



Blob Lords and the Left

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Karl Marx's *Capital* volumes 1, 2 and 3 contain facts and figures pertaining to the income, social life and political position of the urban and rural poor and low income masses over several hundred years; to the nature of money, to analysis of banks, British monarchs' and governments' legislation, colonialism, the rise of the State, slavery and much more. Marx's years of thorough investigative work at the British Library have given us exceptionally detailed information in the context of British history and the changing times.

As well as history, Marx examined the work time of and value created by producers. Touching on slavery but dealing mainly with 19th century wage labour in Britain, and critiquing the analyses of other economists like Adam Smith, he evolved a scientific theory to explain how capitalists exploit workers: by only paying wages that were enough to keep the workers alive, but insufficient to cover the time spent and value created by workers during that unpaid time, an amount Marx termed 'surplus value.' Thus, the unpaid time spent by workers making products sold by the capitalists is the exploitation, while the profit made and kept by the capitalists is the theft, both of which Marx passionately felt were unjust; a passion that motivated him and Friedrich Engels to push for improvements to the wages and lives of workers via their trade union and educational work. Marx exposed the ruthless system that

- wrecked the value of interpersonal relationships in favour of value from commodity and money exchange which has continued and been worsened by the employment of robots in place of people today [1,2];
- divided people into rigid classes according to one's position as owner of or slave to the means of production;
- caused frequent and massive economic and social turbulence, debt and inflation.

However, Marx's uncomplicated focus on justice for working people has been ignored and maligned by capitalists as well as by those benefitting financially from workers' exploitation: merchants (traders), middle-men (bankers), State employees (civil servants, bureaucrats, politicians) and other financially secure classes.

In contrast to the perspective and work of Marx have been the perspective and work of bankers like the Rothschilds as detailed by G.Edward Griffin in [3] *The Creature from Jekyll Island*, and of monopolist capitalists like the Rockefellers discussed by Dr. Jacob Nordangard in *Rockefeller Controlling the Game* [4]. Marx, the European settled in Britain in the 19th century, was motivated to expose injustice and suffering and made no money doing so. The Rockefellers, however, luxuriating in their pioneering position, wealth and control over a very important resource (oil) at the start of the 20th century in America, chose to spend their time making more money, increasing their political power and working for the establishment of a Global Government to control and manage resources and to minimise their use by the governed. This paper sets out to expose how Marx's work has been misunderstood, ignored and maligned and to analyse how wealthy elites (including some royalty) are building a totalitarian structure via the United Nations and its Sustainable Development Goals.

Since the early 20th century, the Rockefellers made money from oil, but today their Capital Management investments page from 7th July 2025 shows that their money is invested in the most successful capitalist companies: Salesforce, Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, in the New York Stock Exchange, asset management firms and pharmaceuticals like Nvidia [5].

Some of their profits have then been spent on their other concerns that, according to them, require global oversight: Conservation, Population Control and Eugenics. Conservation, a particular concern of Laurance, 'shaped the RBF grantmaking throughout its 75-year

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history.' [6] Eugenics and Population control were concerns of John D.Jr who was involved in the 1910s and '20s with the Bureau of Social Hygiene [7] and a concern also of John D.Rockefeller III who founded the Population Council in 1952.

To implement their programmes, these men have just used money. Starting by funding leaders and events in revolutionary Russia and China this was an ingenious and profoundly un-Marxist method of expunging Marx's message as described in detail by Antony C.Sutton in *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution* [8]. Trotsky and Lenin as well as their opponents the Mensheviks were given millions of dollars by American bankers and, as reported by Griffin in his seminal work 'After the October Revolution, all the banks in Russia were taken over and "nationalized" by the Bolsheviks - except one: the Petrograd branch of Rockefeller's National City Bank.' 'Standard Oil (the Rockefellers' company) and General Electric supplied \$37 million worth of machinery from 1921 to 1925, and that was just the beginning.' [3] (p.264-291)

