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The Naked Communist was a best seller in the early 1960s, selling more than 1.5 million copies. It found its way into the libraries of the CIA, the FBI, the White House, and homes all across America and overseas in Spanish and excerpted in other languages.

In this hard-hitting book an urgent need is finally fulfilled. In one exciting, readable volume, the incredible story of Communism is graphically told. We believe this to be the most vivid and comprehensive book on the subject ever published. It contains a distillation of more than a hundred books and treatises on Communism, many written by Marxist authors. We see the Communist the way he sees himself---stripped of propaganda and pretense. Hence the title, "The Naked Communist." Here is explained Communism's amazing appeal, its history, and its basic and unchanging concepts---even its secret time-table of conquest! Vital questions are clearly answered---Who gave Russia the A-bomb? How did the FBI fight the battle of the underground? Why did the West lose 600 million allies after World War II? What really happened in Korea? What is Communism's great secret weapon? Is there an answer to Communism? What lies ahead?

## **The Naked Communist Details**

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### James Miller says

The Naked Communist is a fantastic comprehensive look at Communism. Written in the 1960's, its dated, but that is what makes it great. Skousen, a former FBI agent and practicing Mormon, wrote this book with a true fear of the danger Communism.

Skousen analyzes the life and philosophy of Marx and Engels. He studies how Communism not only condemns capitalism and private property but also religion and morals, and why it must do so. He examines how Communism first rose to power in Russia, its influence on World War II, its subsequent expansion into Asia, Communism's detailed plan to capture the entire world through revolt and bloodshed, and how the U.S.S.R. sent spies into our country.

Most interesting to me, Skousen publishes the official goals of the Communist leaders. Such goals included: easy divorces, increased promiscuity, a stigmatism that religion is immature and not fit for professional studies, and for art to become shapeless and meaningless. Although this is just a few of Communism's goals, its apparent that they have been achieved – despite the fall of the U.S.S.R. It's clear that the increased role and expansion of government and “progressive politics” is the aftertaste of Communist infiltration forever instilled in our country's personality.

Skousen writes well and clear. Although he could not have written of Communism's fall, I found it more interesting to study Communism through the eyes of a man scared for the future, someone who perceived Communism as the aggressive threat it was. I would much rather study Communism from the fearful view of the 1960's than the modern day view of poverty stricken Catholic Cuba and Capitalist embracing China – both of which must be keeping Marx rolling in his grave.

I highly recommend Skousen's work on Communism. We must study Communism so we can recognize when those old Communist idea's come up in politics, media, and from the mouth's our of colleagues and friends. We must understand Communism so that we can recognize those ideas for what they are – Communist propaganda.

If you were like me and thought that Communism was merely a failed economic system, like is often taught, you must read this to understand that Communism posed a threat to everything moral and righteous in the world.

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### D\_rolling\_ Kearney says

I hate politics. And yet, when I saw this on the shelf in my grandmother's garage, I felt something urging me to take it home. I didn't want to, but I did. Then, I put off reading it.

There are not words to describe how glad I am that I read this book. It was around the time Obama was elect-uh, became president My eyes were pried wide open!

Skousen gleans the most important information available to show you exactly WHO and WHAT Communists are. When you understand that, you understand that they are still alive and well and tearing down the framework of America, no matter what the media has lead us to believe over the years. Cold War? Nope. Does Skousen say this in the book? Nope, but with the understanding comes enlightenment, which

will have you suddenly recognizing the effects of Communism all around you (and the Communists who are the perpetrators).

This book will make you slap the next teenager you see wearing a Che Guevara t-shirt.

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### **Margaret says**

This should be required reading in our public schools. Revealing.

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### **Ginger says**

A must read for anyone and everyone. This book not only gives you a history of communism and Marxism, but it also gives the reader a deep understanding of the Communist goal, to consume the whole of mankind. I think that every American citizen should read this book so as to strengthen their belief in the democratic republic that we call Freedom.

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### **Challis says**

This was incredible. It details all the plans and evil designs of the communist movement. It is horrifying to realize how much they have already achieved and to see how our political correctness and other atheistic acceptances are inviting communism in the front door to the ruin of our wonderful country.

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### **Melissa says**

This book demonstrates the whole picture that communism/Marxism is simply "modern materialism in action." Conservatively slanted, mostly giving a historical context beginning with Marxism, the content is somewhat dated.

This text quotes 45 current communist/socialist/materialistic goals (as stated in the Communist Manifesto). Some of them are to: (15) Capture one or both of the political parties in the US. (16) Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights. (17) Get control of the schools....Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line back in textbooks. (24) Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press. (25) Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV. (26) Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy." (27) Infiltrate the churches...Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch." (28) Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state." (29) Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a world-wide basis. (38) ...Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand or treat. (39) Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals. (40) Discredit the family as an institution. (41) Emphasize the need to raise children away

from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.

