

The Magic Socialist



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[dropcap]S[/dropcap]o here it is, the announcement we've been waiting for ... all aboard for another cruise on the new and improved U.S.S. Magic Socialist with your captain Bernie Sanders at the helm! If you're not familiar with this extraordinary vessel, it's like the luxury liner in [The Magic Christian](#), except catering to credulous American socialists instead of the British filthy rich. Tickets start at just \$27 dollars ... so hurry,

because they're going fast!

That's right, folks, Bernie is back, and this time it's not just a sadistic prank where he gets you all fired up about his fake "revolution" for fifteen months, gets cheated out of the nomination, then backs whichever corporate-bought candidate the Democratic Party orders you to vote for.

No, this time the Bernster really means it! This time, when the DNC rigs the primaries to hand the nomination to Harris, or Biden, or some billionaire android like Michael Bloomberg, Bernie is not going to break your heart by refusing to run as an independent candidate, un beholden to the corporations and oligarchs that own both political parties, or otherwise make you feel like a sucker for buying his "revolution" schtick. He's not going to fold like a fifty dollar suit and start parroting whatever propaganda the corporate media will be prodigiously spewing to convince you the Russians and Nazis are coming unless you vote for the empire's pre-anointed puppet!

Bernie would never dream of doing that ... or at least he'd never dream of doing that twice.

There are limits, after all, to people's gullibility. It's not like you can just run the same con, with the same fake message and the same fake messiah, over and over, and expect folks to fall for it. If you could, well, that would be extremely depressing. That would mean you could get folks to believe almost anything, or that we were stuck in some eternally recurring multi-dimensional reality loop. The next year and a half in American politics would play out like one of those *Groundhog Day* knock offs meets *The Magic Christian* meets *The Usual Suspects*, directed by David Lynch, on acid. We'd be barraged by recycled Feel-the-Bern memes. Hacky sack shares would go through the roof. That creepy little bird would come fluttering back, land on Bernie's podium again, and chirp out "L'Internationale." People would start booking Tim Robbins for

interviews. Ben & Jerry's would roll out another revolutionary flavor of [Bernie ice cream](#) ... and in the end it would all amount to nothing.

Tempting as it must have been to use all their power to demonize Trump in order to teach the world what happens when you get elected president without their permission, they restrained themselves...That might have left people with the false impression that their votes mean absolutely nothing, and that the entire American electoral system is just a simulation of democracy, and in reality they are living in a neo-feudalist, de facto global capitalist empire administrated by omniscient money-worshipping human parasites that won't be satisfied until they've remade the whole of creation in their nihilistic image.

But that's not going to happen this time. No, this time, the U.S.S. Magic Socialist is setting sail straight for Socialismland! This time, it's really the Revolution! The end of global capitalism! And the best part of the whole deal is, you don't even have to take up arms, stage a series of wildcat strikes, blockade major highways, occupy airports, or otherwise cripple the U.S. economy ... all you have to do is vote for Bernie!

See, that's the magic of electoral politics! The global capitalist ruling establishment, despite the fact that they own the banks and the corporations that own the government that owns the military and intelligence services, and despite the fact that they own the media, and all essential industries, and channels of trade, and are relentlessly restructuring the entire planet (which they rule with almost total impunity) to conform to their soulless neoliberal ideology, and are more than happy to unleash [their militarized goons](#) on anyone who gets in their way ... despite all that, if we elect Bernie president, they will have no choice but to peacefully surrender, and transform America into a socialist wonderland!

Sure, they won't be happy about it, but they will have no choice but to go along with whatever Bernie and his followers want, because that's how American democracy works! We've seen it in action these last two years, since Donald Trump got elected president. The establishment wasn't too thrilled about that, but they had to put aside their own selfish interests

and respect the will of the American people ... because imagine what might have happened if they hadn't!

For example, they might have concocted a story about Trump being a Russian intelligence asset who was [personally conspiring with Vladimir Putin](#) to destroy the fabric of Western democracy so that [Russia could take over the entire planet](#). They could have had respected newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* and television networks like CNN and MSNBC disseminate this story, and subtly reinforce it in endless variations, on a daily basis for over two years. They could have appointed a special prosecutor to investigate the facts of their made-up story, and indict a bunch of unextraditable Russians and a handful of inveterate D.C. slimebags to make the whole thing look legitimate. At the same time, they could have had the media warn everybody, over and over, that Trump, in addition to being a traitor, was also [the second coming of Hitler](#), and was on the verge of [torching the Capitol](#), declaring himself Führer, and rounding up the Jews. They could have generated so much mass hysteria and [Putin-Nazi paranoia](#) that liberals would literally be seeing Russians and Nazis coming out of the woodwork!

Fortunately, the global capitalist establishment, out of respect for democracy and the American people, decided not to go that route. If Americans chose to elect a jabbering imbecile president, that was their right, and far be it from the empire to interfere. Tempting as it must have been to use all their power to demonize Trump in order to teach the world what happens when you get elected president without their permission, they restrained themselves ... and thank God for that! I don't even want to contemplate the extent of the rage and cynicism they would have fomented among the public by doing those things I just outlined above. That might have left people with the false impression that their votes mean absolutely nothing, and that the entire American electoral system is just a [simulation of democracy](#), and in reality they

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Thankfully, the ruling classes spared us all that, so now we can hop aboard the Magic Socialist and take another cruise with Cap'n Bernie! Considering how magnanimous they've been with Trump, once Bernie wins the election fair and square, the empire clearly won't have any problems with him nationalizing the American healthcare system, tripling taxes on the super-rich, subsidizing university education, and all that other cool socialism stuff (i.e., the stuff we mostly still have here in Europe, along with some semblance of cultural solidarity, although the global capitalists are working to fix that).

Oh, yeah, and in case you're worried about [Bernie backing the empire's ongoing regime change op in Venezuela](#), don't be. He's just playing 4D chess, like Obama did throughout his presidency, by pretending to do the empire's bidding while he actually went about the business of resurrecting hope and eradicating racism. Bernie's just being sly like that! It might seem like he's aligning himself with mass murdering thugs like Elliot Abrams and [sadistic ass freaks like Marco Rubio](#), but he isn't. Not really. It's just an act. I mean, he has to get elected, doesn't he?

How else are we going to get to Socialismland?

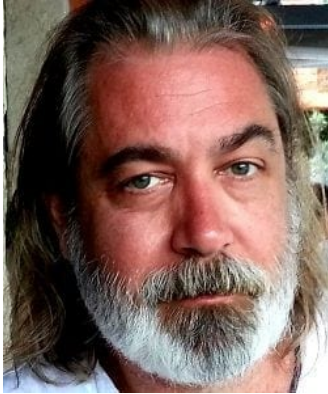
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