

In no other way can Communism be defeated than by the mass diffusion of truth. Communism is a cult — a devotion to an idea which is made to look utopian to economic illiterates through false propaganda and the concealment of Truth. The IDEA cannot be overthrown by any military force or by following any leader or organization. Only we, all of us, as individuals, can destroy it by shattering the hollow foundations upon which the idea is grounded. Only we, thousands of us, acting as teachers in our daily contacts, can spread the devastating truth which Khrushchev so frightfully conceals. (Berlin offers a prize example of why he cannot afford to let the truth be known to his people and why every negotiation must be settled according to his rules.)

At home, it has become obvious that political leadership cannot be trusted to get us back on the road to economic and moral sanity, for no matter what a politician's partisan preferences may be, his first objective must be to get (or stay) elected, and in a democracy where the vast majority of the people have received no instruction in economic truths, the test of a politician's popularity is, unfortunately, his agreement with economic illiterates.

Mass explanation of basic economic principles will automatically provide mass salesmanship for the voluntary, competitive production and exchange system by and through which Nature has always provided the greatest good for the greatest number. And there will be no worry about public opinion being conservative because to keep the good things in a safe or sound state, to preserve them from loss, decay, waste or injury is the very first definition of the word. That is why Khrushchev must take every precaution to hide the truth. And that is why some of our would-be dictators in America obscure the truth, taking advantage of an illiterate and unsuspecting public.

The only thing we have to fear is mass economic ignorance and the only cure for mass ignorance is mass self-education.

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There is no need to list the names of those making up the Task Force for, dealing only with principles, the names are not important and the principles, in order to gain mass acceptance, must be so simple and self-evident that no authority is needed to vouch for their veracity.