Wow! That's a lot to digest. Then, the author gives a few pages (pp. 275-288) of what individuals, families, parents, teachers, ministers, businessmen, legislators, and the press can do to "strike a blow for freedom." The last chapter gives a speech that Skousen gave, addressed to a banquet at the Washington State PTA, which is entitled "What is the Secret Weapon of Communism?" He then states that we can all combat communism/socialism/materialism by returning to the principles dictated by the Ten Commandments in the Bible. Briefly, he explains his position.

I'm giving this book 5 stars because this is the kind of book I've been wanting to read for the past 3-4 years. Yes, it is dated; yes, it is propaganda given during the Cold War. It is a concise and thorough explanation of world history, which I think is nice for those who would like to know about world history and various countries' interactions.

The biggest thing that was not explained well enough for my taste was the connection between communism and materialism. (It was stated, but no background was given to explain.) I also would like to read in more detail about how what we (individuals, parents, teachers, legislators, press, etc.) can do can influence this communism/socialism/materialism trend that is still prevalent in society. Perhaps broadening the discussion from communism to other underground and illegal organizations (such as the Mafia) would help explain a more global societal problem.

Suggestions he gives to individuals, parents, legislators, members of the press, and businessmen are as follows:

- train kids to be like Washington and Lincoln, not Marx and Lenin
- take care of the spiritual needs of your children because we are in an ideological war
- take your kids to church
- help your kids grow up
- give 90% love and 10% discipline
- don't parent permissively. This leads to maladjusted personalities.
- read his book, So You Want to Raise a Boy
- be active in PTA, so that the socialists/communists don't take over
- have a freedom library, containing biographies of the founding fathers
- be up to date on political problems
- subscribe to US News and World Report
- at dinner conversations, point out the left-winged slant in the media
- be involved in civic and political affairs
  
- be up on communistic/socialistic thought to be able to detect it
- define principles that make America a free people and what principles that destroy freedom where socialists take over
- teach free enterprise
- be aware of those who try to "help" vs "control" education
- read the following books: Conquest of American Mind, What's Happened to our Schools?, The Turning of the Tides, Progressive Education is Reeducation, Brainwashing in the High Schools, Communistic Socialist Propaganda in American schools
  
- remember that our Founding fathers were just successful businessmen
- Write to the American Security Council, 205 W. Monroe St., Chicago, b/c they give frequent intelligence reports to the public
- Remember that socialism infiltrates both political parties. Throw in financial support for candidates/legislation/activities to support freedom

- sponsor essay and speech contests in schools to promote American ideals and resist communist ideals
  - Resist sale/trade to communistic countries
  - work towards an economic tax structure
  - contact legislators
  - expose "social Christianity" as a lack of Christianity (see Luke 22:36)
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### **Kelly says**

Probably one of the most eye-opening books I've ever read. I think my jaw dropped several times while reading. It would be disingenuous to say it is "propaganda" or disdainfully call it alarmist. Not now. Not in this age.

Much as Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged contains disturbing prophecy of the times we are living in, so do Skousen's revelations and history of communism. For a moment, you are transported back into time to see exactly why Americans took a brave stance against communism then and, at the same time, rocked to the core by the agendas used with a battering ram in those days. Now, those wishing to implement communism have taken a back door approach and it is terrifying to see the progress they have made and the complacency of currently living generations. This makes you all too aware of the boiled frog parabola America is. Believe me, far more frightening a read than any Stephen King novel.

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### **Pouting Always says**

So apparently this book is being reprinted for it's 60th anniversary and netgalley made it available to read and review. I was curious to read it after seeing that it sold so many copies and that the FBI and CIA liked to keep it around their libraries as well. After getting through the introduction of the book though I really wanted to kick myself for picking it up. The author makes such a blatantly one sided argument against communism and uses things out of context to make his point. Marx had his own personal issues but bringing them up as dispute against his writing on socialism is petty, especially considering that the communism that came into being wasn't even the kind from Marx's writings. Marx said that a country would only get to that point after reaching a certain point as a capitalistic society, which no offense none of those countries were at. I understand that this was written during the height of communism and yes Mao, Lenin, and Stalin are heinous but this was a totally unfair representation of the problem. Many people in the US have also used their positions of power as a mean to enrich themselves as well. Lying to your constituents to get what you want wasn't just a communist thing. There was no subtlety involved in showing why this might appeal to people at all, just pages and pages about how communism is a tool to manipulate the masses. The ironically he went and used religion to help enforce his argument. The works sited by the author were pretty sparse as well and he clearly cherry picked to serve his own purpose.