Thus, American banks and corporations not only gained profits and long-lasting clout in the region but also established material differences between the military, working class, bureaucrats and bosses, while the Soviet State reinforced these roles and divisions via clumsy top-down non-Marxist plans that took little account of people's actual needs. After the Chinese Communist Party came to power, the Rockefellers' Chase Manhattan bank, became the first American correspondent bank of the Bank of China after David Rockefeller met Zhou Enlai in 1973. The Rockefellers had got in early with their Foundation's second major project being the founding of the China Medical Board in 1914 that established the Peking Union Medical College which promoted modern Western medical education attaining enormous educational and practical influence in health throughout South East Asia as well as helping to establish the commodification of health care. Significantly, China's One-Child policy was influenced by the aerospace engineer Song Jian who had read *Limits to Growth* and *A Blueprint for Survival*, publications of neo-Malthusians and the anti-growth Club of Rome [9]. The 1960s and 70s' revolutionary ambitions of South American and European students and intellectuals were not indulged but nipped in the bud by the Central Intelligence Agency that spied on them and got them arrested and murdered. The CIA Deputy Director Allen Dulles was a good friend of David Rockefeller. Marx might have analysed why such movements so similar in ideology were responded to so differently.

Money was also used to establish and fund educational and research institutions. The Rockefellers founded ten colleges and universities including the University of Chicago, The Rockefeller University and the Colleges of Agriculture, Resources and Environmental Sciences and Business and Accountancy at the University of the Philippines.

Profits provided the means to start and dictate the direction of campaigns, propaganda and research. Via the Rockefeller Foundation (RF) and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) funds were given to unelected individuals and over twenty unaccountable yet powerful global institutions, foundations and NGOs. Organisations already set up by individuals who shared the Rockefellers' ambitions received generous funding. Below is an outline of the extraordinary network they organised and which has come to be known as the Deep State, or the Blob:

a) 1919-1955

- The Council on Foreign Relations founded in 1921 which continues to run the David Rockefeller Studies

Program;

The United Nations was founded in 1945 by the British Royal Institute for International Affairs and the Rockefeller family who donated land for the building and provided the architect. The UN's Agendas 21 and 30, September 2024 UN World Summit on the Pact of the Future and Sustainable Development Goals undergird and push for the total control of all resources (energy, water, air, land, plants, minerals, animals and people) by a One World Global Government. This is to be achieved eventually when the elites own all public assets, regional governance has supplanted nation states, everyone's ID, resource use, biometric and health data have been digitalised and all manufactured and natural products recorded and patented. Not many have scrutinised these issues holistically in the mass media, academic journals or books though Patrick M.Wood has done so for forty years. His recent video *The Agenda* [10] can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFHHOBiUrk&t=3s>

b) 1956 -1975

- Henry Kissinger as the Rockefeller's family protege, directed Nelson Rockefeller's Special Studies Project between 1956 and 1958;
- Maurice Strong, good friends of the Rockefellers, became founding Director of the World Economic Forum in 1971 and of the UN Environment Programme in 1972, playing leading and well-funded roles in countless climate and sustainability-focussed projects before his death in China;
- The Trilateral Commission was founded in 1973 by David Rockefeller and Zbigniew Brzezinski. The current British Labour Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer who prefers Davos to Westminster is a member as is a former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland who introduced Sustainable Development via the Commission she chaired in 1996.
- The G20 formed in 1999 to prevent 'outsiders' from 'disrupting the system' and make it 'safe for interdependence', enabled Kissinger's plan in support of the New International Economic Order (adopted by the UN on 1st May 1974) to convince the suspicious and developing South countries that he was on their side, while the real plan was to create a 'mutual interdependence' which would be beneficial to the North.' [4]

