

A Chinese Government-Linked Network is Trying to Reach the Halls of the U.S. Government

The Party for Socialism and Liberation is making its most ambitious push for office yet this year. But alleged foreign ties and a clear anti-American agenda should raise alarm bells.



Executive Summary

- The 2026 midterms see the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) - a Marxist-Leninist party that openly defends China and other U.S. adversaries - organize its most ambitious, coordinated, multi-state push for federal office in a non-presidential cycle yet.
- The party candidates for this year's cycle and the offices they seek include **Andre Easton** (U.S. House, New York's 15th District), **Greg Levy** (U.S. Senate, Ohio), **Joe Tache** (U.S. Senate, Massachusetts), **Ramsey Robinson** (Governor of California), **Eduardo "Lalo" Vargas**, (California Insurance Commissioner), and **Frank Vargas** (California Superintendent).

- This election cycle marks the first time the party is running congressional candidates in multiple states.
- The campaign represents a strategic shift from protest mobilization to electoral politics, bringing a radical platform – including abolishing ICE, slashing the military, ending all aid to Israel, and seizing major corporations - to the ballot box.
- The PSL operates inside a large ecosystem of nonprofits and media outlets funded by Neville Roy Singham, a U.S.-born tech magnate based in China, who is accused of amplifying Chinese Communist Party (CCP) messaging.
- Singham and his network are the subject of escalating federal scrutiny, including a House investigation into foreign influence and a Department of Justice grand jury examining potential financial crimes.

Introduction

The upcoming 2026 U.S. midterm elections will mark a milestone for the far-left **Party of Socialism and Liberation (PSL)**. Long focused on presidential campaigns, **the party is now coordinating a determined, intentional push for federal office in a midterm cycle**, fielding candidates across four states.

The PSL's historic push has been timed well, as anti-Western and anti-American rhetoric have reached a peak in left-leaning discourse, both online and in the streets. And the party has been a visible presence in that turn. Its banners and activists have become fixtures at anti-ICE and anti-Israel rallies across the country and therefore, the PSL and its supporting network have drawn increased scrutiny of lawmakers in Washington.

For several years, the PSL has operated inside a sprawling ecosystem of nonprofits, media outlets, and activist organizations that congressional investigators allege is underwritten by a network of funds tied to **Neville Roy Singham**, an American tech magnate who sold his software company for a reported \$785 million and now lives in Shanghai. Critics accuse him of amplifying the messaging of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Until recently, Singham's network and associates have focused their activity on protest mobilization, propaganda outlets, and influence operations. Now, the PSL is testing the waters to determine its chances of gaining a foothold in elected office. It has fielded candidates for the **U.S. Senate in Ohio and Massachusetts, California**, and a challenger to a sitting **congressman in the Bronx** - the most ambitious push into a

midterm election in its history. This push has attracted a question that now shadows the party: **who funds the movement behind it, and does the trail lead to Beijing?**

Party of Socialism and Liberation

The PSL was founded in 2004 when activist **Brian Becker**, his brother Richard, and others split from the Workers World Party, itself a 1959 splinter from the Socialist Workers Party formed after a dispute over the Soviet Union's 1956 invasion of Hungary. PSL is a Marxist-Leninist party organized on a democratic-centralist model with its goal being the "revolutionary overthrow of capitalism."

PSL has a physical presence in numerous U.S. cities.¹ Its organizing model combines protest, political education, and electoral campaigns. It has run a presidential ticket in every cycle since 2008. Its 2024 nominee, **Claudia de la Cruz**, received 167,772 votes (0.11%) - nearly double the party's 2020 total. In 2024, the Democratic-backed legal challenges in Georgia and Pennsylvania sought to disqualify de la Cruz's ticket; after protracted litigation she was ultimately kept off both ballots (though her name remained printed in some cases).²

