

How the Socialists Stole, Broke and Bankrupted NY's Government & Created a Woke Deep State

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de Blasio, WFP, Berlin Rosen & Soros, Used Election and Govt Corruption to Take Over NY's Democratic Party, Crippling its Economy, Making NYC Ungovernable, Helping to Grow Anti-Semitism

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Their revolution replaced the city's tradition of local representative democracy originating in the city's neighborhoods, with a Woke centralized political campaign machine that elects Woke activists who pretend money is unlimited as their progressive governing and policies cause the city to hemorrhage its businesses and taxpayers. Although the Woke activists in control of NY's pro-criminal policies are unpopular with 80% of New Yorkers, there is no grassroots citywide movement or political machine

capable or willing to take on the progressive political machine to reconnect New Yorkers to their local government. As a result, NY has a Woke deep state Tammany Hall running its government and politics.

Berlin Rosen (BR), a public relations firm that makes millions as a lobbyist for clients looking for favors from the government, used the Woke progressive movement as a cover to become rich, gentrifying the city's poor and minority neighborhoods for their developer clients. WFP used the Woke progressive movement and the city's gentrifying communities to take over the city's Democratic Party by running primaries in changing neighborhoods against elected officials who lost their voting base.



De Blasio used the Woke ideology movement to become Mayor and build a progressive political machine run by his pay-to-play government lobbyists, turning City Hall into a criminal enterprise. Credit: Wikipedia.org

de Blasio used the Woke ideology movement to become Mayor and build a progressive political machine run by his pay-to-play government lobbyists, turning City Hall into a criminal enterprise. The half million New Yorkers, the trillions in Wall Street wealth leaving for Florida, the coming double-digit budget deficits, and city service cuts are the results of BR, WFP, and de Blasio's socialists using the Woke movement to build a shadow government political machine powered by pay-to-play lobbyists who control the city's elections.



The former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had it right: "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." Credit: Wikipedia.org

The former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had it right: "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." The inconvenient truth is that the reckless spending by the city's progressive socialist elected officials, claiming everything they do helps the poor and minorities, resulted, during the de Blasio era, in more homelessness, less affordable housing, higher rents, and more NYCHA repairs needed. Since de Blasio, WFP and BR took over NYC in 2013, the City's budget and spending has gone up 61%, from \$65 million in 2012 to \$107 million today.

Despite the headlines, lack of money is not destroying NYC, it is the ideological progressives in charge, their Woke priorities, policies, and lack of experience, that made NYC ungovernable. BR and his fellow shadow government lobbyists who elected most of the city government are private power brokers funded by their clients who need favors in government. The BR era of lobbyists/consultants' control of NY's elections, politics, and government cannot be defeated at the ballot box, no matter what they do to this city.

The blitzkrieg progressive takeover of NY's government and politics has left the public clueless as to why nobody is in charge of their city and has caused moderate elected officials who oppose their destructive Woke policies to remain silent, for fear of exposing themselves to primary challenges from the left's well-funded campaign machine.

De Blasio, WFP, and BR's lobbyists shadow government elected ideological progressives that destroyed NYC's social order, broke the city's economic engine, and put left-wing activists in control of NY's government and politics. The harm they did in disconnecting common sense New Yorkers from their government did not disappear after de Blasio left City Hall and started making out with 30-year-olds on the pages of the NY Post. The gang of BR, WFP, and de Blasio all from progressive Park Slope, showed and helped a new generation of even more radical socialist activists, like AOC, to build their own political campaign machines to take advantage of low voting in local elections, caused by New Yorkers' belief that elections are fixed and their vote makes no difference, in other words, the Tail is Wagging the Dog as NYC is dying.

The numbers are shocking when you examine how small the two groups—the Working Families Party (WFP) and Democratic Socialist of America (DSA) controlling NYC's politics, government, and narrative liberal media are. The WFP has just 17,137 registered voters, and the DSA has 6,400 members in NYC.

Together, they make up 0.5% of the 4,643,366 registered voters in NYC. In NYS, the WFP and DSA make up just 0.4% of the 12,040,156 registered voters in the state.

Both the Mayor and the Governor have been burned for taking on the progressives, making them look weak in the media and to the public. Despite 90% of New Yorkers believing crime is out of control, the progressive City Council opposes changes to the bail law, supports defunding the police policies, and wants to close Rikers Island. Adams, months after he took office, left Albany with nothing after being personally attacked by supporters of the bail law, for changes he wanted to the law to get the 3000 repeat criminals and the mentally ill off the City's streets and subways. Hochul's choice of Hector LaSalle for NYS Chief Judge was blocked by progressives who control the State Senate.

As the greatest Mayor in the history of NYC Fiorello LaGuardia said: "There is No Republican or Democratic Way of Picking Up the Garbage." LaGuardia's lesson on running NYC, which is lost on this generation of elected officials, is that there is no ideology in urban governance, only pragmatism. NYC politics and government are failing the voters and destroying the City's economy because they are run by young inexperienced progressive elected officials, who use the Woke ideology movement as their guiding uncompromising principle; who occupy the City Council and State Senate to threaten and embarrass the Governor and Mayor by overriding their vetoes, as their political stick.

BR operates as characters in Machiavelli's The Prince, constantly breaking the election and public financing laws, and getting away with it, to elect their Woke ideological candidates, who they used to make money for themselves, and their developer and special interests' clients. Rosen, WFP, and de Blasio learned the illegal tactics of how to use government-funded nonprofits, interlocking them with Soros front groups, and union PACs, and violating the election laws, to take over government and politics, while working for and representing the corrupt non-profit ACORN, before it was shut down during a federal corruption investigation in 2010.

