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## How to Divide People Without Really Trying! By Neville Archibald

If there was an award for best camouflage design in politics, the Ben Roberts Smith story would be up there somewhere. The word camouflage itself would make it an interesting concept to judge, as most people just don't see it! They see the trickery and think to themselves; that is where the problem is! They do not see the object being hidden behind it!

A government failing to represent the culture of the very people who elect it, failing to keep the country that they supposedly 'manage' successfully operating, failing to put or keep in place laws that result in further freedom for the individual to pursue their own destiny; is a government that must hide this lack of achievement. Smoke and mirrors, distraction, deflection, call it what you like, it has got to the point that the red fog of hatred for those with carefully nurtured different views, now camouflages the real object of contention. As a people we are now encouraged to be seeing things as black and white, you are or you aren't! There is no considered middle ground, facts don't matter, only intentions. Only the carefully crafted 'right' side of the argument. Often even the question itself is divisive, posed in such a way that we must object or agree.

Dialectical materialism, or Marxist doctrine is based on the very concept of violent opposites.

*It is important to grasp that the philosophy of dialectical materialism eliminates any conception of evolutionary, organic growth in society.*

*It was only out of the clash of opposites that progress could take place.*

*It is not surprising that Marx was a man of violent hates, and that violence and revolution are the recurring theme in Communist teachings. Some of*

*Marx's most biting comments were applied to 'reformists' who believed that progress was possible without violence.* Butler, E.D. *Dialectics* p 8.

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Butler%20ED%20-%20Dialectics.pdf>

This division, sown so well by many of our politicians and leading academics, has become a normal part of our lives. The very idea of the one side winning has been conditioned into us from the football field to the halls of power. Consensus, has replaced reasoned argument, the majority view or acceptable compromise has replaced well thought out and factual debate. No longer do we need to know if the proposed solution will work, we only need to know that everybody that matters, agrees.

The liberals introduced legislation to prosecute war crimes in overseas conflicts, now the labor party will use it. The twin heads of the dog that guards the gates of the underworld in Norse mythology (Garmr), could well have it's brother guarding the halls of power (government) here. It means you can be bitten no matter which side you face. Sadly Ben Roberts Smith is finding this out. What else is going on in Australia to make this a high priority case? So much! Everywhere you look, failures of government programs abound. People are fed up with politicians who want to change this country into something the population has never asked for. Distract them! Find something that they can vent about! Just before ANZAC day is perfect! Stir them up about something else entirely! ... Or maybe it just happened that way!

No matter which side you take with this division, the truth of war will be highlighted. If we are to send soldiers into battle, we either accept that difficult decisions will be made on the battlefield or we don't send them. In the past, the military has been given an objective and has had to carry it out. Anyone who believes that killing is not a part of war should leave the room. What then is justified killing? Are you capable of making a judgement on that? Were you there? Are you relying on second hand information from an enemy force? Only those in the battle itself can truly know what was needed at that time. As much as we wish to be horrified, your judgement should be of those who send them, not those who have trained long and hard to survive under those conditions, and not just survive, but win for you. For you, who support the government that sent them, must also take some responsibility. If you are incensed enough to second guess soldiers in a war zone, save that indignation for the policy that put them there.

So much like the moral high ground of 'Net Zero', we hold ourselves to a far higher standard than those we face in the outside world. All the chest beating and hair tearing about our conduct, does not change the fact that the other side shows no remorse for worse atrocities. They see no public moral outrage about

their own acts, but we must! - whether in the war on carbon or real war.

A war crime is committed every day in Gaza. War crimes are currently being committed in Lebanon! Far more innocent victims are dying here and now in Australia by suicide, from economic hardship, than our soldiers had a hand in, in any of the recent war actions. Who complains then? Our monetary policy based on debt finance makes it inevitable that there will be economic hardship, do we prosecute those enforcing that policy? We should, it kills far more! Where are our priorities and what are they camouflaging?

I think we have seen enough failures in government policy to know that this system of consensus does not work well. Enough agreed that we should sell off our energy production and provision, for a quick reduction in debt. Now years on, the reality of paying rent has dawned on us. It IS costing us more in the long run. Reasoned debate before the sell out would have come to that same conclusion – selling off and renting from international corporations, is dead money – using our own investment, ends in security for our system. We all see that security when buying a house rather than renting, it would be nice to have that now in the energy sector!

Chris Bowen's comments in *The Australian*, about renewable energy in Australia making it more secure, does not tell the story of the dismantling of that very security by selling off, or allowing to be sold, oil or coal related energy. In any realistic look at life, you don't stop making an essential provision and wait while a new way of making it, is put in place. You don't move house and sit in the street until you find something else do you? Yet this is what we are being asked to do!