Together with conservation and population control, eugenics has long been an important investment for the Rockefellers. Many powerful people have desired to improve, as per their judgement, the quality of humanity, even if this should mean testing and experimenting on, preventing the birth of, or even, as in the case of Hitler, killing those they deem imperfect, and several individuals and organisations documented by Jacob Nordangard in his book *Temple of Solomon* [11] have hankered for the evolution of the Superhuman. The Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) believed there to be an Omega Point of unification explaining in his 1955 work *The Phenomenon of Man*, how through the noosphere, humanity could evolve to become connected and coordinated by a central nervous system with a dominant brain, an ideal goal for elites seeking world domination and one that was supported by Alice and Foster Bailey's Lucis Trust, set up in 1922 and integrated into the UN via the Economic and Social Council. Genetics is a popular research subject and with the accelerating development

of technology, specifically AI, robotics, the proposed Internet of Things and human-internet-interface connectivity, the production of the Superconnected Superhuman seems a potentially profitable venture for corporations and investors today, even while some think these developments may indicate a, though not exclusively male, need to control reproduction rather than share as much as possible in the hard work of natural reproduction, housework and childcare [12].

Julian Huxley, a friend of de Chardin, became General Secretary of UNESCO in 1946. He believed that '...the general philosophy of Unesco should be a scientific world humanism, global in extent and evolutionary in background.' For ten years between 1937 and 1962, he played leading roles at the British Eugenics Society and founded the World Wildlife Fund in 1961 which was turbo-charged by the Rockefellers. He promoted the term 'transhumanism' and felt that, 'The lowest strata, allegedly less well-endowed genetically, are reproducing relatively too fast. Therefore birth-control methods must be taught them; they must not have too easy access to relief or hospital treatment lest the removal of the last check on natural selection should make it too easy for children to be produced or to survive...' [13]

As described in Messall 2004 [14], the Rockefellers sponsored Huxley's 1941 lecture tour in America. They also supported the career of the fervent eugenicist Hermann Muller getting him a research position in America [15] and it is claimed that Muller, by covert Rockefeller machinations, was fraudulently awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1946 so that eugenics would get favourable publicity. Today, The Rockefeller University funds research in Chemical and Structural Biology, Genetics and Genomics, Immunology, Virology and Microbiology, Medical Sciences, Systems Physiology and Human Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology, Neurosciences and Behaviour, Organismal Biology and Evolution, Physical, Mathematical and Computational Biology and Stem Cells Development and in Regeneration and Aging in 181 laboratories, proving that Eugenics continues to flourish in its 21st century form [16].

Millions of working, middle and upper class men and women died during World War II though afterwards, as reported by Annie Jacobson in *Operation Paperclip* [17] many Nazi scientists were relocated to America and the Soviet Union. Pursuing the strategy of working behind the scenes which the family had used since the early 20th century, the Rockefellers were involved with the League of Nations and, keen to influence the rebuilding of Europe, allocated funds for the European Rehabilitation Programme in 1948 specifying that their goal was to train future leaders to prove 'America can teach Europe' and 'The United States has something to contribute beyond the dollars of the Marshall Plan' [18]. Then, with their foot in the European door at political, institutional and educational levels, the Rockefellers further increased their global influence by, instead of funding revolutionaries, yet with the same anti-Marxist perspective, arrogance and mendacity, created another cause for Leftists to fight for: not working people, but for the planet which, according to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is apparently, threatened by climate change, though their hypothesis and computer models have rigorous challengers [19].

The campaign to halt climate change in the name of 'saving the planet' is the overt fundamental tenet of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, while the covert fundamental intention is the total control of all energy use and all resources by a global

