



After Attending Communist Event, Mega-rich Democrat Senator Pleads Ignorance

He had no idea, he says, that he was speaking at a ceremony hosted by representatives of history's most prolifically mass-murdering ideologists. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) is only 75 years old with approximately four decades spent in politics, after all, and maybe he was sleepwalking when the woman introducing him spoke of how important the Communist Party was to their movement.

The day was December 11, and the scene was the annual Amistad Awards ceremony hosted by the Connecticut People's World Committee, an affiliate of the Communist Party USA. Blumenthal spoke for approximately seven minutes, [according](#) to the *Hartford Courant*, which also reports that the event took place at a New Haven church and that three friends were being honored.

Afterwards, Blumenthal was "blasted on national websites and television, as well as by state and national Republicans," the paper further informs. The senator's response has been to pull a Sergeant Schultz ("[I know nothing!](#)").

"My understanding was that this ceremony was strictly a labor event,' Blumenthal said Friday in a telephone interview," the *Courant* also related. "If I had known the details, I wouldn't have gone.... Let me just say very emphatically, I'm a Democrat and a strong believer in American capitalism. I have been consistently a Democrat and a strong supporter and believer in American capitalism."

Of course, pointing out that he's been consistently a Democrat may not help convince many today that he believes in "capitalism" (i.e., economic freedom; the term "capitalism" was originated by socialists). Regardless, many aver that his plea of ignorance is laughable.

"I already have a very low opinion of Senator Richard Blumenthal for his lie about having served in Vietnam, aka stolen valor, and his left-wing voting record," [writes](#) one of these rightful doubters, commentator Thomas Lifson. "But I don't think the senator, a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, is stupid enough to have attended as a celebration of the 102nd anniversary of the Communist Party USA 'surprise guest' without realizing it was a celebration of the 102nd anniversary of the Communist Party USA."

Note that regarding the Connecticut People's World Committee (CPWC), any experienced person in my business (journalism) or Blumenthal's knows that the term "people's" connotes a communist orientation when used to describe an entity. Ergo, the *People's* Republic of China, the Democratic *People's*



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Republic of Korea (North Korea), the *People's Daily* (Beijing's official newspaper), and the *People's World* (an American Marxist newspaper). The only term the commies seem to like as much in a name is "workers."

Yet even this basic knowledge was unnecessary, as Blumenthal was standing near one Lisa Bergmann, a Communist Party member, when she introduced him at the event and mentioned how important the Communist Party was to their movement (video below).

Moreover, the senator alluded to the event's unsavory hosts in his speech. "You don't have to agree with anyone or everyone, with any party or any particular union or organization," he stated. "I'm here to honor the great tradition of activism and standing up for individual workers that is represented by the three honorees."

Yet this raises a question: If a Republican attended a Nazi- or KKK-hosted event, would such an excuse pass muster? Would we hear crickets from mainstream media as we do with Blumenthal?

What's more, far from Bergmann's Communist Party mention being a one-off, the ceremony organizers actually used the occasion as a recruitment event. As *National Review* [tells us](#):

"If you are not already part of the Communist Party, we invite you to participate and contribute and join," Bergmann said after Blumenthal's speech concluded. "There's more and more people talking about socialism in this country as it becomes more and more clear that capitalism is not going to work for our future."

[Fellow emcee Ben] McManus similarly urged attendees to "join the Communist Party in this epic time as we make good trouble to uproot systemic racism, retool the war economy, tax the rich, address climate change, secure voting rights, and create a new socialist system that puts people, peace, and planet before profits."

Yet speaking of profits, we could ask what the CPWC makes of Blumenthal being one of the wealthiest senators, with a worth of some \$100 million — "a little less than a dollar for every human being murdered by communist tyrants," as *The New American's* R. Cort Kirkwood [noted last week](#). One is only left to wonder who the useful idiot is here: Blumenthal, the CPWC organizers, or both.

None of this is surprising, however, as "the last two years have proven that Democrats are increasingly sympathetic to open socialists, Marxists, and communists in their ranks," Kirkwood reminds us.

"Recall that Project Veritas released undercover recordings of socialist Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign staffers who promised gulags and guillotines for their enemies, not least rich Republicans, if he won the presidency," he explains, providing an example.

"Democrats ignored it," Kirkwood continues. "So did Sanders" — and so did the media.

Note, too, you old-line Democrats, that one of those staffers mentioned putting the Clintons up against a wall as well (you know, *bang-bang*).

Yet while Democrats' mask has been dropping of late, their socialist affinities are nothing new. Remember that Barack Obama himself appointed communists to office upon taking power. One was his "Green Jobs Czar" Van Jones, who, while chuckling, called himself a communist; a second example was former communications director Anita Dunn, who said that communist Chinese strongman Mao Tse-



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tung — who murdered perhaps 60 million people — was one of her two favorite philosophers.

But this is no surprise. Remember also that John Drew, a contemporary of Obama's at Occidental College with whom I've spoken personally, [related years ago](#) that back in the 1980s Obama was an "ardent" "Marxist-Leninist" who "was in 100 percent, total agreement with [his] Marxist professors." The rot is deep.

As for Blumenthal being at the CPWC to honor three "friends," as my mother used to say, "Tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you who you are."



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