

Congress Must Investigate Support for
Muslim Brotherhood and Revolutionary Socialists

U.S.-based Marxists Subvert Friendly Regimes and Support Foreign Terrorist Organizations

As the leader of Tunisia was forced into exile, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a Marxist–Leninist organization founded in 1967, issued a statement declaring, “These popular upsurges are shaking the ground in the Arab world and posing a new and powerful challenge to U.S. imperialism, Zionism, and the Arab regimes which have enabled them by trampling upon their own people for decades.” It said that “the Arab masses were capable of making great and revolutionary change, as we are witnessing today, and which has already achieved great results in Tunisia.”

The PFLP is part of the PLO and has a long-time association with the Soviet intelligence service, the KGB. The group earned a reputation for spectacular international attacks, including airline hijackings, that have killed at least 20 U.S. citizens.¹



The statement by the PFLP about turmoil in the Middle East was a reminder that a terrorist group associated with the Soviet Union is still in existence, active, and prepared to take advantage of world unrest and troubles.

Incredibly, there are reports based on a document released by WikiLeaks that Revolutionary Socialists, a group of international communists, were brought into secret planning authorized by the U.S. Government to undermine the Hosni Mubarak regime in Egypt. An Egyptian youth leader named in the document claimed that various opposition forces, including the Muslim Brotherhood and Revolutionary Socialist movement, had agreed to support “a transition” in Egypt.²

The revelations demonstrate that international communism is not dead, but stands poised to exploit the situation.

As such, these questions arise:

- Could the Soviet terror networks that were a focus of so much official attention in the 1980s still be operational?

- Could they be behind some of the unrest we see in the Arab world?
- Are the U.S.-based Marxist supporters of foreign terrorist organizations a threat?

As the House Committee on Homeland Security prepares to hold hearings on radical Islam, these questions should be asked and addressed.

If they cannot be addressed by the House Homeland Security Committee, perhaps a new committee – specifically designed to probe Marxist organizations – needs to be established.

Target: Egypt

It is significant that leftist attorney Lynne Stewart, who represented the “blind sheik,” terrorist cleric Omar Abdel-Rahman, told the Marxist *Monthly Review* magazine that radical Islamists are “basically forces of national liberation” and she emphasized how they could take down the Egyptian government. Stewart, convicted and imprisoned for proving illegal support to foreign Islamic terrorists, said:

And I think that we, as persons who are committed to the liberation of oppressed people, should fasten on the need for self-determination, and allow people who are under the heel of a corrupt and terrifying Egypt—where thousands of people are in prison, and torture and executions are, according to Amnesty International and Middle East Watch, commonplace—to do what they need to do to throw off that oppression. To denigrate them [Islamists] as right-wing, I don’t think is proper. My own sense is that, were the Islamists to be empowered, there would be movements within their own countries, such as occurs in Iran, to liberate.³

This helps explain the current focus on Egypt by international Marxists.



The Egyptian government has been an impediment to the advance of “revolutionary Islam.” The State Department notes, “The Egyptian government’s active opposition to terrorism, and its effective intelligence and security services, made Egypt an unattractive locale for terrorist groups...”⁴ Egypt has also been preventing weapons from going to the terrorist group Hamas in Gaza.

For this reason, Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn actually participated in protests in Egypt in January 2010 on behalf of the “Gaza Freedom March,”⁵ in order to deliver “humanitarian aid” to Hamas-run Gaza. Israel conducted a raid in May 2010 on a flotilla delivering “aid” to Gaza. Endorsers of the Gaza Freedom March include Noam Chomsky, a member of the board of the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, a spin-off from the Communist Party; and Howard Zinn, the late “historian” exposed by his FBI file as a secret member of the Communist Party USA.⁶

In this context, because of the mounting evidence of U.S.-based support for foreign terrorist groups, members of the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force on September 24, 2010, raided the home and office of Michael Kelly, a member of the Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), an openly communist group, in the U.S. The Freedom Road Socialist Organization describes itself as a revolutionary socialist and Marxist-Leninist organization in the United States.⁷

The FBI raids were designed, according to legal documents in the case, to find connections to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Lebanese Islamic terrorist group Hezbollah. FBI agents specifically declared they were looking for evidence of illegal FRSO support to foreign terrorist organizations.⁸

