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Learn about America by reading *Winning Back America*. It is the best thing you can do to understand why everybody wants to live in America. This book is the best starter book for anybody wanting to refresh their knowledge or learn about America, its founding and how its basic principles of government assure freedom and liberty.

When Benjamin Franklin said: "We must indeed all hang together or most assuredly, we shall all hang separately, he gave away the essence of the seriousness of the task facing America's founders. For as trite as some seem to portray the founding today, it was a serious undertaking by serious men who had been pushed around enough by King George. There is no reason from anybody to be ashamed of America today or its founding.

Today, it is unfortunate that our country is led by corrupt and greedy politicians who have taken control of many levels of governments in America. The good news is that the people are no longer chumps looking for alms at the politician's table. Nor are the people sitting idly by today as in the past hoping things will get better. Americans are taking steps to gain back the freedoms lost as well as those that are being lost. Hop on the Train of Freedom to win back America from the forces of evil. Start right now and learn about America and what we can all do to keep her strong and vibrant.

This book is today's solution for would-be chumps to be better prepared to react to the overreach of praetorian politicians and elite establishmentarians, who hope to set the country back three hundred years.

Liberal socialist progressives in this grouping of American leaders are working to convince the people that government is more important than the people and that the founding was illegitimate. They have their own self-serving agenda to not only remove symbolic statues of our founders but they also want to remove the Constitution and its guarantees of freedom. They would be happy to replace freedom with a hand-out based government that controls the people and not vice-versa.

There is not one Political Party that can be trusted with freedom and liberty. Both elite Republicans and Democrats love the massive federal government and they hate state's rights and individual liberty. Their America would permit these rascals to bend hundreds of millions of people to their will with one imperial America-killing edict after another. Their objective is to turn our beautiful country into a third-world banana Republic, making all citizens dependents of the government for life. The lie is their favorite weapon. They must be stopped.

This book is a quick way for you to learn about how to win back our America and regain its many blessings. It shows why its founding principles need not be replaced.

Just because corrupt and powerful officials choose to ignore our rights and freedoms does not mean we must endure their tyranny. The first step of course is to understand the founding and the most basic written precepts describing America and our rights as Americans. Reading this book about America is a must for every US citizen.



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Preface

Here we are citizens in a truly exceptional country. Yet, even here in America all is not perfect. And so, if we the people do not smarten up, things will get a lot worse and they may never get better again.

Our country and our government is out of touch with its founding. It was not supposed to be this way. Taxes are too high, elected officials are out of touch, government is too big, spending is out of control; the new healthcare program is a train wreck, the federal government is incompetent, the people have no voice in government, too many people are too lazy to hold government accountable, and finally too many of the nation's supposed best people are on the take... There's lots more!

Learn about America by reading this book. It is the best thing you can do to understand our great country and our great form of government, before the bad guys are empowered to take it away from us.

This book is the best starter book for anybody wanting to refresh their knowledge or learn about the founding of America and the government of the United States of America. This book is a way that all citizens can use to be better prepared to react to the overreach of today's corrupt politicians.

Without the knowledge that you can gain so easily in this book, for example, you might unknowingly sign up for a socialist progressive government that takes away your rights, and makes you dependent on government employees for the rest of your natural life.

Today more than ever with our prior President and his coterie trying to usurp the power of the new duly elected president, we citizens are in imminent danger. We just went through a period in which the chief executive ignored the Constitution and administered the office of the presidency in a lawless fashion. We can never let this happen again. Americans need to know their rights and protections built into the basic framework of our government. The very worst thing we can do as Americans is give up these protections to a self-serving promise-everything group of elite liberal-progressive socialists. Our freedoms will be gone and will not come back on their own.

Just because one powerful group of people choose to ignore our rights and freedoms does not mean we must endure their tyranny. The first step of course is to understand America's discovery; its revolution, its founding, and its most basic written precepts. Reading this book is a must for every US citizen.

If you have been paying attention to what is going on in America today, you know that we are in trouble. We have a busted economy, high unemployment, no jobs, and our basic rights to freedoms such as speech, religion, the press, and our right-to-bear-arms are being impinged upon. The founders saw it as a civic duty for Americans to *pay attention* to our government so that we can avoid being chumps and being snookered by crooked politicians.

You and I know that there are more issues than just those noted above, and we must fix them quickly while we still have an America. Isn't this a shame on US? I think that is why you bought this book. Thank you very much.

We are on the same side, and together we can all help. We first must understand what is going on and we then must understand our rights. Even before you and me and everybody else are on board, you must start the first wave of solutions by opening your windows all the way and shouting as loud as you can: "I am mad as hell, and I am not going to take it anymore." Now, didn't that feel better?

