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Abstract

The sole thrust of this thesis is that the ideology of capitalism utilizes plenty of harsh and subtle, meandering and manipulative strategies. To make the system operate smoothly, the hard-core disciples of late capitalism go to any kind of subtle and tactful approach. They enchant the rhetoric of common well-being, extreme individualism, guarantee of private properties, programs of welfares. But all these innovative initiatives are just the charade and tricks of trade. The sole goal is to hoodwink and put people at large in doldrums. Deep-seated memories are part of the long legacy of postwar anti-communism which Roth explores and evokes in *I Married A Communist*. In the context of commonplace attacks on the manipulative impact of ideology, this novel is freshly revisionist. Roth sets aside obligatory submission to anti-communism in favor of supporting a social democratic egalitarianism espoused by the postwar left. He is sympathetic to radical unionism and to Ira's radical politics. Ira is critically aware of how directly repressive ideology is. Typically, the capitalist ideology is unknowingly manipulative. In its inclination to manipulate innocent people, it can put into practice even harmful and alienating program. Brain washing, subtle sense of materialistic well-being appears to be strategies adopted by the late capitalist venture and tycoons to make the system survive in any situation. Unions should be activist and strong.

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