According to the warrant delivered to Michael Kelly of the FRSO, this is some of the evidence the FBI was looking for:



to join FRSO, the means by which the recruitment was financed and arranged;

the recruitment, indoctrination, and facilitation of other individuals in the United States to travel to Colombia, Palestine and any other foreign location in support of FTOs including, but not limited to FARC, PFLP and Hezbollah, including materials related to the identity and location of recruiters, facilitators, and recruits of these FTOs, the means by which individuals were recruited to travel to Colombia, Palestine and other foreign locations in support of FTOs, and the means by which the recruitment was financed and arranged;

FARC, PFLP, Hezbollah and other FTOs which the FRSO and Kelly have supported, attempted to support or conspired to support;

Kelly describes himself as a founding member of Freedom Road Socialist Organization and edits its newspaper, *Fight Back!*. A bio⁹ says, “In his capacity as editor he has interviewed many leaders in the peoples struggle at home and abroad, including prominent leaders of the movements for national liberation, like Leila Khalid of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.”

The FRSO says:

If a movement weakens imperialism it should be supported. No one wants to live under the shadow of an empire – that's a matter of fair play and justice. Also, whatever weakens the rich and powerful who rule the United States is good for us, the working and oppressed people who live here.

Comrades and Brothers

In Egypt, one group that has been acknowledged to have played a role in the protests is called the Revolutionary Socialists, who have been working with the Muslim Brotherhood since 2005.¹⁰ The alliance is described in detail in an article, “Comrades and Brothers,” on the site of MERIP, Middle East Report Online, a so-called progressive, independent organization based in Washington, D.C. that is in fact a spinoff from the pro-Marxist Institute for Policy Studies.

Some history of Egypt is also important. As noted by researcher and writer Antero Leitzinger:

In May 1971, Anwar Sadat wiped out most of KGB agents [in Egypt]. In July 1972, Soviet advisors were expelled from Egypt. Eight years later, Sadat paid for this with his life, being assassinated by members of an Islamist group. Sadat's peace policy toward Israel made it easy for the remnants of the KGB network to ally with the right-wing Muslim Brotherhood. This is the background of Ayman al-Zawahiri, the second man of al-Qaeda.¹¹

These issues have taken on more importance because of what is happening in the Middle East. In regard to the chaos in Egypt, the FRSO released a statement saying:

The national democratic movement in Tunisia, which ended the rule of the corrupt Ben Ali family, signified the coming of the storm. The powerful protests in Yemen and **the real advances by the progressive forces in Lebanon, showed that something larger was at work. Now it's Egypt's turn.** It can safely be said that in the Middle East, times are changing for the better.¹²

The reference to “progressive” forces is significant because it constitutes praise for Hezbollah, the party of God in Lebanon, one of the designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations on the State Department list. The FRSO went on to say:

The events in Egypt carry with them the potential to change the balance of forces in the Middle East, where most countries suffer under the yoke of corrupt dictators who are little more than Western puppets. The rulers of countries like Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, or for that matter, Saudi Arabia, do not represent the peoples of those countries.

Another U.S.-based group under investigation is the Arab American Action Network. The home of its executive director, Hatem Abudayyeh, was also raided by the FBI on September 24, 2010. He is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European, and Latino Immigrants of Illinois (CAAALII), is a founding Advisory Board member of the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), and sits on the National Coordinating Committee of the United States Palestine Community Network (USPCN).¹³

These cases can and should be addressed by the Homeland Security Committee as part of a probe into radical Islam.

In this regard, the evidence shows that “progressive” activists are actively supporting the Iranian terrorist regime. This is from the Workers World Party newspaper, September 30, 2010:

U.S. activists meet with Iranian president

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New York

More than 100 activists and journalists from a variety of organizations, religious groups and media outlets attended a gathering with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the Warwick Hotel here Sept. 21. The leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran was in the city to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly.

international struggle for peace and justice, saying that “trying to build peace is the most important and comprehensive struggle that mankind can have.”

He added, “Those who are opposed to justice are a few, a minority.”

At the same time that the corporate media were strongly criticizing the Iranian government on human rights, the state of Virginia was carrying out the execution of a mentally disabled woman, Teresa Lewis, despite outcries from human rights organi-

This was a gathering with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the Warwick Hotel on September 21, 2010, while the leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran was in New York City to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly.

