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NEWSLETTER

**November
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Radical historians' secret assault on Founding Fathers, Constitution

The October meeting's program dealt with the decades-long attempt to infiltrate America's public schools with the Marxist perspective on United States history. Compatriot Chuck Finley began the program by tracing the spread of Marxists throughout university history faculty with Charles Beard's 1913 book's assertion that the Founding Fathers, with few exceptions, were motivated by greed and that the Constitution was "essentially an economic document."

Although Beard's views were blasted by the academic community as baseless, many of his students at Columbia carried his Marxist views to other campuses.

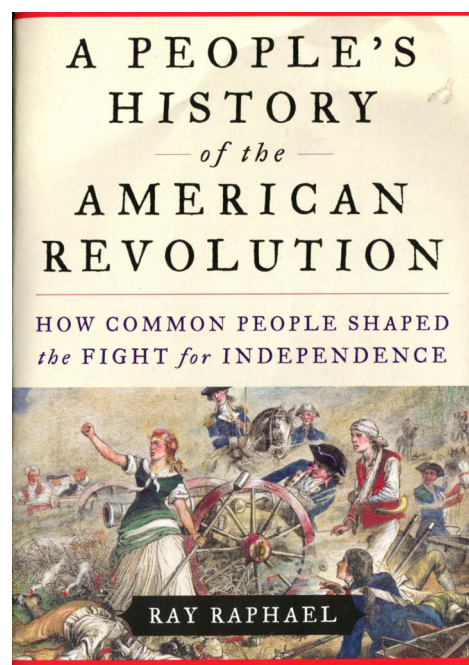
Among these was Boston University's Howard Zinn whose 1995 book *The People's History of the United States* was written for K-12 students, complete with a Teacher's Guide. Several passages from both books were contained in a 26-page materials packet provided to attendees.

Zinn continued Beard's charge that the Founding Fathers started the revolution so that "they could take over land, profits, and political power from favorites of the British Empire."

Zinn also charged that "the history of the United States is a history of class war" and that the Declaration of Independence is a myth.

Ray Raphael's 2001 book *A People's History of the American Revolution* continues Zinn's assault on the Declaration of Independence and on the Founders, referring to George Washington as "the ultra-privileged white man."

The materials package contained the YouTube address in which Zinn and Ra



phael admit to their scheme to get their materials past local school boards. In it, Raphael acknowledges that very few local school boards would allow his book, then admits, "So, I'm going to work with the national standards."

Finley then traced the attempt by the Far Left to impose national history standards--beginning with the U.S. Senate's attempt in 1995; then CSCOPE, the Texas state-wide curriculum; and now Common Core's national standards that were adopted by 44 states before the standards had even been released. The materials packet contained many resources regarding Common Core's English and math standards and the time line on how the Obama administration was able to entice its adoption by states sight-unseen.

November program

Styles and origins of Colonial architecture

When we watch a film like "The Patriot" or a documentary about life in Colonial America, we appreciate the exquisite beauty of the architecture of that time, but we likely are unaware of the different types of Colonial architecture seen across the colonies, or of the European countries that influenced each style.

Fortunately, this month's program will bring us up to speed as compatriot and architect Bill Heyer looks at the various styles and their origins with a PowerPoint presentation featuring photographs of the homes of some American Patriots as well as other prominent Americans.

For example, in New England, 17th-century colonial houses were built primarily of wood, following styles found in the southeastern counties of England. However, Dutch Colonial structures, built primarily in the Hudson River Valley, Long Island, and northern New Jersey, reflect construction styles from Holland and Flanders and used stone and brick more extensively than buildings in New England.

In addition, the early buildings of Plymouth and Jamestown typically shared steep roofs and small casement leaded-glass windows, but Plymouth houses faced southeast, while Jamestown houses faced northwest.

Want to know why? Plan to attend this fine program at

noon, **Friday, Nov. 15 at the Florentine Restaurant at 907 West Broad.**

And by the way, you'll be really surprised to learn which European country's colonial settlers introduced the log cabin to the region along the Lower Delaware River.



The beautiful home of poet, novelist, and Harvard scholar Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DUES REMINDER

**Member dues for 2014 need to be received by Chapter Treasurer Bill Diehl no later than November 20. Send your check for \$50.00 to
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