

Book Review

United In Hate: The Left's Romance with Tyranny and Terror, by Jamie Glazov, 352 pages, hardcover, \$30.00, ISBN-13: 979-8895654514, Bombardier Books, 2026.

Glazov begins this fast-moving, information-packed book with the observation that "Throughout the twentieth century, the western left supported one totalitarian killing machine after another.... After 9/11, when the Islamist death cult made itself the West's new worst adversary, history repeats itself." This book is dedicated to exploring the reasons why.

The true believer's totalitarian journey begins with an acute sense of alienation from his own society, Glazov writes, an alienation to which he is completely blind. In denial about the character flaws that prevent him from bonding with his own people, the believer has convinced himself that there is something profoundly wrong with his society and fantasizes about building a perfect society where he will, finally, fit in.

The Left and Islam share pathologies described in Eric Hoffer's book *The True Believer*. These "death cult cousins" sacralize death. Dying for the cause and killing for the cause can both be sacraments of true-believer cults.

In the first half of the book Glazov summarizes the important events and actors in the history of communism, regimes of terror and genocide that attracted the support of leftists in Western countries, who were hopeful that communism would

displace free-market capitalism.

Western leftists pretended there was no problem with communism, and when Islamism became a major player they added their support for Islam, which is another threat to the survival of free-market, self-governing Western civilization and culture.

In the second half of the book, which is about Islam, my only disagreement with Glazov is that he argues that Islam adopted some of the characteristics of communism and fascism, while I would argue that Islam was totalitarian and tyrannical centuries before Hitler and Mussolini. The greatest obligation of the Islamist is to submit his will to the deity and if the opportunity arises to give his life for it. Martyrdom and suicide become the favored expression of this submission. The killing of nonbelievers is the duty of Islamists, and they have a religious fetish about the importance of bloodletting.

In the chapter "To Hate a Woman," Glazov states that "Islamism's war on private love drives most of its energy from a deep-seated misogyny.... In this dynamic of sexual repression and misogyny, love is reduced to violent male domination which becomes directly intertwined with terrorism against societies that allow women freedom, especially sexual freedom."

Female genital mutilation is part of the Islamic consideration of women as subhuman chattel, dirty creatures, an evil force that corrupts males. Glazov covers other Muslim customs including honor

killing, child brides, arranged marriages, and wife beating, which Western leftists ignore.

Glazov references Manhattan Institute fellow Kay Hymowitz, who asserts that leftist feminists have to deny what Islam imposes because they are in sympathy with the political agenda of Islamists.

Better to let women suffer under a vicious regime than to admit that there are cultures to which the west is superior.... When the empirical evidence begins to make it impossible for leftist feminists to deny the barbarity of Islamic gender apartheid they switch to the second excuse.... They are so only because of the oppression and humiliation they suffer.

Glazov writes that the envy that energizes socialist collectivists has a corresponding negative in Islam. The second-class nature of Islam is fertile ground for resentful anger and frustrations. "They cannot live with themselves or the fault in creation and they are at war with both. Because they are miserable themselves, they cannot abide the happiness of others."

In the last chapter, "The Bonds of Jew Hate," Glazov focuses on leftists, even Jewish leftists, who hate Israel and Jews and cheer Islamic attacks on them.

This book helps me understand this perplexing alliance.

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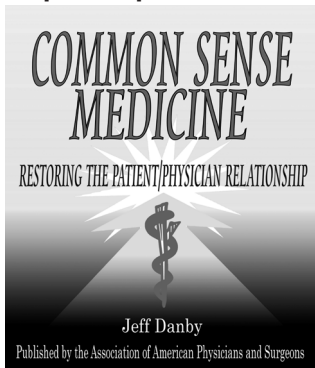
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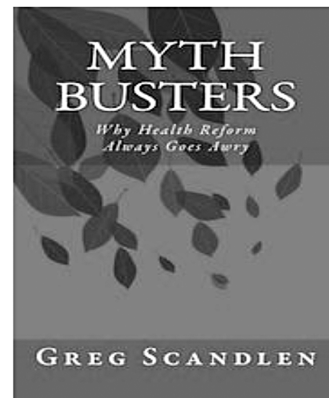
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