PSL incorporates anti-Zionism as a core organizing principle. It characterized the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack as a "bold counter-offensive" and has sponsored or co-sponsored more than 1,700 anti-Israel rallies since the massacre, which killed thousands of civilians, including Americans. The party defends the Chinese government's human rights record, denies the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, supports North Korea, and attributes the Russo-Ukrainian war to NATO.³



A 2024 De la Cruz campaign poster.
Source: [Caludia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia X](#)

PSL has extensive, documented organizational and personnel overlap with other parts of what has come to be known as the Singham network, especially the **ANSWER Coalition**, a national anti-imperialist and protest mobilization organization that organized most of the aforementioned anti-Israel rallies. Recently, in March 2026, ANSWER organized a national day of action with other pro-Palestinian and Singham-linked groups, protesting Operation Epic Fury and the war against the Islamic regime in Iran.⁴ Becker, PSL's founder, is also ANSWER's National Director. De la Cruz, PSL's former presidential candidate, served until recently as co-director of **The People's Forum**, a "movement incubator" and a crucial part of the Singham network.⁵



Source: [ANSWER Coalition Instagram](#)

2026 PSL Candidates

Andre Easton (U.S. House, New York's 15th District)

Easton, a Bronx public school teacher, is challenging pro-Israel incumbent Democrat Ritchie Torres. His campaign is built as much around Israel as it is around the Bronx. Easton describes capitalism as a "system where billionaires bribe our politicians to fund genocide in Gaza," and frames the race against Torres explicitly in those terms, arguing that removing pro-Israel officials for their "complicity in funding and supporting a genocide is a step in the right direction" - though he adds that doing so treats only "a symptom" of the deeper problem, which is capitalism itself. His campaign slogan is "the Bronx is ready for socialism."⁶



Andre Easton. Source: [Andre for the Bronx](#)

Notably, Easton delivered some of those remarks at an April 2026 event hosted at **The People's Forum**, the Manhattan organization that sits at the heart of the Singham network (see below).⁷ This draws a direct line of cooperation between a PSL candidate and one of the most heavily funded parts of Singham's network.



Easton (second from right) speaks at The People's Forum, April 2026. Source: [Stu Smith X](#)

Greg Levy (U.S. Senate, Ohio)

Levy, a military veteran and community organizer from Akron, is running for the seat left open by JD Vance's move to the vice presidency. Levy is campaigning on “a complete reconstruction of society” and an end to “the rule of the billionaires once and for all.” He names individual Ohio billionaires as targets and tells audiences that “Ohio is ready for socialism.” Levy’s platform calls for “cutting all aid to the racist, genocidal state of Israel” and for lifting all sanctions on Cuba, Venezuela, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also advocates for slashing the Pentagon budget by 90% and dismantling NATO and all U.S. military bases abroad.⁸



Greg Levy. Source: [Ballotpedia](#)

Joe Tache (U.S. Senate, Massachusetts)

Tache, a Boston youth worker, is challenging veteran Democrat Ed Markey under the slogan “capitalism is a national emergency, and the solution is socialism.” He has openly stated that win or lose, he views the campaign as “primarily a tool of building the movement.” His platform calls outright to “seize the top 100 corporations and reorganize the economy to meet our needs.”⁹



Joe Tache. Source: [Ballotpedia](#)

Tache is a writer for the PSL's media outlet, Liberation News, where he wrote in 2024 that "Israel's actions constitute collective punishment and genocide against the people of Gaza," and ascribed the October 7 Hamas attacks to the "Palestinian national liberation movement," characterizing them as "resistance."¹⁰

California Joint Ticket

In California, the PSL is running a joint ticket of three candidates under the banner of the Peace and Freedom Party – **Ramsey Robinson** (running for Governor), **Eduardo "Lalo" Vargas** (running for Insurance Commissioner), and **Frank Lara** (running for state superintendent). The Peace and Freedom Party is used as a vehicle by California PSL members, as the PSL is not ballot-qualified in the state.