This is the list of participants: Cynthia McKinney, a former U.S. House of Representatives member from Georgia and the Green Party’s presidential candidate in 2008; poet and activist Amiri Baraka; MOVE Minister of Information Ramona Africa; International Action Center co-director Sara Flounders; Ardeshir and Eleanor Ommani, co-founders of the American-Iranian Friendship Committee; former U.S. Attorney

General Ramsey Clark; Million Worker March Movement organizer Brenda Stokely; Shafeah M'balia of Black Workers for Justice; Phil Wilayto of Virginia Defenders for Freedom, Justice and Equality; Larry Holmes of Bail Out the People Movement; Don DeBar of WBAIx.org; Ryme Katkhouda of the People's Media Center; Michael McPhearson of United for Peace and Justice; and Rev. Graylan Hagler.¹⁴

Several of these individuals are associated with U.S.-based Marxist groups like the Workers World Party.

Domestically, the U.S. Government has also identified the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as among "entities who are and/or were members of the US Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee."¹⁵ Federal prosecutors have also described CAIR as "having conspired with other affiliates of the Muslim Brotherhood to support terrorists."¹⁶

There has been much controversy over the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in the violent protests in Egypt. Hamas and al-Qaeda are regarded as violent Brotherhood offshoots. In fact, however, as a study on terrorism conducted by the staff of the House Internal Security Committee in 1974 made clear, the main component of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Al Fatah, also grew out of the Muslim Brotherhood.¹⁷

The PLO, established in 1964, openly provided support to the Iranian terrorists who helped overthrow the shah of Iran. It has been Soviet-supported¹⁸ and was regarded as a Soviet surrogate. In fact, former Soviet KGB officer Konstantin Preobrazhensky says that long-time PLO chief Yasser Arafat was a Soviet KGB agent.

ASI Interviews former Soviet KGB officer Konstantin Preobrazhensky

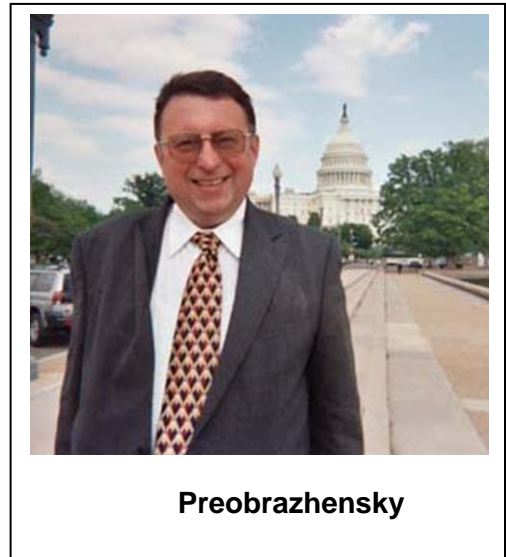
In an exclusive interview with America's Survival, Inc. (ASI), Preobrazhensky¹⁹ warned U.S. policy makers that the phenomenon known as "Islamic terrorism" or "radical Islam" cannot be separated from Moscow, even today, after the collapse of Soviet communism. He believes there is substantial evidence of Russian involvement in the Islamic terrorist networks, and that several highly-publicized cases of Islamic terrorism in Russia were in fact carried out by the FSB, the Russian Security Service, and successor to the Soviet intelligence service, the KGB.

"Long before Islamic terrorism became a global threat, the KGB had used terrorism to facilitate the victory of world communism," he said. He told ASI that Islamic terrorism is a "child" of the old Soviet-sponsored terror networks and that Russian involvement must be addressed by the U.S.

Clare Lopez, an operations officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for 20 years, has written that Preobrazhensky's expertise must be taken into account when analyzing world events:

While the lessons of classic counterintelligence may have been forgotten by many today, those like Preobrazhensky who lived the life of an intelligence officer never lose that sense, that ability to recognize clandestine operations no matter how shrouded.²⁰

The alliance between Moscow and the Islamists is one such operation. Preobrazhensky told ASI, “The communists have considered Islam their ally from the very beginning because in the early 20th century Islam was the religion of the ‘oppressed people,’ of the ‘oppressed nations.’ Support of Islam was considered part of Russian-based anti-colonialism. It is very significant that Vladimir Lenin in 1917 addressed his second message to the ‘Muslim toilers of Russia and the Whole World.’ So they considered Muslims a reservoir of people for the world communist revolution.”



ASI believes that the House Homeland Security Committee must hear from Preobrazhensky before coming to any conclusions about the nature of radical Islam and the global threat, and what is truly happening in the Middle East.

Not only does he believe that “revolutionary Islam” is an ally of the Soviet Union and now Russia in the global struggle, but based on his conversations with the late Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian intelligence agent who fled to London.²¹ Preobrazhensky says that al-Qaeda terrorist leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri is a KGB agent trained by Moscow. Litvinenko is believed to have been poisoned by Russian intelligence on the orders of Vladimir Putin, former Russian President and now Prime Minister

Is Ayman Al-Zawahiri a Russian Agent?

