



# Socialists to Seize Power?

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## Evan Barker isn't surprised.

"The democratic socialist surge of the past several weeks has stunned the nation," this former Democratic operative [wrote](#) last week. "From left to right and everywhere in between, people are asking: How did we get here? What does it mean? And will the Democratic Party survive it? The prevailing reaction has been shock."

She's not shocked, though, because for half a decade she had worked for "a slew of progressive candidates" teaching "DSA-aligned staffers how to build a money machine for the left; coached progressive politicians on how to speak to donors; and collaborated with billionaires to create a robust fundraising network."

But after the big loss for Kamala "Salad Slinger" Harris and Tim "Cringe" Walz, Barker left the party. And wrote

a book, [Nothing Left](#), regaling us with how she became disillusioned with "a leadership class" that had drifted "further and further from the working-class Americans they purportedly represented."

Barker's not alone. Others in the rah-rah crowd for an older Democratic Party have also expressed their chagrin. On the First of July, well-known "liberal" journalist Jonathan Chait [published](#) in *The Atlantic* "There's Nothing Democratic About These Socialists."

Noting that the Democratic Socialists of America despise the Democratic Party, with many of DSA's stalwarts veering off into communist advocacy without much nudging, the question becomes why Democrats with some sense don't come to their alleged senses.

Chait observes that Michael Harrington, the socialist founder of DSA, placed into its bylaws "the expulsion of members who were 'under the discipline of any self-defined democratic-centralist organization,' a slightly jargonish way of describing communists."

Yet, the Democratic Party isn't as moderate as Harrington!

Truth is, "DSA supporters see internal division not as a risk but as a historic opportunity to seize power."

And the "means of production."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.