Then, after you read this book, you must make sure that you talk to other citizens out there—those that you know—people like you and I and others, and let's help them know that it is time. It is time to get off the couch and act. Unless we all fully engage in America, when we wake up from our deep fog, there may be no America left for our progeny. We will have blown it for sure if we permit that to happen.

In this book, we unabashedly recommend that you stop trusting government, whether run by Republicans or Democrats, since it is clearly not working for our best interests. The sooner we can understand the active threat from the left and the passive threat from the right, the sooner we can move on to solving the problem for our values, our country, and our freedom.

It will be tough to wage this war against the corrupt politicians and the corrupt media if we are not even permitted to help on the battlefield when America is hanging by just a thread. The smarter we are, the more chances we have for success.

There is no question that a number of Americans Democrat and Republican have had enough. That is why Donald Trump is our new President. Trump represented everything that Americans viewed as a solution to the ills of government as practiced for many years—especially the eight years former anti-American president. President Trump was different and that difference gave him a big edge.

Plus, he pledged to “drain the swamp” of DC corruption, and he promised to renegotiate NAFTA, build a wall to favor Americans over illegal aliens, and he promised to repeal and replace Obamacare and rid the country of a burdensome tax system. and maybe that, too, will finally come to pass.

Unfortunately, there are a group of people in his own political party and half of the Congress – the Democrats who have decided to not give the people the government we elected. And, so it is our duty to take what is not being given to President Trump. In this book, we explain how we got here and what we can do about it from here on in.

Your author, Brian W. Kelly has been writing books to help Americans for years. He monitors what is happening to our government and he has written extensively in book form and in hundreds of articles about the major problems our country faces.

Kelly is one of America's most outspoken and eloquent conservative spokesmen. He is the author of *No Amnesty! No Way!*, *Saving America*, *Taxation Without Representation*, *Kill the EPA!*, *Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!*, *The Federalist Papers*, etc.—a total of 125 books. All books are available at [amazon.com/author/brianwkelly](https://www.amazon.com/author/brianwkelly) in both paperback (Amazon) and eBook (Kindle) form.

Like many Americans, Brian is fed up with a stifling socialist progressive Marxists sitting in the top seat in Washington, DC. The progressives place the needs of everybody else in front of the needs of Americans. Like many Americans, Kelly is shocked and in some ways

frightened at how brazen our former President had become in ignoring our Constitution.

Brian Kelly has read the founding documents, the underlying intelligence reports, and he has researched and written about such topics for years. As noted, Brian has written one hundred twenty-five books and hundreds of articles. He is deeply concerned about how intolerable the results of poor government policy can be within our neighborhoods and our lives. After walking us through history and showing the problems in government today, Kelly's comprehensible and sane recommendations in this book are explained in detail within the covers of this soon-to-be classic edition.

More and more Americans are clamoring for jobs but all that has been given by the government to the people is lip service. Both parties permit it. Americans want to keep their health insurance and pick their own doctors, and they want to be able to afford the insurance. If our past president had put his name to a plan like that, he might have won our support. Instead, the President lied to the people and everything in healthcare is worse than in 2009.

The Presidency is not the only area of national government that has been in trouble. Americans who know their rights voted out the party of the past president and must be ready to vote out scoundrels from the Congress and the Senate to protect America and Americans. A Congress that does not support the people's president must be voted out of office.

In his eight years, the prior president tried to take away our guns; ram a health scam on Americans that includes death panels for the elderly and infirm; grant illegals citizenship while handing them benefits paid by hard working Americans, including free education; and finally, he encouraged foreigners to take more American jobs. His party was punished by Americans in 2016 with the election of a president from the Republican Party, a newcomer, Donald J. Trump.

Winning Back America is a title to get your attention. Brian W. Kelly knows that corrupt politicians want to make suckers and chumps out of all Americans so they can advance their personal and group-think agendas. Kelly does not want Americans to trust the politicians from the Swamp. Like WC Fields, politicians are not about to give a sucker

an even break or smarten up a chump. After the chapters in this book, you will no longer be content with being a sucker or a chump and you will work hard to win back America for the sake of freedom and liberty.

You are going to love this book since it is designed by an American for Americans. Few books are a must-read but *Winning America* will quickly appear at the top of America's most read list. If we do not win back our America somebody will?

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kelly, Editor

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Chapter 1 Mad as Hell About the US Government!

I'm Mad as Hell!

The corrupt mainstream media has decided that its mission is to remove Donald Trump from Office and the quicker the better. Fake news and outright lies are their weapons of choice and they have a huge following of people who have been enjoying their work in trying to depose our president one way or another. Though most Americans are not privileged, the media and the Democratic leadership and a large part of the Republican Establishment enjoy the fruits of political greed and the full benefits of the “Swamp.” It’s been like that for too many years to expect that anything, the purpose of which is the good of the country, would have any meaning to them.