A veteran U.S. intelligence officer was contacted by ASI for his view on whether Al-Zawahiri could be a Russian agent today. He said:

From a formal logical point of view this connection between Al-Zawahiri might not seem plausible. but when looked at from an intelligence perspective, it certainly could be. Given Al-Zawahiri's early radical bent and association with the Muslim Brotherhood, and fact he joined his first jihadist cell at age 15, and continued his activism from that point on it, it is arguable that he very likely came up on the screen of various intelligence organizations, British, American, Russian and others who were active in Egypt doing what they always do in foreign countries, look for potential and recruitable assets. The Russians could easily have identified and

accumulated information on him, and at some point approached him and recruited him. Thus he served a clandestine role until such time as he went to the Soviet Union where he was given additional training.

If one intended to write a spy novel the ingredients in this report would make it easy and applying the tools of intelligence and tradecraft, it would all come about logically...For me it is quite believable that Al-Zawahiri could be working for the Russians. Once al-Qaeda was formed and was attacking their common enemy, the Americans and other elements of the West, some form of unity between the Russians and al-Qaeda based on Russian support to it would follow quite naturally.

Looking at the big picture, Preobrazhensky says:

Strategically Russia is surrendering to the Muslim world. The Russian population is declining rapidly, being undermined by 70 years of Communist experiment and the cold indifference of post-communist rulers. Annually, Russia is losing 900 thousand people who are being replaced by Muslims from the Caucasus and Central Asia. Islam is now the second-largest religion in Russia, where it may total up to 28 million adherents. Because of this, Russia was able to join the Organization of the Islamic Conference in 2005 (as an associate member).

Russia's great qualitative population change represents both a departure from the past and a strengthening link with it. The synergies between the history of Russia's national policies of terrorism and the radical Islamic terrorism that it is spreading around the world are natural partners that may severely impact on America's own future.²²

The Muslim Brotherhood may be a natural partner of Russia and international Marxist forces, but it is not an officially designated U.S. terrorist organization.

The current list of designated foreign terrorist organizations is:

1. Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)
2. Abu Sayyaf Group
3. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade
4. Al-Shabaab
5. Ansar al-Islam
6. Armed Islamic Group (GIA)
7. Asbat al-Ansar
8. Aum Shinrikyo
9. Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)
10. Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army (CPP/NPA)
11. Continuity Irish Republican Army
12. Gama'a al-Islamiyya (Islamic Group)

13. HAMAS (Islamic Resistance Movement)
14. Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami/Bangladesh (HUJI-B)
15. Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM)
16. Hizballah (Party of God)
17. Islamic Jihad Group
18. Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)
19. Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM) (Army of Mohammed)
20. Jemaah Islamiya organization (JI)
21. al-Jihad (Egyptian Islamic Jihad)
22. Kahane Chai (Kach)
23. Kongra-Gel (KGK, formerly Kurdistan Workers' Party, PKK, KADEK)
24. Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LT) (Army of the Righteous)
25. Lashkar i Jhangvi
26. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
27. Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG)
28. Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM)
29. Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)
30. National Liberation Army (ELN)
31. Palestine Liberation Front (PLF)
32. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)
33. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)
34. PFLP-General Command (PFLP-GC)
35. Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (QJBR) (al-Qaida in Iraq) (formerly Jama'at al-Tawhid wa'al-Jihad, JTJ, al-Zarqawi Network)
36. al-Qa'ida
37. al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (formerly GSPC)
38. Real IRA
39. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
40. Revolutionary Nuclei (formerly ELA)
41. Revolutionary Organization 17 November
42. Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C)
43. Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso, SL)
44. United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC)

This list serves to demonstrate that elements of the Soviet-supported terrorist networks that were of so much official concern by the Reagan Administration in the 1980s continue to be active.

It is the Marxist and Soviet/Russian/Cuban connection to radical Islam and the Palestinian terrorist cause that now deserves follow-up and scrutiny from the Congress. There is a body of evidence to suggest that Marxist organizations in the U.S. are working hand-in-glove with what they call “revolutionary Islam” here and abroad.

