

BOOKS

The Fascism of the ‘Third Wave’

---On January 5, the second day of the 1995 Congressional session, the newly-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, was the first witness to appear before the House Ways and Means Committee to testify on his “Contact with America.”

Gingrich opened his testimony by proclaiming that he believed that we had reached a turning point in American history, and he then listed his four primary goals which were at the heart of “where we have to go.” These goals, he continued, “should shape every committee in the House, and they should shape the way in which we work with the administration.”

“The first goal,” said Gingrich, “has to be to take seriously the Alvin and Heidi Toffler concept of the information age, of a Third Wave that follows on a First Wave agricultural society and a Second Wave industrial society.” After noting some implications for the tax code, etc., he went on to say: “I would suggest to you and to your staff and to the witnesses you bring in, that about every policy we should ask the question, does it accelerate our transition into a Third Wave information age, or does it slow it down; does it increase the freedom of entrepreneurs and individuals to have the sources to get there or does it weaken them? And I believe you will find that you are shaped by different considerations than you might have expected.”

After hearing such gibberish, any rational, normal American might ask “What is this man talking about?” A citizen need only pick up this book—or any of the earlier books by Alvin Toffler from which it is drawn—to see that the ideas that Gingrich and Toffler propound pose a dire threat to our republic and our civilization.

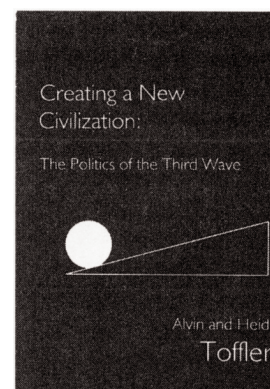
In the view of Gingrich and Toffler, industrial capitalism is the enemy, and the institutions of our society—from the

nuclear family to constitutional government—are outmoded and need to be replaced. This is the key to understanding why Gingrich, the “futurist,” manages to find himself in such close programmatic agreement with the followers of one of the most reactionary schools of economics ever to ooze out of the decaying oligarchy of Europe, the so-called “Austrian School” of Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich von Hayek. The Hayekians are the real architects of the “Contract with America,” with its plans to demolish and slash social programs, privatize government agencies, deregulate the economy, and decentralize and dismember our once-great sovereign republic.

The “Austrian School” hates the principles of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of industrial capitalism. In the Nineteenth century, the “American System” of economics—which every literate American used to know was counterposed to the “British System”—was the prime target of the “Austrian School”—along with the growing industrial might of Germany, which was made possible by the *Zollverein* customs union designed by American System economist Friedrich List.

Today, these anti-republican, anti-capitalist reactionaries are joined by the “futurists” such as Gingrich and Toffler, who arrive at their own hostility to industrial capitalism and republican institutions from a different direction.

Listen to the Tofflers themselves speak, in *Creating a New Civilization*: “It has belatedly begun to dawn on people that industrial civilization is coming to an end.” The main conflict we face, they stress, is not between Islam and the West, as suggested by Samuel Huntington; nor is it the case that America is in decline, as Paul Kennedy declares, nor is it that we are at the “end of history” as Francis Fukuyama believes. The bit-



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ter struggle of today, the Tofflers instruct us, is the one now raging “between those who seek to preserve industrialism and those who seek to supplant it.”

The problem with existing political parties and institutions, we are told, is that they are all basically committed to preserving “the dying industrial order.” This includes a misguided and ill-fated commitment “to preserving the core institutions of industrial mass society,” among which the Tofflers include the nuclear family, mass public education, big corporations, big trade unions, and the nation-state.

Shamelessly, the Tofflers reprint a passage from the 1980 *The Third Wave* in which they contend that “the most important political development of our time is the emergence in our midst of two basic camps, one committed to Second Wave civilization, the other to Third. One is tenaciously dedicated to preserving the core institutions of industrial mass society—the nuclear family, the mass education system, the giant corporation, the mass trade union, the cen-

tralized nation-state, and the politics of pseudo-representative government. The other recognizes that today's most urgent problems, from energy, war, and poverty to ecological degradation and the breakdown of familial relationships, can no longer be resolved within the framework of an industrial civilization."

