



Bad, Worse & Communist

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After four [recent](#) commentaries [showing](#), without hyperbole, that Democratic Party mayoral nominee Zohran Mamdani is a [flat-out](#) seize-the-means-of-production [communist](#), you might wonder why anyone could possibly vote for him.

Well, elections are a choice. And New Yorkers have a plethora of lousy choices—especially the best-known politicians running against Mamdani.

Take former Governor Andrew Cuomo—*puh-leez!* He finished second to Mamdani in last month's Democratic mayoral primary but has vowed to stay in the race on the [ballot line](#) of his recently formed Fight & Deliver Party.

The key reason for Mamdani's victory? Voter revulsion with Mr. Cuomo. After serving ten years as governor and announcing he would seek a fourth four-year term, Cuomo was rocked by sexual harassment allegations ([including](#) "attempts to silence victims"). Facing "almost certain removal from office" by the state legislature, he resigned in 2021.

"To Mr. Cuomo, I have never had to resign in disgrace," [responded](#) Mamdani to Cuomo in a televised debate. "I have never cut Medicaid. I have never stolen hundreds of millions of dollars from the MTA [Metropolitan Transportation Authority]. I have never hounded the 13 women who credibly accused me of sexual harassment. I have never sued for their gynecological records. And I have never done those things because I am not you, Mr. Cuomo."

Mamdani's other major opponent is the [incumbent](#), Mayor Eric Adams, who was [indicted](#) last year on five felony counts, including conspiracy to receive campaign contributions from foreign nationals, soliciting and accepting a bribe, and wire fraud. Though Trump's Department of Justice [dropped](#) the prosecution, or maybe partly because of that, Adams is a pariah among the city's supermajority of Democratic voters.

The problem is staring us in the face: When the choice is between communism and corruption, communism stands a better chance.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.