A NAME DOES REVEAL A TRUTH

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As any parent will tell you, naming a child can be a very stressful and important part of parenting. Indeed, the first thing we usually learn about a person is his name. What is true in the life of a family is just as true in the political life of a nation.

Just after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, circa 1936, a small group of American leftist, i.e., communists, socialists, and other "progressives" established what was to become known as "The Lincoln Brigade". The Lincoln Brigade consisted of American volunteers who served in Spain supporting the Marxist government. The Marxist Spanish government was fighting against General Francisco Franco leader of the Fascist element in Spain. It should be obvious that both sides of this civil war were socialist and were advocates of big government. Regardless of which side won the war, big government was the victor and individual liberty the loser.

As has been demonstrated in both *Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists* and *Lincoln Uber Alles*, early American socialist and communists had a great affinity for Abraham Lincoln. With their long history of love for Lincoln is it any wonder that radical leftist in 1936 adopted the name of "Lincoln," for the brigade of volunteers? To this day, the supporters and admirers of The Lincoln Brigade support all the trendy left-wing ideas and movements that promote big government. Lincoln's support by Marxists and socialists in the 1860's has been transformed into Marxists and socialists using Lincoln's name today to advance their left-wing agenda.

Even though The Lincoln Brigade fought against Fascists in the Spanish Civil War, Hitler embraced the philosophy of Lincoln as it relates to State's Rights and national sovereignty. In his book, *Mein Kampf*, Hitler virtually quotes Lincoln in his defense of building a strong "indivisible" German nation. In 1861 Lincoln proclaimed that the States of the American Union had never been "sovereign". In speaking of the American Union in his book, Hitler states: "Originally these states did not and could not possess sovereign rights of their own". In defense of his invasion of the States of the American Union, Lincoln stated that it was the Union that had created the States "such as they are". In *Mein Kampf* Hitler noted that the States of the

American Union could not be sovereign because "...it was the Union that created most of these so-called states". In his book Hitler, like Lincoln, makes it clear that he is an advocate of a strong indivisible republic. Hitler was so much opposed to the idea of secession that he and his Nazi followers launched their first attempt to take over a German state to prevent its secession from the German Federal Republic. Obviously Hitler in 1923 had no more hesitation at using military force to prevent a people from exercising their right of self-determination than Lincoln did in 1861. "Government by the consent of the governed" is what self-determination is called in the Declaration of Independence. It seems that neither Lincoln nor Hitler approved of that famous declaration.

After the defeat of Nazism in 1945 an American Veteran of World War II established the American Nazi Party. The name of that American, who was a distinguished American Veteran of both World War Two and the Korean War, was George Lincoln Rockwell. Rockwell was born in Central Illinois, not far from where Lincoln got his start in politics, and educated at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. It should be noted that Brown University was named in honor of an infamous Yankee slave-trader. Once again we see that the name of Lincoln associated with those elements that advocate big government. Big government is the antithesis of individual liberty. Also in the American context, big government is THE enemy of limited government, that is, State's Rights. Whether one is speaking of Marx, Engels, Hitler, or Lincoln, the title of big government advocate is a perfect fit. Unfortunately most "conservative" commentators, Beck, Limbaugh, Hannity or any number of such right-wing talking heads view Lincoln as a defender of limited government. Yet, it was Lincoln who drew the support of radical socialists, Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels during the so-called "Civil War." After Lincoln's death it was radical socialist, communists and nazis who identified with Lincoln and it was Hitler who advocated the policies of Lincoln for Germany. When will "our" conservative commentators face the truth about Lincoln, America's number one Fascist? Perhaps we should simply refer to Lincoln as "America's Fascist Founding Father!"