A new age of socialist hell

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Arbeit Macht Frei (Work makes you free). It was that ironic sign the Jews saw as they entered by the millions into Nazi concentration camps like Auschwitz, Dachau, Mauthausen, Buchenwald, Flossenbürg, Bergen-Belsen – which comprised a network of 1,200 camps and sub-camps scattered throughout Germany and Europe under Nazi control between 1933-45.

I was musing about a recent trip I had taken to the Holocaust Memorial Center here in Farmington Hills, Mich. Near the end of our tour of this magnificent historical facility, our guide brought us to a large picture of the entrance to the Auschwitz concentration camp depicting that iconic sign written in those foreboding iron letters – *Arbeit Macht Frei*. She then pointed out something I had never heard before: “Carefully examine the sign above. Look at the letter ‘B’ in the word ‘ARBEIT.’ Notice anything unusual? The letter ‘B’ is upside down. This was a telling clue that through this gate the Jews would be the diabolical opposite of what they had been told by the Nazis – truth is lie, up is down, good is evil, evil is good … to work here is to die here.”

Arbeit Macht Frei.

In other words, inside these gates, we the Nazi government commands you what to think. We the Nazi government commands you how to act. We the Nazi government dictates to you what your life, destiny and fate will be. Under Nazi propaganda, the Jews were told that because of the war they were being shipped to concentration camps for their protection; that their safety and well-being was secure if they followed only one simple rule – unquestioned obedience to all Nazi orders, including *Arbeit Macht Frei.*

Like with the devil, even if the Nazis told the truth, it was a lie.

To the Jews *Arbeit Macht Frei* meant if we work hard, follow all of the Nazi rules, after the war we will be set free. To Hitler and the Nazis *Arbeit Macht Frei* was the literary equivalent of the sign depicted above the gates of hell in Dante’s “Inferno” – *Abandon All Hope Ye Who Enter Here.* True, the Jews were taken to the showers, but there was no water there – only poisonous Zyklon-B gas used to kill rats; a slow, painful death that could take up to 45 minutes of agony to complete its ghastly end.

Astonishingly, the Germans got millions of intelligent people to willingly enter concentration camps under the grotesque, perverse, genocidal lie *Arbeit Macht Frei.*

On a less extreme level than Nazi tyranny and genocide, I wonder … has America sown the wind by re-electing Barack Obama? If so, then we should collectively get ready to reap the whirlwind in a new age of socialist hell we have brought upon ourselves.
Here are the exit polls designated by race and ethnicity:

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