Robinson, a San Francisco social worker, calls the state of California a "billionaire dictatorship." He built his platform on abolishing ICE, pledging to ban all state cooperation, decertifying police who assist it, shutting down detention centers, and ordering the National Guard to "stand down and go home." Robinson was a key organizer of anti-Israel rallies in San Francisco post-October 7, 2023, and his platform calls to "mandate full divestment of state retirement plans from companies enabling Israeli occupation, apartheid and genocide."¹¹



Ramsey Robinson. Source: [Peace and Freedom Party](#)

Vargas, a science teacher, has a documented record of pro-Palestine activism. During his 2024 run for Los Angeles City Council, he organized alongside groups including the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) and a labor coalition called Labor for Palestine. He told a pro-Palestinian crowd that "our liberation is intertwined with the liberation of Palestine," calling to "free Palestine from the river to the sea," and vowing to withhold support from then-President Joe Biden over Gaza.¹²



Eduardo Vargas. Source: [Lalo for Insurance Commissioner](#)

Lara, a vice president of the San Francisco teachers' union running for state superintendent, is campaigning on "ICE-free schools" and on defending California's controversial and contested ethnic studies curriculum - widely criticized as anti-American and anti-Israel - alongside support for educators who teach "the Palestinian struggle and other anti-imperialist movements."¹³



Frank Lara. Source: [Frank Lara Instagram](#)

In October 2025, Lara was interviewed by BreakThrough News (part of the Singham network, see above) to voice opposition to proposed state antisemitism legislation Assembly Bill 715, which he claimed was a violation of free speech.¹⁴



Lara (right) is interviewed by Eugene Puryear of BreakThrough News and The People's Forum, October 2025. Source: [BreakThrough News YouTube](#)

The Singham Network

Neville Roy Singham is a U.S.-born technology entrepreneur based in Shanghai, China. Since at least 2019, congressional investigators and journalists have documented that Singham has channeled more than \$100 million to a network of far-left U.S. nonprofits through opaque intermediaries, including donor-advised funds at Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Services, the United Community Fund, and the People's Support Foundation. Singham has served as a consultant to Huawei Technologies and maintains close professional relationships with Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials.¹⁵

A 2023 New York Times investigation documented Singham's role in funding propaganda outlets that amplify CCP foreign policy positions and adopt consistently hostile stances to U.S. foreign policy.¹⁶ The network of Singham-funded organizations includes:

- **Progress Unity Fund (PUF)** – PUF acts as ANSWER's fiscal sponsor and shared an address with them as recently as 2019.¹⁷ PUF also serves as the fiscal sponsor for Pivot to Peace, an organization with known ties to the CCP and one of whose activists was arrested in 2023 for acting "within the United States as an agent of the PRC [People's Republic of China] government."¹⁸



Source: [Progress Unity Fund](#)

- **The People’s Forum (TPF)** – TPF is a 501(c)(3) far-left organization which acts as a “movement incubator,” providing space for political education, organizing, and cultural programming. TPF regularly collaborates with ANSWER and other radical groups on campaigns and protests.



Source: [The People's Forum](#)

- **CODEPINK** – CODEPINK is a women-led anti-war organization that is sharply critical of U.S. foreign policy and has received substantial funding from Singham, whose spouse, Jodie Evans, is the organization’s co-founder. The union between Singham and Evans appears to have fueled CODEPINK’s recent shift from spreading anti-China to pro-China messaging.



Source: [CODEPINK](#)

- **BreakThrough News (BTN)** – BTN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit media organization producing reporting and commentary that consistently align with the political messaging promoted by ANSWER and The People’s Forum, focusing on anti-imperialism and critical perspectives on American domestic and foreign policy. Its editor-in-chief, Ben Becker, is the son of Brian Becker, PSL founder and ANSWER’s national director.¹⁹



Source: [BreakThrough News](#)

- **1804 Books** – 1804 Books is a not-for-profit bookstore and press physically located at The People's Forum.²⁰ As a “shop for socialist literature and revolutionary theory,” it serves as a resource for political education and movement building, directly supporting TPF's mission. All proceeds from 1804 Books support TPF's educational and cultural programming. 1804 Books’ events, such as its book launches and author discussions, are often integrated into TPF's broader event schedule.