In describing the overlap, researcher and writer Antero Leitzinger says:

Modern terrorism was born within a year, 1967-1968. International socialists (communists) started the fashion all over the world simultaneously, which should make us suspicious about the common roots. National socialists followed suit, turning Marxists of Muslim origin into Islamists of Marxist origin.²³

By this point in time, wrote Claire Sterling, author of *The Terror Network*, “a whole new chain of training camps for guerrilla fighters on four continents – Europe along with the other three – opened in Cuba under the supervision of Soviet KGB Colonel Vadim Kotchergine. All of the world’s emerging terrorist bands in the 1970s were indebted to the Cubans and their Russian patrons for that honeycomb of camps around Havana.”²⁴

Sterling’s *The Terror Network*, published in 1981, was “crucial to understanding the lines of analysis and evidence that apparently lay behind [Reagan Secretary of State] Alexander Haig’s strong initial attack on the Soviet Union for fomenting terrorism,”²⁵ as William P. Bundy noted in an essay. This was part of Reagan’s tough approach to Soviet aggression and expansion.



Interestingly, in a reflection of how the Soviet approach of disinformation in regard to these matters has been adopted by the Russian regime, Russian propagandists are continuing to obscure the Soviet role in international terrorism.

For example, Russia Today (RT) television, the official Kremlin propaganda channel designed for foreign consumption, has run a story, “Carlos’ KGB connections questioned,” which reviewed a film that it said “revolves around one of the world’s most notorious terrorists, Venezuelan Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, who got his first name from Soviet communist leader Vladimir Ilych Lenin.”



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RT described Carlos as a terrorist “who made headlines in 1975, during the raid on the OPEC headquarters in Vienna and is currently serving a life sentence in a French prison for murdering several French secret agents.” It added:

“He grew up in a Marxist family in Venezuela; his parents sent him to Lumumba University in Moscow; then he was expelled from the university for bad behavior. Then he re-emerges with a gun in his hand in Jordan at the side of the Palestinian from the PFLP [a terrorist organization], led by Wadih Haddad, who was a KGB agent. So what exactly were the KGB connections of Carlos? It’s a very difficult subject.”²⁶

Film director Olivier Assayas “said it is debatable whether Carlos the Jackal, a supporter of radical Islamism, had KGB connections,” RT reported. In fact, Vasili Mitrokhin, who worked as chief archivist for the FCD, the foreign-intelligence arm of the KGB, had documented that the KGB regarded the PFLP as one of its “proxies” and supplied the organization with arms.²⁷


Carlos was a graduate of the KGB-supervised Cuban terror camps. His so-called expulsion from Lumumba University was a diversion, as described by terrorism expert Herbert Romerstein, who notes that Carlos left Moscow with a “letter of introduction” from a representative of the PFLP stationed in Moscow and joined the organization. The PFLP always had “strong and open Soviet connections,” Romerstein notes.²⁸

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'Jackal' book praises Bin Laden

One of the world's best-known terrorists of the 1970s and 1980s has written a book lauding the man suspected of masterminding the 11 September 2001 attacks on the United States.



Carlos the Jackal, whose real name is Illich Ramirez Sanchez, praises Osama Bin Laden's "shining" example in a selection of writings from his prison cell in France which went on sale on Thursday.

A convert to Islam since his imprisonment for three murders, Sanchez preaches "revolutionary Islam" - which is the title of his book - as the new, post-Communist answer to what he calls US "totalitarianism".

Sanchez is serving a life sentence

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Even *Time* magazine acknowledged his KGB connections:

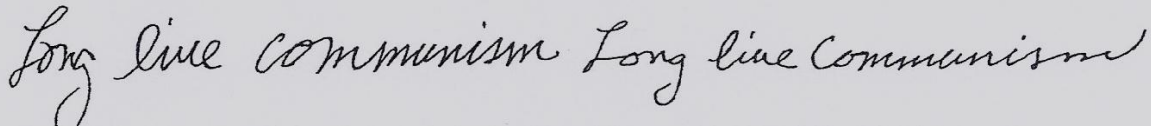
“Carlos was recruited by the KGB in his homeland and sent to Moscow's Lumumba University for training sometime in the late '60s. He also attended four special institutes run by the Soviet secret police near Moscow, where he took courses in political indoctrination, sabotage, the use of weapons and killer karate. In 1969 he was expelled from the Soviet Union, although Washington believes that this was merely a ruse to disguise his KGB connections. Shortly afterward, Carlos appeared in the Middle East and joined George Habash's militantly anti-Israel Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.”²⁹

Notice, however, the RT reference to Carlos now being “a supporter of radical Islamism.” There was no disputing this.

