

America On Nazi Road

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Having lived as a boy and a young soldier through the Nazi rule in Germany, the Elian Gonzalez case was of particular significance for me. In watching the seizure of the child, I could barely believe my eyes. It was reminiscent in so many ways of the tactics used by the Gestapo in my country.

Equally as disturbing is the fact that Americans don't see the parallels between this midnight raid and Nazi Germany. Instead, to my great horror, polls indicate that most Americans supported Janet Reno's decision to grab the boy by force, and think that he would be better off in Cuba than in the U.S.

Has America forgotten that it is the leader of the Free World?

If my parents had had the opportunity to send me and my three siblings to a free country (say Switzerland for example) to be raised and educated, they would have done so. They, however, had no choice but to subject us to the godless Nazi indoctrination. But the Nazi empire was short-lived compared to the 40 years of totalitarian rule in Cuba. There the Communists have mastered mind control, and are far more entrenched than the Nazis ever were in Germany.

I had the occasion to visit Cuba, and was able to see the efficient and attractive schools throughout the island. The buildings are lovely, and are most successful in teaching their main course: godless Communism.

Elain's father has approximately the same freedom that my father did in 1940. My father was not free to oppose the Nazi philosophy and had to be careful even in front of us children. Neither is Elian's father free, but unlike my father he is a willing part of the godless system. The Nazis were national socialists, and the Communists are international socialists. I like to call them "Red Nazis" because the underlying principle is the same: rule by lies and brute force.

The nature of a modern totalitarian state is different than that of a democratic republic. Children do not belong to their parents but to the state. One principle feature of totalitarianism is its demand for total submission of every individual and

society as a whole including religion to the state. Unwittingly, Americans, who feel that Elian belongs to his father subscribe the destruction of the child's soul.

The Miami raid reminds me of the time when the discrimination of the Jews started in Nazi Germany. There was no outcry from the German people. Ministers did not speak of it from the pulpits. Most people were busy with their own affairs and didn't want to be bothered if it didn't affect them personally. They all too willingly accepted the lies of the Nazi government. This is not to say that they were not also afraid.

The persecution started with small infringements on the rights of the Jews and other dissenters, including Christians, and ended in the Holocaust and fifty million people killed in World War II.

The trampling of the rights of one Cuban-American family seems not to have bothered most Americans. But to me, who grew up during the Nazi reign, I see an eerie pattern evolving. Bill Clinton and Janet Reno lied, broke the law and violated the rights of their citizens in order to achieve their purposes unrelated to the well being of the boy. The Nazis operated precisely in the same way. The government decided what is right and wrong not the law. Both call the result of their illegal action justice.

Is the United States, whose Statue of Liberty is a beacon of freedom throughout the globe, abandoning that quality sought after the world over?

Are Americans so oblivious to the threats to their own freedom? Or are they like the people of Nazi Germany: too busy to care (or even notice) if it doesn't directly involve them?

At stake is the very soul of the United States. Wake up America! Fight for your freedom before it's too late.

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