Progressives learned how to weaponize government-funded nonprofits like ACORN, which received over \$50 million dollars in federal, state, and city grants, as campaign tools. When BR's Jonathan Rosen served as spokesman for ACORN in 2009, he said, "It's not a conflict of interest that [Rosen's] Public Advocate candidate de Blasio granted ACORN \$115,000 in government funds as a councilman." Rosen insisted, that ACORN never discussed public funding with politicians, while discussing endorsements with de Blasio or anyone else who ACORN endorsed, after receiving a contribution from that elected official. Clearly, ACORN taught BR, the WFP, and de Blasio how to use govt money and interconnect them with nonprofits and PACs for political gain.

In 2009, the ACORN alumni, BR, WFP, and de Blasio used the corrupt campaign tactics and low morals they learned from working at the corrupt shut-down nonprofit ACORN, to accomplish their first major election campaign victories. de Blasio, WFP, and BR worked together to violate the election law, to win elective office for the candidates WFP endorsed, by illegally reducing campaign costs in public finance campaigns with spending and contribution limits.

Following the tradition that the political activists learned while working for ACORN, BR, WFP, and de Blasio, were investigated and cleared by the feds for creating and using a for-profit illegal company "Data and Fields," (DF) that progressive unions funded to reduced campaign costs for candidates endorsed by WFP and who hired BR as their campaign consultant. Four years before their complete takeover of City Hall in 2013, BR elected with the help of DF, de Blasio Public Advocate (who paid DF 250,000) and several

City Council members, including three members who became leaders of the progressive takeover of the city: future NYC Comptroller, Brad Lander (who paid DF 55,000), future Public Advocate Jumaane Williams (who paid DF 55,000) and future Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (who paid DF 10,000).

In 2013, another progressive lobbyist/campaign consult Scott Levinson, the president of the Advance Group who worked with BR in the nonprofit ACORN, was investigated and not indicted by the feds for spending a million dollars (the majority donated by de Blasio's cousin), while running the anti-horse carriage PAC named NYCLASS, which took down Council Speaker Kristen Quinn with negative TV commercials who at the beginning of the mayoral campaign was beating de Blasio in the mayor's race.

ACORN alumni BR and Advance Group learned how to interconnect government, nonprofits, and union funds, and violate the election law, to help the candidates they consulted, while working for the Soros' funded nonprofit ACORN. Both BR, WFP, and the Advance group worked for the UFT's "United for the Future" PAC, which contributed millions to de Blasio, and his PACs and helped elect 31 of the 51 council members elected in 2013. de Blasio and the other progressive elected officials who received those UFT funds paid back the union by opposing an increase in the amount of Charter Schools, in which minority and poor students perform better than in public schools. By opposing Charter Schools, BR, WFP, de Blasio, and the Advance Group, all ACORN alumni, violated ACORN's mission to improve education for poor and minority students.

In 2013, NYC Campaign Finance Board spent over \$3 million in taxpayer-funded matching funds on services provided by BR, for council candidates and the successful de Blasio mayoral election.

BR and their fellow shadow government pay-to-play lobbyists used the city's public matching funds and combined the matching funds with progressive PACs and nonprofits turned into campaign machines that corrupted the NYC public finance system put in place by Mayor Koch to stop big money and special interest control of city's government and elections in 1988 after corruption was uncovered in Mayor Koch's Parking Bureau

In 2014, a year after BR and their progressive partners WFP and de Blasio took over City Hall, BR worked for de Blasio's pay-to-play PAC "Campaign for One NY" (CONY), which accepted unlimited donations from unions, developers, and contractors seeking favors from the de Blasio Administration. BR was paid \$520,000 from the CONY PAC, which was in part funded by their lobbying clients: UFT (\$450,000), Bruce Ratner—the developer of the Atlantic Terminal site (\$50,000), and Dumbo developer Two Trees (\$100,000) after Two Trees reached a deal with the city to redevelop the Domino Sugar refinery development. At the same time BR was being paid by de Blasio's pay-to-play PAC slush fund CONY, BR was also getting paid as a consultant by upstate Democratic State Senate candidates, who were illegally receiving laundered funds from the Mayor's CONY PAC, illegally hidden in upstate Democratic Party committees.

de Blasio, WFP and the Shadow Government Lobbyists Empower Democrats Socials of America and their Anti-Semitic Radical Partners

In 2014, BR failed to take down the Republican-Independent Democratic Caucus coalition control of the State Senate, but they were the target of yet another federal investigation, which included a subpoena against Jonathan Rosen personally, that in 2017 resulted in no federal corruption charges, an agreement to shut down de Blasio's CONY PAC, and a strong warning from the US Attorney of NY Southern District.

After the charges were dropped, Joan Kim the U.S. Attorney said that the investigators found several situations of the mayor and “others acting on his behalf” soliciting funds from individuals requesting “official favors from the city, after which the mayor made or directed inquiries to relevant city agencies on behalf of those donors.” A state Board of Elections investigator who subpoenaed CONY PAC documents from BR and other consultants found “evidence of senate campaigns and mayor’s CONY PAC were coordinated at every level and down to minute detail.”

Yet, in the end, no charges were filed against any entity or person in the case. Burned by the federal investigators’ warnings and an NYS Board of Election investigation of CONY laundering campaign money to defeat the coalition of Republican and moderate Democrats controlling the State Senate, WFP and de Blasio empowered a group not involved in local campaigns–Democrats Socialists of America (DSA NY), as a successful surrogate campaign vehicle to take down the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC)- Republican control of the State Senate in 2018.

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