

The Naked Communist

The Naked Communist is a 1958 book by an ex FBI agent, United States author and political theorist **W. Cleon Skousen**.^{[1][2]} The book has been reprinted several times, the most recent of which was a 2014 printing through Izzard Ink Publishing, and has sold more than 1 million copies.^[3]

1 Synopsis

The author posits a geopolitical strategy by which the **Marxist–Leninist Soviet Union** was attempting to overcome and control all the governments of the world that were not members of the **Communist bloc**.^[4]

2 Reception

Max Blumenthal heavily criticized the book in his 2009 book *Republican Gomorrah*, where he dismissed it as a “right-peddling conspiracy tract”.^[5] In contrast, the book has been highly praised by Glenn Beck and American neurosurgeon Ben Carson,^[6] the latter of whom stated that “*The Naked Communist* lays out the whole progressive plan. It is unbelievable how fast it has been achieved.”^{[7][8][9]}

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