government. This unelected power base accorded to the Blob via the UN with its vast virtue-signalling national governments' (tax payers') funding, has enabled totalitarianism to grow unchecked by scientific controversies or concerns about eco-anxiety and fear, or the evidence of stunted economic development, deindustrialisation, impoverishment, wildlife and wilderness destruction, increasing censorship and two-tier justice reported in countless media outlets, journals and books. For decades, the Rockefellers and other rich men like George Soros have spent billions fomenting the climate change narrative. Indeed, ennobled by the glamour of international conferences and the excitement of being part of a mass movement, climate change has been another ingenious issue to get the support of gullible Leftists. Again, supported by Leftists and backed by a long history of what Nordangard terms 'alchemy' practitioners, the emotion of New Age 'spirituality' was stimulated by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund which set up The Lindisfarne Association [20] to encourage 'a new planetary culture' of what amounts to the reducing and recycling of material products. Thus beguiled and brainwashed by NGOs replete with funds, many Leftists put pressure on their parliamentary representatives in 2008 and 2009 to legislate for decarbonisation [21] and many including Green Party members also hope that capitalism will fail with the end of fossil fuel use. Did such attitudes lead to the demand for a Circular Economy? [22] The CE has many adherents in both practical and academic spheres, and is worthwhile examining briefly due to its position in the global scheme of things where the fundamental mendacity and hypocrisy of the UN Sustainable Development Goals become clear. While there is no specific sustainable development goal to achieve a Circular Economy, it clearly relates to No.12 Responsible Consumption and Production, No.6 Clean Water and Sanitation, No.11 Sustainable Cities and Communities and, of course, to No.13 Climate Action (thus forbidding the use of coal, oil or gas when producing for the Circular Economy). Many academic papers describe its practice as well as the increasing number of societies and institutions dedicated to the CE and linked to the WEF, UNEP and over 40 other 'partners.' [23] but one is reminded of Hannah Arendt's insight into 'meaningless' representing the 'devaluation of all values' (Arendt, 1958, p.236) cited in *Return to Meaning* by Mats Alvesson et al.[24]

The simple truth is that while SMEs try to produce, sell, buy, produce, sell, buy...and, like many customers, try to use resources as sustainably as they can, and while academics research and write about the various aspects of CE, the major users of resources, Tesla, Apple, Microsoft and Salesforce, to name but a few of the global giants, continue to use only freshly mined resources and newly manufactured products in the machines they sell; the underlying truth being that in the modern world, the wealthiest capitalists and customers will only ever use the newest, the best and the fastest of everything so they can win the Who's made the most profit and who's the smartest? competition. The UN knows this. The SDGs are only for the masses. It is hard to comprehend why we don't talk about it more.

Indeed it is this blindness, acceptance and lack of scrutiny by the Left that have caused critiques of capitalism to collapse and why the Left is so easily blamed for the mess actually created by transnational capitalist corporations. The Labour Government's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband, claims Marxist heritage but he is implementing elitist UN Sustainable Development Goals and blindly driving the ruin of the UK economy according to researchers like Ben Pile [25]

whose articles, scathingly critical of energy policies and the Left, rely on alt media like Spiked and The Daily Sceptic to be published. While working class jobs and family businesses are wrecked in their thousands, subsidised capitalists make billions [26]. In 2016, the Rockefellers, encouraging fossil fuels divestment increased their own holdings by 4.2% [4].

The most significant development to have consolidated the system analysed by Marx yet ignored by the Left has been the accelerating takeover of humanity's work and life by Technology. The elites, and in particular the Rockefellers, have played important roles in this. In cybernetics development, they underwrote Vannevar Bush's huge analog computer at the MIT, funded Norman Wiener's research and book *Cybernetics* in 1948 and, for AI, funded the Dartmouth Conference in 1956 where the term 'artificial intelligence' was coined by John McCarthy [27]. Had Marx lived today, he would probably have analysed how AI increases profits for owners (or it would not be used) but also increases the public's and their services' dependence on computers, and when robots are employed in their stead, technology makes workers redundant; outcomes that only benefit owners, shareholders, tech experts and elite customers. There is also mounting evidence that AI is being developed by corporations and governments explicitly to manipulate the unwary by stimulating the brain's emotional rather than rational reaction, thus enabling exploitation 'at scale' [28]. As for AI's role in rural development, one can only wonder what Marx would have thought of the Rockefeller Foundation's Artificial Intelligence For Development initiative that provides village women in India with solar panels 'to put inclusivity and equity at the center of this work...and to integrate AI solutions into climate work across the Foundation' [29].

