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Patriots Are Awake — **Now It's Time for Activation**

was born in tyranny, in communist Romania in 1980. My father served two prison terms for failed defection attempts from that authoritarian hellhole. He wanted so badly to move his family to a place where we could live in freedom that he risked everything. Twice.

After eight years of bureaucratic finagling, we eventually ended up in the country that had proven to be the greatest beacon of hope and liberty in history.

Our American story is one shared by many, whether they be immigrants fleeing tyran-

ny in China, Venezuela, Russia, or Cuba in pursuit of freedom.

When we arrived in the United States of America in 1988, we didn't know that forces within and without had been working for decades to destroy the country.

Now, in 2021, a tyranny similar to that in which I was born—evil that has been the source of mass murder and misery across the world—threatens to engulf my adopted home.

Collectivism, whether it be socialism, communism, fascism, or any other form of authoritarian "ism," is a cancer that eats away any societal body in which it becomes dominant. Communism killed between 100 and 200 million people just in the last century, all of it genocide by government. That's a higher body count than both world wars combined.

Authoritarian regimes not only set historical records for death and misery, but also have destroyed an unknowable amount of human potential, including in the United States, where the ideas of collectivism have taken root.

Globalists aim to destroy America. They are closer than ever to achieving their goal. In 2021, open communists are running in American streets, making demands and destroying every semblance of Western tradition they can topple. American corporations are supporting anti-American ideas and communist organizations such as Black Lives Matter. There are socialists in Congress. Academic communists have been brainwashing and demoralizing college students for decades. And thanks to more than a half-century of indoctrination, generations of demoralized leaders and influencers are leading off a cliff disaffected young people yearning for purpose.

But there is also good news. The sinister forces are now so obvious, millions of Americans are awakening to their presence. That's very good. But not good enough. Awakening is not enough.

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American needs a Great Patriotic Activation. Without it, our grandchildren will not know freedom.

A minority of rabid leftists, at the pinnacles of power as well as in the streets, have feverishly worked to destroy this country, and we need to counter them with our own patriotic activism.

Freedom is not free. It never has been. We can't afford to sit on the bench anymore. We never should have done so in the first place.

The first step to getting active is obtaining true information. Since you're reading this

magazine, you're well on your way. Make sure to tell others about it, and share other dependable resources of truth as well. Corrective action depends on accurate intel.

Then patriots need to get up and move.

The best way, in our opinion, is by becoming involved with The John Birch Society. A member aptly described the JBS as the "intelligence organization of the freedom movement."

No organization has more accurately warned about the incoming tyranny and identified who's behind it. No organization has more correctly predicted where America will end up if Americans don't organize against the Deep State's attempt to destroy our country. And no organization has more action projects that provide ways for patriots all across the country to restore America. There is very good reason to believe that had it not been for the JBS, America would already be submerged in full tyranny.

JBS members and supporters can also sign up for Legislative Alerts, which notify subscribers of dangerous proposed legislation and provide the information needed to put pressure on elected officials. You can call. You can e-mail. You can do both. You *should* do both.

Getting activated is not limited to getting involved with the JBS. Run for local or state office and replace those who don't value the Constitution. Band together with neighboring patriots and take over the school board, the health board, and city hall. Get your kids out of the godless indoctrination centers known as public schools and find a good private-schooling alternative such as FreedomProject Academy.

The opportunities for being involved in the upcoming Great American Activation are many. The important thing is to move. Know. Then act. The time for sitting on the sidelines is long gone.

Freedom does have an address: JBS.org. Get active and restore America.

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