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### **Michelle Moses says**

Walking away from this book I feel like I have a much clearer idea of what communism is all about and its history. Starting with Karl Marx, Skousen gives a thorough, concise overview of his life and mindset. He also includes a background on Engels. From there he moves into Lenin, transitions nicely into Stalin. Then he gets you into the midst of WWII and Asian developments. He does go into Cuba, though Castro was still in his beginning stages of rule at the time of his writing.

Throughout the book, he consistently shows the dangers of Americans working for the communists. At the time of writing there was a lot of intelligence that was compromised and verified in court cases.

The book I read was not the first printing, so some additional info was added.

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## Phillip says

Ha! I found this piece of 1950s propaganda in the Bartlesville public library during the 1990s. It is pretty jingoistic and a product of its time.

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## Lee says

This book is, to quote Orwell's 1984, "an attack so exaggerated and perverse that a child should have been able to see through it, and yet just plausible enough to fill one with an alarmed feeling that other people...might be taken by it."

It is interesting and disturbing because this book was for children. The author is a religious fanatic of the mormon faith (yeah mormonism, the glorified cult invented by a charlatan criminal) who spits not only MISinformation, but DISinformation, throughout this 378 page book of degenerate literature! He argues for intelligent design in the universe(Richard Dawkins anyone?), he argues for Judaic-Christian morals (Jainism anyone?) or no morals at all, nothing in between. He writes "The very foundation of science is the recognition of an intelligent designer who used the principles which we ourselves can discover and use."

Anyways, I'm not here to defend the atrocities of Lenin, Stalin or Mao. I don't consider myself a Marxist, however the man did have some valid points. The beginning of the book starts out just bashing Marx and his family, giving a very short poor excuse for a biography of the philosopher. I'm all for constructive criticism but the things Skousen writes are absurd. Early in the book the author refers to a very eloquent letter a 17 year old Marx sent to his family as unveiling "deeply sentimental, woman-like feelings." Wow! How freaking outdated is this book?? Very! Later in the book, Skousen writes that one of communism evil goals was to present homosexuality as "normal, natural and healthy." Another thing that was absurd was the praise the author gives to J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. decribed as a "remarkable administration." Well Skosen was with the F.B.I. , but Jesus!

Most disturbing of all was the blantant hypocrisy pouring through his arguments against "communism/ socialism". For example, he writes on why the above mentioned is not a legitimate cause or political system because they're based on "vicious forces of conquest... they use deceit, disregard of laws, violation of treatises, intimidation, subversion and open insurrection as basic tools of conquest". ALL of which can be said of the United States since its inception! He Goes on to write "A conspiracy to overthrow a government by force and violence is therefore criminal in nature. Any Organization which promotes such illegal activities should be outlawed." In that cause the CIA should be outlawed for the coup d'etat in Guatemala in 1954, among other crimes. And reasons to justify sanctions to Russia are " 1) continuous violations of treaties and covenants 2) repeated violations of international law and 3) vicious subversion and interference in the domestic affairs of other nations." Again, all standards procedures for the U.S. government. Surprisingly enough Skousen was critical of some U.S. foreign policy, but to insinuate that the U.S. is the vanguard for democracy and justice is a joke!

It assumes because someone (Lenin, Stalin, etc.) or some organization calls itself socialism or communism

that that is what it represents. It's only their distorted, warped view of Marxism.

This book does nothing to solve anything in the 21st century crisis we face today. All it does is create further division both in politics and religion, especially, I imagine, in the late 1950's. It doesn't do justice to clearly and truthfully explain the world and its many problems. If you read one book about "communism", look elsewhere. Or you can read this and other similar books with different viewpoints.

As frustrating as this book was to read for me, it is a easy read and well organized, which is why I guess it's has such a high rating. And also somewhat entertaining, for that two stars.

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### **Janna says**

The book was published over 40 years ago, yet it is so relevant today because it parallels the liberal-progressive strategies used in the destruction of our free-enterprise economy. Socialism is on the rise, liberty is in decline in America. The Communists have changed their names over the years, but their intent is the same: destroy liberty, choice, and AMERICA. Whether they're Liberals, Progressives, Socialists, or Communists, their intent and strategy is to destroy faith in God, property rights, protection of life, and eliminate free choice and demonize individualism or any expression of free thought. They don't want to tolerate any opposition to their dogma; they want to destroy the opposition. The Communists were responsible for at least 30 MILLION deaths in the 20th Century. It would seem obvious to an intelligent person that any methods and ideas of that Communist world view, and the prerequisite world view of Socialism, would cause misery, suffering and death. So like poison, free peoples would shun it! Reject it! Defeat it! In our 2010 elections, we too should shun them, reject them and defeat them! And... we will!