If energy security is so great for windmills and solar, why was it not, for our existing methods of supply. This is the selective argument that we are being bombarded with. We must be for renewables and against coal/oil. We cannot accept both at once! Reasoned debate and compromise has no place in Marxist dialectics - only division and violence.

In this field of poor decisions, government sponsored or driven projects seem to be less and less likely to result in good outcomes for the public. The winners seem to be the subsidised contractors or the 'investors' (usually global who pay little tax) who are doing the management.

Algal blooms off the South Australian coast have again seen fish dying. A tuna catch most recently. We are told that this is unrelated to the algal blooms, but the printed story mentions discoloured waters! The region most effected by these problems is also the area where the desalination plants are adding to salt levels. Are the two connected? Environmental impact studies are carried out at great expense and possible issues are raised. Are the plants then manufactured

in accordance to these studies? Or are corners cut and risks taken? Is the high salinity by-product dispersed well enough to limit these issues? There are so many questions here, and few are asking about them. In Western Australia, the sea-grass destruction near the Cockburn Sound desal plant was an issue. Localised high salt levels and damage due to it, continues to be monitored.

With the potential for impact on the ocean environment already known, the question becomes, was there another option? Not only better dispersal methods and the costs involved; but what about value adding?

Two things are produced at a desalination plant. Fresh water and highly concentrated salt water. The salt pans of Geelong and those in West Australia at Shark Bay and Dampier, both concentrate sea water to produce salt. Half the work is done for them at the desal plants already. While the current evaporation basins are in most cases further away than feasible to use (I assume), the technology needed to solve these problems (ocean pollution by high salt levels and production of salt) is a basic one. If we are to continue with 'non-related' algal blooms and fish and sea-grass issues, perhaps this is an item of discussion needed. I find it hard to believe that the two commodities cannot be produced at the same time and location.

While I am not privy to all the reasons for these build restrictions, I do know that the required outcome is possible. Once again politics plays a part in determining how! The biggest of these as I see it is finance. Since what is physically possible can be done! It is the reliance on financial rules that say it must be done under restriction, that is the only thing stopping us. This is the part I take biggest issue with. An artificial restriction stopping sensible development, both environmentally and practically. We allow these partial builds (fixes) to create more problems down the line, which then also cause financial problems, without realising that this artificial restriction on development has been overcome before. Our east-west railway was financed by the original Commonwealth bank – debt free! Other projects were also financed this way until the 'people's bank' was hobbled by vested interests who had the ear of the government of the time. Since this was done before, we could easily do it again. See *The Story of the Commonwealth Bank* by D.J. Amos.

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Amos%20DJ%20-%20Commonwealth%20Bank.pdf>

The many more 'failures to address' problems we face as a nation, keep on keeping on. Policy change is never enough to fix things properly and usually becomes a prop up measure. The recent reduction in fuel excise has not seen a corresponding drop in prices. Nor has the barrel price been reflected in price at the bowser either! Our energy minister keeps on saying nice things, but do they equate to reality as we face it? I'm still waiting for my \$275 reduction in my electricity bill! Promised for last year in 2022!

If we look at oil prices:

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| In 2008 oil price per barrel hit \$147 petrol was \$1.60/l, diesel about \$2/l |          |  |        |
| in 2011 ' ' ' ' was \$127  | \$1.41/l |  | \$1.60 |
| in 2022  | \$1.88/l |  |        |

Now even though we are at \$95 \$100/barrel, our prices are \$2.30 - \$2.40/l and diesel is still over \$3.

With the ACCC watching and the government making promises, someone is still making money hand over fist. Promises-promises, never seem to mature into real world reflection. Perhaps that is why we need camouflage stories so often!\*\*\*

## Marxist Dialectics By Neville Archibald

Further to my assertion that the policy of Marxist Dialectics hampers us at every turn, I wish to point out a long standing dialectic that goes back to the oil crisis of the 70s. Those of you who can remember, will know the hysterics that matched the-sky-is-falling moments of recent times. Bold assertions and predictions of the world running out of oil. The inevitable return of the horse and cart, the tightening of belts, the rise of fuel prices! Much like the claims of Al Gore in his *Inconvenient Truth*, these never materialised. We still have Oil aplenty, over 50 years and much more consumption, later. Even if you do not like oil and wish to transition away from it, you cannot deny that a lie is a lie – we did not, 'run out of oil'.

What we did see, was a consolidation of the oil industry and supply chain into increasingly more monopolistic hands. We saw a reduction in energy sovereignty across the world as this threat was pushed as truth! (rather like some other recent threats have been) with the resultant loss of public control. A good starter book on this entire subject, goes back to those times, when astute writers like Jeremy Lee and Eric Butler, both warned that this was a Marxist policy to further centralise control.

Many at this point will shake their heads and say, 'But that wasn't the 'State' taking control – the Communists didn't get that power!'