A convert to Islam and now in prison in France, Carlos wrote in the book, *L'islam revolutionnaire* (Revolutionary Islam) that “only a coalition of Marxists and Islamists can destroy the United States.” He backs Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

What did come through in the film, promoted by RT, was the blending of Marxism and Islam. At the end of the film, when Carlos was in Iran, enjoying the protection of the Islamic revolutionary regime, he tells his hosts, “Islam is my religion, as well as that of my new wife.” He goes on, “Your revolution is a great hope for all anti-imperialist fighters in the world.”

One such “anti-imperialist fighter” was Sirhan Sirhan, a fanatical Palestinian who killed Robert F. Kennedy because Kennedy was a supporter of Israel. The assassination occurred on the first anniversary of the Six Day War in which Israel defeated the armies of its Arab neighbors. What’s more, Sirhan’s diaries include the repeated phrases, “RFK must die,” and “long live Communism.”



From Sirhan’s diaries

Sirhan reportedly attended meetings of the Communist Party’s W.E.B. Dubois Clubs and one of his closest friends was Walter Crowe, a communist who told investigators after the assassination that he feared that he may have influenced Sirhan to kill Kennedy. Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, when they were in the Weather Underground, wrote a Prairie Fire Manifesto that includes a dedication in part to Sirhan Sirhan, listing him as a political prisoner. This led the University of Illinois and trustees Chairman Christopher Kennedy, son of RFK, to deny Ayers professor emeritus status after he retired.

The Terror Network Today

Financial and military support for the PFLP originally came from Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt’s second president, as well as the Soviet Union. Today, Iran supports not only the PFLP, but also the PFLP-GC, Islamic Jihad, and Hamas.

Historically, the PFLP worked with the Red Army Faction (RAF), a German terrorist group supported by the East German intelligence service, the Stasi. Indeed, members of the Weather Underground terrorist organization were trained by the Cuban intelligence service, the DGI, a subsidiary of the Soviet KGB, had links to the RAF, and still have contacts with them to this very day.³⁰ RAF members trained in PLO camps.

Despite the collapse of the Soviet Union, the International communist movement still exists. Since 1992, the International Communist Seminar (ICS) has been organized every year in Brussels, Belgium, as a gathering of parties and organizations “which defend Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and which oppose revisionism.” In total, about 150 organizations of Africa, Latin America, North America, Asia and Europe have participated in its sessions. These include the Communist Party of Egypt and several Palestinian organizations.

The FRSO is only one of several U.S.-based Marxist groups that belong to the International Communist Movement. Here is part of the official list from its website³¹:

United Kingdom	Socialist Labour Party
Uruguay	Partido Comunista de Uruguay
USA	Communist Party USA (CPUSA)
USA	Freedom Road Socialist Organization
USA	Party for Socialism and for Liberation
USA	Progressive Labor Party
USA	Workers' World Party
Venezuela	Partido Comunista de Venezuela
Vietnam	Communist Party of Vietnam

Although it is now under investigation by the FBI, the FRSO has never been probed by the Congress. Yet, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Congress has this power and authority, saying:

That Congress has wide power to legislate in the field of Communist activity in this country, and to conduct appropriate investigations in aid thereof, is hardly debatable. The existence of such power has never been questioned by this Court, and it is sufficient to say, without particularization, that Congress has enacted or considered in this field a wide range of legislative measures, not a few of which have stemmed from recommendations of the very Committee whose actions have been drawn in question here. In the last analysis this power rests on [360 U.S. 109, 128] the right of self-preservation, "the ultimate value of any society," *Dennis v. United States*, 341 U.S. 494, 509 . Justification for its exercise in turn rests on the long and widely accepted view that the tenets of the Communist Party include the ultimate overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence, a view which has been given formal expression by the Congress. ³²

Another U.S.-based Marxist group, the Workers World Party (WWP), was the subject of an April 1974 investigative report of the House Committee on Internal Security. The report, "The Workers World Party and its Front Organizations," documented how WWP members had been involved in prison revolts and support for Arab terrorists and communist regimes. WWP leaders were pictured, including one who had traveled with the Weather Underground- and Cuban-sponsored Venceremos Brigades to Cuba for communist indoctrination.



Ronald Reagan Believed in House Probes of Foreign-directed Anti-American Organizations

The predecessor of the House Internal Security Committee, the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) was the subject of vicious smears by the extreme left. But Ronald Reagan, then president of the Screen Actors Guild, voluntarily testified before the committee and recognized its worthwhile purpose and jurisdiction. His testimony included:

As a citizen, I would hesitate to see any political party outlawed on the basis of its political ideology. However, if it is proven that an organization is an agent of foreign power, or in any way not a legitimate political party -- and I think the government is capable of proving that -- then that is another matter.³³

As noted by the Supreme Court:

The Committee was principally a consequence of concern over the activities of the German-American Bund, whose members were suspected of allegiance to Hitler Germany, and of the Communist Party, supposed by many to be under the domination of the Soviet Union. From the beginning, without interruption to the present time, and with the undoubted knowledge and approval of the House, the Committee has devoted a major part of its energies to the investigation of Communist activities.

