

Election 2024: Avoid Being a 'Useful Idiot'

Megan Basham, author of the controversial bestseller "Shepherds for Sale," says that at the end of his life, Frederick Engels (co-author with Karl Marx of "The Communist Manifesto") was asked this question: "Who did you most dislike in your promotion of socialism?"

Engels answered: "Spurgeon." Engels believed he could use a counterfeit form of Christianity to advance his cause, but he could never manipulate Spurgeon, the "prince of preachers."

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In the Bible, certain elite leaders disparaged Peter and John, smearing them as "common" (Acts 4:13), from the Greek *idiotes*, translated "idiot." The reference is to someone who is stupid, foolish and easily manipulated.

Ruthless Russian leaders Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin both employed the phrase "useful idiot" to describe sympathizers who blindly supported their radical socialist ideology.

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In the upcoming presidential election, we must choose between a progressive leftist Democrat who supports core principles of socialism and a populist Republican former president who supports free-market capitalism.

So none of us falls prey to being a useful idiot for either the Republicans or the Democrats, I offer some insights to help you be prudent in casting your vote. The Bible directs us

to exercise “discernment that you may approve the things that are excellent” (Phil. 1:9b-10a, NKJV), not idiotic!

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