In Gingrich's foreword to this book, he is unequivocal in his praise for the Tofflers. He boasts that he has been working closely with them for two decades, and there is not a hint of any reservation on Gingrich's part to any of Toffler's nutty ideas, or to his demands to overthrow our social and

political institutions.

One passage from *The Third Wave* which Gingrich's Progress & Freedom Foundation does not dare include in this book, is one in which Toffler identified what he regards as the three main outmoded ideas that bound Second Wave nations together. These were, according to Toffler: (1) the idea that humans should hold dominion over nature; (2) that industrialism was a higher stage of evolution than non-industrial cultures; and (3) the "progress principle—the idea that history flows irreversibly toward a better life for humanity."

How Far The Population Control Gang Will Go To Discredit Its Foes

Population researcher Stephen Mumford has produced another in a long string of hysterical attacks on the Catholic Church for its opposition to population control. This latest was timed to coincide with the U.N.'s September 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo—Mumford distributed four hundred advance copies of the book there—with the obvious intent of discrediting the Vatican's aggressive campaign to remove the most genocidal elements of the Cairo draft program.

A release promoting *The Life and Death of NSSM 200* bluntly states that its purpose is to examine "the lengths to which the Vatican is willing to go in its battle to save the Papacy from extinction, including the destruction of American democratic institutions," and quotes Mumford asserting that, "we must publicly identify the arch-enemy of population growth control, and attack it directly. Public enemy number one is clearly the Vatican."

Using language and methods akin to the wildest Nativist rantings of the Nineteenth Century, Mumford attempts to do just that; but what he actually accomplishes is to reveal the depths to which the population control lobby will descend to destroy its enemies.

This is not the first time that Mumford, based at the Center for Research on Population and Security in North Carolina, has attacked the Vatican in such a fashion. In addition to developing new sterilization methods, Mumford has devoted much of his career to manufacturing venomous and outlandish attacks on the Vatican for its pro-natalist policies.

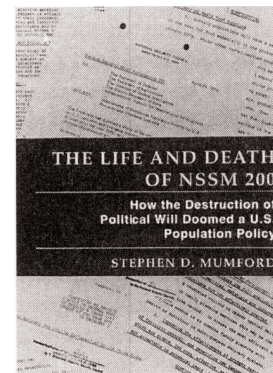
Targeting the Vatican

Mumford made his public debut as a Catholic-baiter in the early 1980's, when he published an article in the *Humanist* magazine, in which he violently denounced the Vatican as a national security threat to the United States because of its opposition to population control, and urged Catholics to rebel against the Vatican by setting up autocephalic churches that would break the back of Papal authority.

He subsequently published two related books, a 1984 volume entitled *American Democracy and the Vatican: Population Growth and National Security*, and a 1986 production called *The Pope and the New Apocalypse: The Holy War Against Family Planning*. Both reiterated the principal argument he made in the *Humanist*: strict population control is necessary for the "security-survival" of the United States; the Vatican

First in Toffler's list of such outmoded optimists is the great German philosopher and founder of the modern science of political economy, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz—which goes to the heart of the matter. Common sense can tell you that these people are insane, that computers won't feed you, house you, or clothe you. If you want to know what's really wrong with this computerized kookery, you could do no better than to revisit the discussion of information theory in the article "On LaRouche's Discovery," published in *Fidelio*, Vol. III, No. 1, Spring 1994.

—Edward W. Spannaus



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is the main obstacle to such measures; therefore, the Vatican must be destroyed.

NSSM 200

Aside from its links to the Cairo depopulation conference, what distinguishes Mumford's latest entry is its explicit focus on NSSM 200, one of the pivotal documents underlying the current global campaign to enforce draconian population reduction. As part of his campaign to encourage NSSM 200's revival, Mumford prints the study's entire text—the only useful service the book performs.