## Is Nancy Pelosi really a Russian mole?

From our 'off the wall politics' department comes a probing question: "Given her continuing intransigence on finding a compromise that would put 800,000 of the U.S. government's workforce back to work, is she not revealing her deep-seated Russian sympathies by preventing our government from functioning?" In fact, that brings her whole tenure as a Congress(wo)man into question and her 32-year long push for bigger, old soviet-style governance, as in the case of national healthcare. Back in 2010, she might have inadvertently revealed her preference for a 'people's system' when she said the following about the passage of the Patients Affordable Health Care Act, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what's in it." A very memorable and telling sentence that could betray her true allegiance to socialist/communist type top-down control of the people.

During the George W. Bush Administration, Mrs. Pelosi opposed the President's proposal to alter or partially privatize the Social Security system. The proposal was for workers to be able to re-direct a portion of their Social Security withholding into stocks and bonds. Pelosi would have nothing of it. As minority leader, she managed to get most of her colleagues to oppose it most likely with promises of vacations at her Dacha in the Bay Area, thus preserving the Social(ist) Security System. Indeed, all of Mrs. Pelosi's life has been spent in cultivating the good old boy lifestyle. While she was making millions (her net worth is estimated to be \$26 million), she routinely gave lip service to the plight of America's Middle Class (something every good Russian Politburo member did). She was one with her Russian bosses on the subject of war. On January 5, 2007, reacting to suggestions from President Bush's confidantes that he would increase troop levels in Iraq (which he announced in a speech a few days later), Pelosi joined with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to condemn the plan. They sent Bush a letter: "There is no purely military solution in Iraq. There is only a political solution. Adding more combat troops will only endanger more Americans and stretch our military to the breaking point for no strategic gain. ...Rather than deploy additional forces to Iraq, we believe the way forward is to begin the phased redeployment of our forces in the next four to six months, while shifting the principal mission of our forces there from combat to training, logistics, force protection and counter-terror."

This strategy was, of course, right out of the Russians' playbook. By keeping the U.S. out of Iraq, the Russians could gradually phase their way in. Score another one for the mole in the Congress.

In 2017, Congressman Tim Ryan announced that he would run to replace Mrs. Pelosi as Minority Leader. It became plain to the Russians that if this were to happen they would lose their mole, so they organized a 'back door' smear operation against Ryan. The plan worked. Pelosi won reelection as Leader by a vote of 134 to 63. A victory for Mother Russia! This situation only lasted a little over a half-year when Congress(wo)man Kathleen Rice mounted yet another challenge to Comrade Pelosi's iron-fisted rule. Once again, her Russian 'team' convinced Representative Rice of the folly of her intentions. She wisely listened to reason and was probably given a condo on the Black Sea for her cooperation.

In February of 2018, Pelosi broke the record for longest speech in the House of Representatives when she spent more than eight hours recounting stories from *Dreamers* – (DACA recipients, individuals who were brought to the United States as minors by their illegal immigrant parents). Her harangue was meant to sabotage a budget deal which would raise spending caps without addressing the future of said 'Dreamers' which were at risk of deportation by the Trump administration. It is said that what was really behind her actions was to get legal residency status for a select group of the larger group of Dreamers who had pledged their personal allegiance to Vladimir Putin and the newly-formed 'New Era Young Communists' group already operating clandestinely in California. This group would help Russia disrupt the Trump Administration's programs by holding protest rallies and conducting social media smear campaigns AND to supply false information on the President's connections with Russia.

The bottom line on all of this speculative and fanciful conspiratorial claptrap is to show how anything can be misconstrued and used against any individual. And, yes, there is no truth in the rumor that Mrs. Pelosi has a penchant for drinking Black Russians or is going to run for President in 2020. Or is there?

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