So right! But the power was ceded from the public (via it's representative government) to the huge corporations who act in the same way as communism does; that is, rule by the few over the many! Whatever way you look at it the reality should be crystal clear at this point. A handful of self proscribed, elite rulers now own and run our energy sector. They are continuing to do so.

Jeremy's book, *The World Wide Oil Scandal* is 25 pages of facts and fixes. Read it here:

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Lee%20J%20-%20World%20Wide%20Oil%20Scandal.pdf>

Not only does he point out the fallacies of that sky-is-falling moment, he also provides a solution. Despite the fact that it was written in 1979, nothing much has changed. In fact, the latest attempts in Queensland to secure our own sovereignty in oil, could well have been taken straight out of Jeremy's book.

In the ABC news feed, is an article on a small oil refinery in western Queensland. The Inland Oil Refinery (IOR) at Eromanga may be about to expand operations. Premier David Crisafulli, with his push to open up the Taroom oil fields, is doing something positive to establish fuel supplies, and while some may try to denigrate it as supplying fuel to mining companies only, the truth could well be far more advantageous. If it can be done there, then expansion to take back control of our fuel security, might see it's first step!

An extract from the ABC article, presents comments by IOR's chief executive Drew Morland, who says:

*"I can say broadly that IOR views increased production in western Queensland as a genuine opportunity, for producers, for our refinery, for the local communities, and for Australia's fuel security more broadly.*

*"Our customers consistently tell us they could take more of our product if we could produce more. There is genuine demand. What we need is more oil."*

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-04-11/inland-oil-refinery-eromanga-may-expand/106547668>

While our PM is going to oil Auctions in Singapore, and buying outside oil at market value (or possibly above), just to keep us going, Crisafulli is at least trying to provide a lasting answer by developing our own abundant supplies. Before the Greens and Renewable supporters shoot down this project, or commence their dialectical arguments, we should be supporting and pushing for more of these actions. Not because I champion 'Big Oil', or multinational control over our country, the very reverse. If we can convince our Governments to do the investing or to at least put it into Australian hands once more, then we may be able to transition to some form of alternative, at a speed that means we do not need to damage the environment to do so. No tops off mountains, or huge swathes of trees removed from national parks (with attendant bushfire risks later on).

The Eromanga plant has some benefits that would seem to be common sense.

*"Given our location, this is far more practical and less emissions-intensive than trucking oil 1,000 kilometres to Brisbane to be refined and then transporting it back again to western Queensland," Mr Morland said.*

In talking of the efficiencies of the location with it being close to the oil field at Taroom, we should then look on in horror at the Oil we ship tens of thousands of miles overseas, only to buy back the refined product and ship it thousands of

miles back. Or the fact that we ship our crude out at all, and then import some other country's, crude, doing that exact same shipping waltz. Those playing the tune to this stupid dance are rubbing their hands together, but we on the floor are not only wearing out our shoes, but becoming impoverished by it.

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli, called on the federal government to fast-track approvals for oil projects in order to shore up Australia's fuel supplies. I would be pushing him to go further and ensure that these projects remain Australian owned and controlled. Use the Queensland state banking powers to fund them and keep them from being 'stolen' by another sky-is-falling moment, like the Iran war is turning out to be. (read: *The Case for the Queensland State Bank* also by Jeremy Lee.)

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This could go two ways, we either increase our dependency on multinational corporations and put up with being even further controlled, or we take back our resources and become independent once more!

It is time to take Jeremy Lee's words into consideration (from *The World-Wide Oil Scandal*):

*'To those who have gone deeper, and have grasped that the apparent conflict is a deception, this booklet will confirm their understanding, Communism and capitalism are but two arms of a dialectic, run by the same people, exploited by the same international monopolies and financed by the same bankers.*

*The objective towards which all nations are being driven is a world government, embracing both communist and capitalist alike, Because the majority of people and, to a lesser extent, their political representatives, still prefer national sovereignty, they can only be forced to abandon that preference by conditions of crisis and panic.'*

then read on.

If you find his outline of just how much oil was still available to use (not to mention what has been discovered since) is daunting and a worrying 'pollution' concern, realise that at that point in time, just as now, we were dependent on liquid fuels to keep our lifestyles. The move to 'cleaner' energy was being looked at; but those same manipulators who were increasing both their margins and controls, were the same ones stopping the advancement of technology that would improve efficiency and outcomes in the energy sector. Jeremy points out that in all of the oil calculations he mentions in the first part of his book:

*'It takes no account of the growing number of alternatives to fossil fuels, some of which already have commercial possibilities.'*

Far from being mouthpieces for oil use, many of the other issues looked at by the League and its supporters over the years, include suppressed and often 'bought out' technologies and policies that would see greater freedom and a better managed environment for individuals to live and thrive in.

