the Trump campaign!

So Hillary’s chief operating officer for her campaign in 2008, Evelyn Lieberman, was married to a man whose best friend was a long-time Kremlin asset who advanced their interests throughout his life. 3 of the 4 people who met with Don Jr. at Trump Towers, supposedly to help the Trump campaign, had duel Russian/US passports and they were all for Hillary, yet they led Don Jr. to think they had opposition research! Veselnitskaya, the attorney of that group, openly admitted later that she was a government informer for the Russian prosecutor general! (68)

John McCain found out about the Steele dossier at a Halifax International Conference, where he met with the former UK ambassador to Russia (Sir Andrew Wood), who was also a friend of Christopher Steele. After hearing about the dossier, he dispatched David Kramer to meet with Steele in the UK. McCain also met with this Akhmetshin character (though the man said he couldn’t remember that under oath in a Senate hearing) at the conference.

But the most important thing is, McCain was the one who helped get the Steele dossier to the FBI – McCain the republican! McCain was supposed to confront Trump with it to get him to give up on his campaign! It was McCain who actually ended up giving the dossier to James Comey! No wonder the Republican Party doesn’t win and no wonder they so often don’t do what we voted for them to do! They’re working for the other side!

McCain got the dossier from David Kramer, whose brother Mark is a Russia expert who attacked Diana West’s previous book, *American Betrayal*, saying there’s no evidence the Russians *ever* influenced any policies. Oh no, what an absurd idea, right? They would never want to influence any policies! However, West quotes Herbert Romerstein, an expert who wrote a book on espionage, as saying, “An intelligence service has two major functions in a target country. One is to collect information from either classified or unclassified sources. The second is to influence the situation in that country.”

A guy named Whittaker Chambers says in another book that gaining influence was actually more important than gaining information, and that “has always been the purpose of the Communist Party’s infiltration.” (70, 71.) It was more dangerous and also more difficult to detect than the stealing of secrets. Senior GRU agent Alger Hiss’s main mission was to “mess up policy.”

James O’Keefe has a documentary called, “Unmasking the Deep State,” that features communists and socialists working inside the federal government, bragging about doing the exact same thing. (71) David Kramer pleaded the fifth rather than be interviewed by the House. Glenn Simpson (one of the founders of Fusion GPS) did too. Nellie Ohr cited spousal privilege for not testifying.

I found this book fascinating and enlightening. I know that Mark Levin has recently come out with *American Marxism*, another book on the subject. We know that the Black Lives Matter movement openly admits its Marxist roots. We know that Critical Race Theory is a Marxist program, designed to advance socialism’s goals in our country. We know that MLK and Barack Obama had/have socialist leanings. We know that many in academia are of this persuasion.

The Red Thread is just more ammunition and more evidence, quite skillfully compiled, to show us the dark side of what’s going on in our present society.