Legitimizing Fascism of the Left

from Jonah Goldberg at National Review [The Idiot Boys of Antifa and the Alt-Right]

> *First of all, Stalinism was genocidal (so were Leninism, Maoism, Jacobinism, Pol Potism, etc.). The only legitimate retort to this is immorally legalistic. The Soviets successfully lobbied the U.N. to exclude the kinds of mass murder the Soviets were guilty of from the official definition of genocide.*
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> *Second, capitalism did not "give us chattel slavery." I don't know where it started, but people who peddle this line seem to think the word "chattel" only applies to American slavery. But all "chattel" means is "property," and people kept slaves as property on every continent — save Antarctica — since the dawn of the Agricultural Revolution. The Ancient Greeks, Romans, Aztecs, Chinese, Native Americans, et al. all practiced "chattel slavery" for thousands of years. It even exists today in the Islamic State. You know who else had slaves? Stalin. If you want to call it "forced labor" that's fine — though I doubt it would be a meaningful distinction to the millions sent into bondage by Stalin.*
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> *Third, the idea that an ideology being based on "equality" somehow exonerates it is ridiculous. It, of course, depends on what you mean by equality. Equality under the rule of law is the bedrock principle of liberal democracy. Enforced economic equality is the stuff of totalitarianism. And not just economic equality; if you're confused on this point, you should read Harrison Bergeron.*