Without this committee and the Senate Internal Security Committee, eventually abolished by Congressional liberals, we would not know that President Obama's childhood mentor, Frank Marshall Davis, was a member of the Moscow-controlled Communist Party USA. These congressional panels investigated the CPUSA and Davis himself. The FBI released a 600-page file on Davis's communist affiliations, revealing that he had been under surveillance for 19 years, to ASI.

Donald I. Sweany, Jr. former research analyst for the House Committee on Un-American Activities and House Committee on Internal Security, 1962-1969, told ASI in a statement:

The re-creation of the House Committee on Internal Security will provide the Congress of the United States, Executive Branch agencies and the public with essential and actionable information concerning the dangerous and sovereignty-threatening subversive activities currently plaguing America. This subversion emanates from a host of old and new entities of Marxist/Communist revolutionary organizations and allied militant and radical groups, some of which have foreign connections. A new mandated House Committee on Internal Security is of great importance because it would once again recommend to Congress remedial legislative action to crack down on any un-American

forces whose goals are to weaken and destroy the freedoms which America enjoys under the Constitution. In addition, this legislative process will provide public exposure of such subversives.

In the meantime, since the demise of these panels, investigations of subversion have been conducted by the FBI and other law enforcement organizations, as well as private organizations such as America's Survival, Inc. ASI has an extensive collection of original source material and government documents.

Russian Propaganda Channel Spews Disinformation

Another interesting aspect of Russian involvement is the increasing influence of Russia Today television, the official Moscow-financed international television channel carried by many cable and satellite systems in the United States. "It is a part of Russian propaganda and backed by the KGB," said Preobrazhensky. He considers Russian Today television an activity of Directorate A of Russian intelligence – Active Measures designed to deceive the West. "It's all propaganda," he says. "It's not a source of information."

One of Russia Today's frequent guests is Webster Tarpley, who has put forward the view that the January 2011 Moscow airport bombing was sponsored or backed by NATO. Tarpley has also been on Russia Today to argue that the CIA is behind the unrest in Egypt.

There may be some truth to this, depending on what the Obama Administration and its CIA director, Leon Panetta, have been authorizing on the ground in Egypt. But as we have seen with the WikiLeaks release of the secret document sent from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo to Washington, it may not be the case that covert action is designed to forestall a radical takeover of the government there. This is a matter for Congress to investigate.

Why, for example, is the Obama Administration apparently supporting the participation of the Muslim Brotherhood and Revolutionary Socialist movements in a future Egyptian government?

On Russia Today, Tarpley has gone so far as to claim that "Al Qaeda is a kind of CIA Arab legion created during the Soviet presence in Afghanistan"³⁴ and that the failed attack on a US passenger jet traveling from Amsterdam to Detroit was a set-up provocation controlled by U.S. intelligence.³⁵

Another voice on Russia Today making similar anti-American claims has been William Engdahl, identified as an "author and researcher."

In reality, Tarpley and Engdahl have been associated with Lyndon Larouche, the political extremist. The LaRouche group originally came out of the Marxist left

and LaRouche once described his network in a 1976 lecture, “What Only Communists Know,” as working to bring into being “a new Marxist international.”



Tarpley on Russia Today

The attacks by Russia Today on U.S. policy are reminiscent of what happened during the Soviet period, which the KGB specialized in disinformation and propaganda, especially when it came out that JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a Marxist who sympathized with the Soviet Union and Cuba.. As noted by Thomas Boghardt, historian at the International Spy Museum:

Joachim Joesten’s book *Oswald: Assassin or Fall-Guy*, published in 1964, claimed that [John F.] Kennedy’s death was the result of a right-wing conspiracy involving the CIA—a myth famously endorsed by Oliver Stone’s movie *JFK*. Today, we know that Joesten’s publisher was a KGB front and the author a paid Soviet agent. Or look at the equally enduring rumor that the Pentagon developed the AIDS virus as a biological weapon at Fort Detrick, Maryland. First published on Independence Day in 1984, the tale had been planted by the KGB in an Indian newspaper and spread around the globe.³⁶

Russia Today also has an Arabic version, *Rusiya Al-Yaum*, which reaches Syria, Kuwait, the UAE, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.