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### **Chris Schmutz says**

Skousen is a real piece of work - sorry to any of his sane relatives. I read this book while sitting in Kim's ultra Liberal, ultra Socialist/Marxist loving literature professor's class. You've got to take advantage of the opportunities when they come. I didn't have the urge to pick this book up until I found out that I could sit quietly in my wife's class - and discovered how tree hugging granola eating spineless yet venom spewing socialist her professor was. Oh, I forgot - well read and super anti-mormon in a small mormon-town college were also his to own. And I picked up the most grating book I could find and plopped it upright on the desk so that he and everyone for 50 minutes 3 times a week could see what I was silently reading. I blew his concentrated dramatic moments a couple times - Just By Being There! To this day, this experience provides me a gushing quell of endless pleasure!

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### **Aaron Meyer says**

An outstanding book which covers the movement from its founders to the 60's. One might think that the book would be outdated or prejudiced considering when it was written but I found it refreshing and informative. Major points in the communist doctrine are presented and rebutted. The history of the major players, although short, were informative and there are many points of history up through the Korean war that were enlightened upon. One would wonder why it took so long for socialism/communism to nearly

destroy America considering how infiltrated our society and government has been since the Russian revolution took place. When you read this book and you will find out just how far America has succumbed to the plans of the communists, it is truly sad. Our forefathers must be rolling in their graves. But, with this book in hand, no matter how dated its action plans for people are, you will begin to be able to spot the infiltration very easily for yourself and perhaps even do something about it.

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## Deanna says

UPDATED: I finally found the "updated" version to this in the form of a DVD documentary called "Agenda" by Curtis Bowers. I highly recommend this!!! This threat continues to threaten our destruction. We should read and study this movement!

Preview a trailer here at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH8LkI...>

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I LOVED this book! I took my sweet time reading it and soaked up every word. This book reviews the history of communism from its rise with Marx until 1960. The only bad thing is that I would love to read "the rest of the story," meaning through to the present.

This book was extremely eye opening in regard to how communism was spread. It was frustrating reading about the lackadaisical attitude of government officials world wide who had blinders on and let the USSR run wild at the close of WWII. They never believed that the Russians were really "that bad." It was also interesting that while the world sat back and watched LDS church leaders like President Benson, J. Rueben Clark and David O. McKay were declaring from the pulpits for all to realize that communism was seeking to destroy our liberty. I wonder how many were listening? Is my family listening now?

Here are some quotes just so you know...

"The paths we are following, if we move forward thereon, will inevitably lead us to socialism or communism, and these two are as like as two peas in a pod in their ultimate effect upon our liberties.....We may first observe that communism and socialism—which we shall hereafter group together and dub Satanism—cannot live with Christianity nor with any religion that postulates a creator."

J. Rueben Clark Deseret News—September 25, 1949

"During the first half of the twentieth century we have traveled far into the soul-destroying land of socialism." Pres. McKay, Deseret News Oct. 18, 1952

"The aim and purpose...was then and is now world socialism, which communism seeks to achieve through revolution and which socialists seek to achieve through evolution." Pres. Benson Oct. 1961-General Conference

Anyway...My edition was published in 1961. Here are a sampling of some of the communist goals at that time that I thought were still interesting nearly 50 years later... (see "Witness" by Whittaker Chambers also these lists are found from pages 259-262 in the book).

\*Capture one or both of the political parties in the US.

\*Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.

\*Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

\*Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms."

\*Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.

\*Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.

\*Present homo-sexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."

\*Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."

\*Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture-education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics,etc

\*Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

\*Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.

Okay, so that was only about 1/3 of them. I realize there may be some anti-communist propaganda involved with this book. However, with LDS church leaders crying out against communism I guess that's okay.

I believe that our nation is in jeopardy of being over ran with socialism. Socialism is just another face to communism. I believe that it is important to study these things so you can recognize fallacy in the political machines of our age.

The reason I read this book was because it was suggested by then President of the Church, David O. McKay, during General Conference of Oct. 1959. (I couldn't find this talk on line, but I did find numerous! on-line references to the talk Pres. McKay gave calling church members to read the book).

Here's a link to an article about Skousen writing the book. <http://www.latterdayconservative.com/...>

It was interesting to learn that Pres. Monson was actually involved in the initial publishing of this book...

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