Digitalised ID and currency will enable global surveillance and control of every individual connected to the network. During 2022, in the name of serving the world's most vulnerable, several research teams sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation investigated the potential of central bank digital currencies with one of the conclusions seeming to be that it would provide more security for the poor and needy if others manage their finances for them [30]. In 2023, the World Economic Forum announced that it was 'cautiously optimistic a carefully-designed CBDC could give a new payments tool with best features of cash, digital payments and crypto.' The growth of surveillance technologies, Smart gadgets for domestic and vehicle use and the push for Smart cities via the UN Agenda 30 and UN Habitat's Our City Plans [31] advance the goal of the integration of social life and technology.

There are other events and structures which the Left generally ignores such as how in 2009, David Rockefeller Jr handed the responsibility of 'saving the world' to Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and other billionaire members of The Good Club like George Soros, Ted Turner and Michael Bloomberg [32]. The middle class is now huge, including Academia and most of the Left. Supporting with their taxes and administering the Welfare State, it takes advantage of the system established by the elites who have been particularly careful to divert attention away from national and global class inequities by absorbing idealism and energy into campaigns that usually increase profits (decarbonisation and changing sex [33,34]) or that are no threat to profits.

Leftism is perpetually blamed for our government's ruinous energy and economic policies and for destructive ideologies, decisions and actions unfavourably impacting people's lives and cultures at local, national and international levels from the

Americas, to Europe and India. Yet the question must be asked: Is the Left really to blame?

There has been a failure to examine the role of the modern State as the lynchpin of the developing totalitarian global corporatist-capitalist structure, a failure that leaves the Left open to attack since it is generally believed that Leftism means a large strong State to enforce Socialism/Communism. However, such analysis is wrong for two reasons. First, it has always been the powerful and wealthy (royalty, army, religions and the large landowners, capitalists, bankers and traders) who have deliberately empowered the State in their interests. Secondly, Marx was bitterly opposed to the State, reporting in *Capital* volume I that it was royalty and the State via legislation that, by threatening the poor with physical punishment, imprisonment and even death, would 'ensure a supply of exploitable labour.' (Appendix I)

Another fundamental issue the Left has largely failed to examine is how the manufacture of the tech used by this totalitarian system depends on resources from the Earth's crust, on vast amounts of electrical energy and on the exploitation of innumerable poor people including, as reported bravely by Siddharth Kara in *Cobalt Red* [35], cobalt-digging children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, cobalt being considered an 'essential mineral' needed in 'metallurgical applications (used in) aerospace, defence, energy, electronics, telecommunications, transportation technologies, rechargeable batteries for electronics and electric vehicles in aircraft engines as a strong metal superalloy in industrial, commercial, and military sectors...' [36]. Without doubt, Marx would have described the children's exploitation and conditions, and calculated the profits of Apple, Google, Tesla, Microsoft, Dell and Glencore [37]. Today, though, who analyses the material structure upholding our production system and way of life and the ever-expanding technocratic control threatening us? Is this obscene class division into a minority elite, a huge middle class and desperately poor workers, acceptable? How many intellectuals put pressure on those companies? How many charities or well-funded NGOs are taking the children out of the mud and into schools, and establishing health centres? Are there any Marxists attempting to unionise Congolese workers? Does the Chinese Communist Party know that Chinese middlemen buy cobalt cheap and sell it on for a good profit? Everyone knows that Chinese renewables and tech products are the cheapest but where are the dollars now to pay the Congolese men and women properly for their labour and to establish in their villages and towns the sort of utilities, water and hygiene infrastructure we take for granted here? A land decimated by decades of Western pillaging of resources, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is possibly the worst capitalist-caused blight on the planet. How many who consider themselves Socialist know that one of the Rockefellers married the daughter of the powerful American Republican Senator Nelson W. Aldrich who defended big capitalists, laid the basis for the Federal Reserve and supported the tyrannical Belgian king Leopold II who had made the former territory of the Congo Free State his own? Such information is rarely publicised when the Left seems more focussed on trying to control the climate.