Keep reading: page 10 of the 25 page book discusses some of these alternatives to crude oil in the form of shale oil and alcohol. Noting that as early as 1937 successful national development of two shale oil refineries were taking place.

*'Why are we so obsessed with "bigness"? Is this the best way to do things? Our memories are short. Australians have forgotten that we have produced shale oil in this country before. The Commonwealth Year Book (No.37) 1946-47 (page 844) says:*

*"In 1937 negotiations were completed between the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments and the National Oil Proprietary Ltd., by which the latter undertook to develop the shale-oil industry in the Newnes-Capertee district.'*

*'The same year book also tells us that, up to the end of 1934, 357,000 gallons of oil distilled from shale was produced in Tasmania by the Tasmanite Shale Oil Company, which closed operations in 1935. (As an aside, Yearbook No. 36 (194445) also adds:*

*"Power alcohol was also produced in increasing quantities from molasses and raw sugar. Distilleries not equipped to produce an anhydrous spirit were pressed into service during 1942-43 and production of 95 percent or "wet" alcohol at one stage reached the rate of about 2,000,000 gallons per annum.).*

*So it is NOT true that Australia has neither the "know-how" nor the capabilities to develop its own oil shale deposits.'*

We have had both the time and the knowledge to pursue these alternatives (and many others that are far more familiar today, like solar, wind and hydro) but the push to monopolise the oil market and keep us dependant was huge. We sat back and allowed this to happen, just as we are doing right now.

Even in 1979 Jeremy was saying (and this could now apply to alternative energies too):

*'The figures show conclusively that the Western World could break itself free from dependency on Middle East Oil in a comparatively short period, If it does not do so, the future is bleak.*

*But the Western world has also been shackled into a position of increasing helplessness and impotency by four distinct but inter-related forces. These are:*

- 1. The current oil monopoly*
- 2. Big Government, high taxation and inflation*

3. *The paralysing monopoly of capital formation, and*
4. *The conscious move for the destruction of national sovereignties in favour of central world control.'*

He then proceeds to give a bit of the history of oil development and control, noting that:

*'Transnational monopolies today are more powerful than nations. Whether in the field of banking, the media, industry or energy, than can make or break governments SO LONG AS THE LATTER RETAIN THE TAXATION FETTERS ON INDIVIDUALS, currently no longer able to exercise either freedom or enterprise.*

*Nationalisation is certainly no answer, for there is no distinction between a State monopoly such as the postal services, electricity services or government railways, and corporations such as Exxon and Aramco.*

*Worse still, governments have joined, rather than opposed, the rip-off resulting from the present crisis over oil. Thus, the Fraser Government in Australia, while publicly deploring the escalating cost of petrol, has increased its tax revenue from oil almost as much as Exxon in the United States. It has certainly outstripped both the oil companies and the Arabs in profits on oil sold in Australia.'*

*'In the 1979-80 budget, this was increased by Treasurer John Howard to \$2,057 million, a further increase of 68 percent.'*

Much of this increase in revenue I might add comes directly from the public's pockets at the bowsers.

Here I might also point out that Crisafulli's development (likened to state sovereignty) could easily become state monopoly without correct oversight. We as a Nation must be the only influence on government and must act to keep our desires foremost, to reduce this possibility.

There is so much in this booklet that is important to understand, not the least is the potential solution. The problems talked about then, match those we face today – they are just a continuation of that same policy. So the solutions are also still the same.

*'Paradoxically, the way to solve a big problem is to THINK SMALL! We have got to stop believing that the only way to tackle any problem is on a scale which precludes Australian capital, technology and "know-how".*

Jeremy's conclusion:

*'Australian **COULD** be the first western nation to "do something different" in the current crisis.*

To do so, **it must challenge** a number of "sacred cows".

**It must challenge** the idea that development and production can only be carried out by huge, international monopolies.

**It must challenge** the idea that the collective decisions of the United Nations offer the best course for Australia.

**It must challenge** the idea that "world opinion" is always right,

**It must challenge** the idea that current levels of taxation can be justified,

**It must challenge** the idea that inflation is a mysterious and insoluble problem.


**It must, above all, challenge** the idea that the Australian banking system could not finance Australian productive potential, at low rates of interest and on terms that preserve Australian ownership of its own assets.

If the Commonwealth refuses to demonstrate the truth of these fundamental conditions, the States should grasp the nettle.

Australia has been blessed with almost incalculable physical wealth and abundance, There is more than sufficient to ensure peace and prosperity for the Australian people for hundreds of years to come.

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN'


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[As] far as it is possible to sum the matter up, the general problem seems to be involved in a decision as to whether the individual should be sacrificed to the group or whether the fruits of group activity should be always at the disposal of the individual.”

**C.H. Douglas**  
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