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# U.S. Adopting Communists' Ways

**E**STABLISHMENT of communism demands the elimination or subjugation of traditional institutions in favor of government. The state must come first. Whatever comes next is not allowed to come close.

Some 50 years ago Americans were shocked by reports that atheism had become the official "religion" of Russia. Now worship either is prohibited or is state-controlled in many countries.

Communist governments control the education of children by directing where they will go to school, what they will be taught and determining which will be given state aid for higher education.

Communist governments wield absolute control over all forms of communication, including censorship of personal mail. News items and editorial opinions in the media must conform to party lines.

Neighborhoods are controlled as families are assigned space in government housing wherever officials may determine they might be useful or watched.

Under communism government permission may be required for marriage and parents who produce unauthorized children may be fined. Children are trained in public child care institutions under government rules; not parents' preferences.

Now look where the United States of America is headed. To say that this country is "going communist" might not be accurate but it is obviously true that we are adopting communist ways.

Take religion. It has not been abolished and our constitutional provision prohibiting Congress from enacting laws to establish a state religion or regulate worship is intact. However, the Supreme Court has made numerous decisions that have the full effect of law respecting religion.

Education has moved steadily toward absolute control by Washington authorities because of federal funding. Teachers unions are pushing for further centralization and minimal local influence.

America's communications, including entertainment as well as

news media, have largely been taken over, quietly and skillfully, by people with liberal leanings. Columnist Paul Harvey recently cited evidence that a heavy majority of so-called "public interest" groups believe that the United States should be socialized, an initial step toward communism. We are fed communist propaganda overtly and subtly.

Traditional neighborhoods of families with similar backgrounds and interests have been broken up by housing laws and by crosstown busing of children.

The family still is an institution but it is not respected as it once was. The number of divorces has tripled since 1960, plus countless separations of couples who never bothered to get married.

Millions of children spend their days in government-regulated child care centers while both parents work. Many have multiple sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters due to divorce.

No, the United States is not going communist, but we are adopting communist ways as rapidly as anything can be done gradually.