1 in 3 Millennials View Communism Favorably, Survey Finds

A growing number of millennials show support for communism and socialism, a new survey from the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation found.

The <u>survey</u>, conducted by the research and data firm YouGov, found that 70 percent of millennials are likely to vote socialist and that 1 in 3 millennials perceive communism as "favorable."

The survey, part of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation's report "U.S. Attitudes Toward Socialism, Communism, and Collectivism," from Sept. 6-13 polled 2,100 people in the United States who were 16 and older. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.4 percent.

A little over half of the millennials polled said the Declaration of Independence "guarantees freedom and equality" better than "The Communist Manifesto."

"The historical amnesia about the dangers of communism and socialism is on full display in this year's report," said <u>Marion Smith</u>, executive director of the <u>Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation</u>.

"When we don't educate our youngest generations about the historical truth of 100 million victims murdered at the hands of communist regimes over the past century, we shouldn't be surprised at their willingness to embrace Marxist ideas," Smith added. "We need to redouble our efforts to educate America's youth about the history of communist regimes and the dangers of socialism today."

Millennials polled also said they consider President Donald Trump the "biggest threat to world peace," rating Trump as more dangerous to world peace than Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, or Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Ten percent of millennials said Trump is "responsible for more deaths and human rights abuses" than mass murderer and Russian leader Josef Stalin or notorious German dictator Adolf Hitler.

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