Since it is through 21st century national and local governments that the ambitions of elites who want an unelected totalitarian Global Government are being realised, it is urgent that we understand the true nature of the State. Current circumstances have not improved with the 2025 election of Donald Trump even though he has condemned the 'climate change scam' and

encourages drilling for hydrocarbons (to power AI). By his side are ambitious men and women who dislike democracy [38] and would impose global totalitarian technocratic governance on the rest of us [39] Ordinary working people are on the road to servitude unless, by struggle and protest together [40] the threat of tyrannical global rule by the Blob can be ended.

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Appendix I: Extracts from Capital about Marx's critical opinion of the State

Marx describes. [1] how State legislation created the first workers to ensure a supply of exploitable labour: 'Legislation on wage-labour...begins in England with the Statute of Labourers issued by Edward III in 1349...It was forbidden, on pain of imprisonment, to pay higher wages than those fixed by the statute...All combinations, contracts, oaths etc. by which masons and carpenters reciprocally bound themselves were declared null and void...while the state certainly dictates a maximum of wages, it on no account fixes a minimum.' Under Henry VII and Henry VIII, "sturdy vagabonds" were to be whipped and imprisoned. During Elizabeth I's reign, "Unlicensed beggars above 14 years of age are to be severely flogged and branded on the left ear unless someone will take them into service for two years; in case of a repetition of the offence, if they are over 18, they are to be executed, unless someone will take them into service for two years; but for the third offence they are to be executed without mercy as felons."

Also: 'The rising bourgeoisie needs the power of the state and uses it to "regulate" wages, i.e. to force them into the limits suitable for making a profit, to lengthen the working day, and to keep the worker himself at his normal level of dependence. This is an essential aspect of so-called primitive accumulation.' So '...in 1799 Parliament confirmed that the wages of mining workers in Scotland should continue to be regulated by a statute of Elizabeth and the two Scottish Acts of 1661 and 1671...' Later, after 1813 when the laws for the regulation of wages were repealed...' the capitalist...'was able to make up the wage of the agricultural labourer to the indispensable minimum by means of the poor-rate.' Today's Universal Credit is reminiscent of that 'poor-rate.' Marx chastised the late 19th century British State thus: '...only against its will, and under the pressure of the masses, did the English Parliament give up the laws against strikes and trade unions, after it had itself, with shameless egoism, held the position of a permanent trade union of the capitalists against the workers throughout five centuries.'

Marx explained how public debt is more the burden of working families than anyone else: 'The public debt becomes one of the most powerful levers of primitive accumulation...it endows unproductive money with the power of creation and thus turns it into capital...The state's creditors actually give nothing away, for the sum lent is transformed into public bonds, easily negotiable, which go on functioning in their hands just as so much hard cash would. But furthermore, and quite apart from the class of idle rentiers thus created, the improvised wealth of the financiers who play the role of middlemen between the government and the nation, and the tax-farmers, merchants and private manufacturers, for whom a good part of every national loan performs the service of a capital fallen from heaven...the national debt has given rise to joint-stock companies, to dealings in negotiable effects of all kinds, and to speculation: in a word, it has given rise to stock-exchange gambling and the modern bankocracy.' Indeed, Marx's analysis of how the State benefits capitalists and bankers would be exactly what fuelled their antipathy to him and his work.

Appendix II: Notes on the character of the State during changes from capitalism to Socialism/Communism as indicated by Marx

It would be revealing to analyse the Soviet experience to see how much of its production failures was due to a misunderstanding of Marx and how much was due to the influence of American capitalism. Peter Hudis has claimed that 'Radical movements have suffered from the depths of Marx's critique not being fully understood' and that 'By confusing the "dictatorship of the proletariat" with the initial phase of socialism or communism, many have assumed that the state – which in a limited form prevails in the political transition period – also continues in socialism/communism.' [2] Indeed, people would be better served by replacing the word 'dictatorship' with 'freedom' since, when exploitation ends and there is no more theft of profit, there will be no capitalist or working class and therefore the State will, as predicted by Marx and Engels, wither away.

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