Source: [1804 Books](#)

- **Justice and Education Fund (JEF)** – JEF is a policy organization focused on wealth redistribution and providing funding for educational initiatives in Latin America, Africa, and the United States.²¹



Source: [Justice and Education Fund](#)

- **United Community Fund (UCF)** – UCF is a pass-through funding organization that channels funds to other organizations in the network.

The PSL is closely tied to the above groups, sharing a particularly significant leadership and personnel overlap with the ANSWER Coalition, The People’s Forum, and Breakthrough News. The New York branch of PSL regularly holds events at The People’s Forum. These ties are so close and well known that the above groups are widely seen as unofficial arms of the PSL. According to one PSL organizer, “mass organizations including Artists Against Apartheid, our Liberation Centers, The People’s Forum and others that may not have explicit ties to the party when it comes to our public facing work but are led primarily by [PSL] comrades.”²²

The 2023 NYT investigation reported that Chinese state-media accounts had amplified Singham-network accounts at least 122 times since February 2020; that Singham shares Shanghai office space with the Maku Group, a media company displaying pro-Xi banners, to which he has given nearly \$1.8 million; and that he attended a CCP workshop on international messaging.²³

In February 2026, a witness at a House Committee on Ways & Means hearing on “Unmasking Threats from Beijing and Beyond” pointed specifically to Singham and his network, including the PSL, as propagating social media campaigns designed to “turn protestors into pawns of foreign governments”:



Singham (front right) attending a CCP Party Forum. Source: [NY Times](#)

*“The ANSWER Coalition and the Party for Socialism and Liberation mobilize the protesters. The People’s Forum trains and coordinates the activists. BreakThrough News handles messaging and media amplification. The impact of this money is ongoing: federal property vandalized at Union Station; American flags burned and police officers assaulted. Airports blocked at JFK and LAX. Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges shut down. Ambulances and commuters disrupted. Wall Street blockaded; holiday commerce halted at Macy’s Herald Square; and immigration and law enforcement facilities targeted. **This is not grassroots protest. It is a repeatable system for paralyzing American infrastructure on demand,***

financed through U.S. tax law, and aligned with a hostile foreign power. It is an active vulnerability we cannot afford to leave intact.”²⁴

In June 2026, the Department of Justice launched a grand jury investigation into Singham over potential financial crimes tied to the funding of this network.²⁵

Additional Campaign Activity

PSL were organizers and participants of a May 2026 rally with former representative **Cori Bush**, who is seeking to reclaim her old seat in the upcoming elections. The rally featured a guest of honor - the influential Twitch streamer **Hasan Piker**, known for his anti-American and antisemitic rhetoric and support of extremism (including his assertion that “America deserved 9/11”). PSL was one of the organizers of the event, and Piker and Bush were preceded on stage by PSL organizer Ángel Flores Fontánez.²⁶



Bush and Piker campaign together in St. Louis, May 2026. Source: [The Intercept](#)

Conclusion

The upcoming midterm elections represent the transition of the Singham network’s American wing from the street into electoral politics. While no PSL candidate is likely to win their race in this cycle, the shift in political discourse signaled by their candidacies is disturbing because an openly anti-American, China-aligned slate of candidates is attempting to legitimize itself on the ballot at a scale never attempted before.

The Department of Justice’s recent announcement about an investigation into the Singham network underlines the severity of this trend. The same organizations that used opaque funding to paralyze the streets of New York City and Los Angeles over the past three years are now making a serious push for elected office. They may not be successful in 2026, but in the absence of real intervention against foreign influence in American politics, their next attempts will be better funded, better organized, and harder to dismiss.

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