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The Strategy and Cost of “Free Childcare”

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“Free Childcare” is a political offer we hear continually repeated. But it is also a prominent part of the strategy of socialism and communism, and therefore comes with an agenda. I spent several years studying life in socialist-communist countries, and eleven years living in one that was trying to break 40 years of socialist domination. In both communism and socialism, the government takes on the role of god in the lives of the people. Thus the government controls the people by government ownership of everything, even its people. This elevates the government to the status of god, mandating and controlling most aspects of life.

In a socialistic/communitistic state, the people have value as agents of the state; their children are essentially wards of the state. Therefore the government has the right to control what children are taught, to decide their medical treatment without consulting the parents, and to limit their choice of education and careers, grooming them for total lifelong allegiance to the government.

Under communist Russia, the Soviet Socialist Republics carried out the agenda of Stalin and the communist party. A Winter Holiday Gift was given to each student from Uncle Joe (Stalin), since communists don't recognize Christ or the meaning of Christmas. Everything pointed the kids to fear and revere the government, and negated Christianity and moral values.

To insure that the children were raised with “proper” ideology, the majority of a child's time was spent in socialist schools. With both parents working, this minimized the amount of time that the parents were alone with their own children to nurture them, teach values to them, and influence them. Early training in obedience and values took place in free childcare. The socialists/communists used free childcare, free kindergarten, and all schooling to educate young people to give blind allegiance to the government, and teaching them that the government was the source of all good things. Every solution was a government solution.

The early years of a child's life are the most influential in imparting identity and an appropriate moral compass of values. This is why God gave that responsibility to parents, not governments. Kids learn very early who provides them with food, shelter, and the difference between right and wrong. If the parents teach the children, they learn to value the parents and follow their lead. If it is some surrogate parent, like a socialistic or communist government, then government does the parenting. While communists don't acknowledge God, nor read the Bible, they function on the teaching of Proverbs 22:6, which states: “Train up a child in the way he should go, then even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

This is valid principle for all of us in raising our children. Many Christians take advantage of daycares provided by a Christian church or agency. They know upfront that part of the time during the day will be focused upon God's involvement in our lives. It is not a hidden agenda. People who pay for childcare by Christians want their children to be taught eternal truth and the reality of God's involvement in our daily lives.

However, most parents who are excited about the government providing “free childcare,” never give a thought to the implications of that proposition. Remember, nothing is really free. If you are a

working parent, who drops your child off at say 7am, and picks them up at 6pm, your child is spending eleven hours a day under the constant influence of people who will likely be influencing them with secularism, atheism, and other values the parent would find antithetic to their own. The parents only have a few hours in everyday to do their parenting job.

I know that people need to work, and that single parents don't have many options. That being the case, take every opportunity you can to impart God's values into your child. Read them the Bible before bedtime. Pray with them. Quote a Bible verse before they head off to school. Attend church with them on the weekend. Keep the reality of God always on their mind.

Personally, I would not want my child being raised all day by a socialistic ideologue. If it is unavoidable, then double your efforts to get godly values into your child when you do have time with them. It is not preaching to them; it is teaching them to know the truth of God, and modeling how God gives us daily principles to live by, and use in our decision making. Train your child to evaluate situations by comparing them with what the Bible teaches. That will help them a lot throughout their lifetime. Don't cede your God-given parenting role to the government!

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