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- ¹ Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). Power Point presentation by Daniel Alejandro. Brandon Halsey. Renee Lavoie. Ivan Sanchez.
- ² <http://wikileaks.ch/cable/2008/12/08CAIRO2572.html>
- ³ <http://www.monthlyreview.org/1102day.htm>
- ⁴ <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/crt/2009/140886.htm>
- ⁵ <http://theragblog.blogspot.com/2010/01/bill-ayers-and-bernardine-dohrn-gaza.html>
- ⁶ <http://gazafreedommarch.org/cms/en/Endorsers.aspx>
- ⁷ <http://www.frso.org/about/index.htm>
- ⁸ The State Department says, "Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) are foreign organizations that are designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended. FTO designations play a critical role in our fight against terrorism and are an effective means of curtailing support for terrorist activities and pressuring groups to get out of the terrorism business."
- ⁹ <http://www.stopfbi.net/profile/mick-kelly>
- ¹⁰ <http://www.merip.org/mer/mer242/hamalawy.html>
- ¹¹ Antero Leitzinger, Roots of Islamic Terrorism: How Communists Helped Fundamentalists. 9/11/2007, <http://www.globalpolitician.com/23436-terror-russia>
- ¹² <http://marxistleninist.wordpress.com/2011/01/29/the-people-of-egypt-are-standing-up/#more-6551>
- ¹³ <http://www.stopfbi.net/profile/hatem-abudayyeh>
- ¹⁴ http://www.workers.org/2010/us/iran_1007/
- ¹⁵ http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/423.pdf
- ¹⁶ http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/542.pdf
- ¹⁷ *Terrorism, a staff study*, prepared by the Committee on Internal Security, United States House of Representatives, Ninety-third Congress, second session. Page 34.
- ¹⁸ Herbert Romerstein, *Soviet Support for International Terrorism*, The Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc. 1981.
- ¹⁹ Former CIA operative Clare M. Lopez describes him this way: "He's a former Lieutenant Colonel of the KGB himself, who rose through the ranks to serve as advisor on Far East issues to Leonid Zaitsev, the Head of Directorate T (Scientific and Technical Intelligence) in the First Chief Directorate. As the Soviet Union collapsed around him in 1991, Preobrazhensky left the service, and worked as a journalist for the next 12 years before being forced to flee to the United States in 2003."
- <http://www.gerardgroup.com/newsletter/nl2009-06-10.php>
- ²⁰ <http://www.gerardgroup.com/newsletter/nl2009-06-10.php>
- ²¹ A 44-year-old ex-KGB officer who had defected from Russia to England in November 2000, he died from radiation poisoning in 2006.
- ²² "Russia and Islam are not Separate: Why Russia backs Al-Qaeda," by Konstantin Preobrazhensky.
- ²³ <http://www.globalpolitician.com/2625-terrorism>
- ²⁴ Claire Sterling, *The Terror Network*, Holt, Rinehart and Winston/Reader's Digest Press, page 15.
- ²⁵ Review by William P. Bundy. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/34621/william-p-bundy/the-terror-network>
- ²⁶ <http://rt.com/art-and-culture/news/carlos-assayas-kgb-terrorist/>
- ²⁷ Christopher Andrew and Vasili Mitrokhin, *The Sword And The Shield: The Mitrokhin Archive And The Secret History Of The KGB*, page 385.
- ²⁸ Herbert Romerstein, *Soviet Support for International Terrorism*, The Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc. 1981., page 30.
- ²⁹ <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,947610,00.html#ixzz1CQRgDM52>
- ³⁰ Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn in 2010 met with former members of the West German terrorist group, the Red Army Faction (RAF), have traveled in Venezuela, to sing the praises of the Hugo Chavez regime, and then showed up in the Middle East to help organize the Free Gaza Movement as part of an anti-Israel propaganda campaign.
- ³¹ <http://www.wpb.be/links.htm>
- ³² <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/cgi-bin/getcase.pl?navby=case&court=us&vol=360&invol=109>
- ³³ <http://216.64.29.179/cschutz/history-page/Consensus/Reagan-huac-testimony.html>
- ³⁴ <http://rt.com/usa/news/al-qaeda-cia-arab/>
- ³⁵ <http://rt.com/usa/news/detroit-terror-act-fake/#>

³⁶ <http://www.spymuseum.org/from-spy/background-briefings/active-measures-russian-art-disinformation>