The daily soap opera promulgated by this nasty press every day spews vile on the President and tries to convince weak-minded Americans that by jumping on their negative train they can gain back the great times from the last eight great Obama years. The press is actually worse than the far left in trying to persuade Americans to give up the Constitution and bring in a socialist regime.

Fixthisnation.com began their explanation for a new White House set of talking points intended to fight the fake news and it is the perfect way to begin this book because like everything including the fake *Russia collusion soap opera*, the press tells one fat lie after another. So far, Americans are not buying it and that is good.

“The White House issued talking points to allies in the Republican Party on Tuesday – talking points that are almost certainly going to be ignored by politicians who refuse to stand up to the media’s ideological tyranny. As far as the mainstream right is concerned, President Trump is completely toxic at this point. Like rats from a sinking ship, Republicans are doing everything they can to distance themselves from

the president, as if he REALLY IS the neo-Nazi, white supremacist that the liberal media insists that he is. It occurs to only a very, very select few that maybe – just maybe – it’s just the media lying once again in an attempt to smear all of conservatism with the same racist brush.”

“The president, said the issued talking points, were “entirely correct – both sides of the violence in Charlottesville acted inappropriately, and bear some responsibility.” The memo went on to encourage Republicans to remind the press that Trump used “no ambiguity” in condemning the white supremacist groups that gathered for the rally at UVA and in the Town Square the next day. The White House asked allies to present President Trump as “a voice for unity and calm” and a leader “taking swift action to hold violent hate groups accountable.” “

As Americans have begun to discern, the press is not only anti-Trump, they are anti-American, and they lie like the Devil to try to suck in weaker Americans into their doomsday party. Many Americans simply can’t take it anymore.

I can’t take it anymore

Do you remember back in November 1976 when Howard Beale, as played by Peter Finch, the long-time anchor in the movie “Network News,” gets the bad news that eventually causes him to utter one of the most famous movie lines of all time? Beale gets fired and is given two weeks. The long-time anchor has a very poor reaction to this personal news and he cannot control himself during the next broadcast. He "goes off the deep end."

He promises to commit suicide on the air. The company immediately fires him—no second chances for a repeat performance. Beale is devastated and remorseful. He begs for the opportunity to say good-by to his fans with dignity, and he is given his last opportunity ever for air time so that he can say his good-by’s respectfully and also apologize. Nobody expects it to happen, but Beale gets his chance, and it is billed as a last chance.

Despite his promises, once on the air, Beale is overwhelmed by his circumstance. He goes into another diatribe starting off with a rant

claiming that “Life is bullshit.” He is so passionate that his ratings spike as he persuades his viewers to shout out of their windows: “I’m as mad as hell, and I’m not going to take this anymore!” Like the shot at Lexington and Concord, this is the line heard round the world.

Well, my fellow Americans, I bet you saw this coming, and I am going to deliver it as passionately in words as I can: “I am mad as hell, and I am not going to take this anymore.” I bet you are too. Let me remind you of why you are upset.

If you read the Preface, you may find some of this redundant but many do not believe that America suffers so please hear those parts again. Taxes are too high, elected officials are out of touch, government is too big, spending is out of control, the Obamacare program has been a train wreck from its inception, and heroes are dying in the VA system,

The people see the federal government as incompetent. We the common citizens have no voice in our own government; too many people are too lazy to hold government accountable, and too many of our finest are on the take. Only you and I can bring this back to being OK, but not by sitting on our duffs.

Our country run by this government is a train wreck and when they ran in 2016, Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders promised to keep the train derailed for another eight years. They loved how things were. The people did not like it and that is why our President is now Donald J. Trump.

Corporate leaches and leakers have infiltrated our government. We have record unemployment while illegal aliens are smiling as they take American jobs. We have an unsustainable status quo with special interests having priority over the people’s interests. When we look to the future we see a public education system that creates more dummies than smart people. These dummies are so dumb that they don’t seem to mind being called dummies. Scrooge could have come up with an even more devastating term than “Bah Humbug.” It’s that bad! Can’t you feel it?

Before Trump began putting us on the right track, we had the poorest economy since the depression with excessive welfare and income

redistribution, institutionalized lying, a corrupt press carrying water for government, a debt large enough to kill America, huge student debt stopping graduate's success, tyranny v. democracy, government lawlessness, freedom and liberty in jeopardy, American stagnation, and a big loss of American world prestige.

Why we do not regularly hear about this is because we have the most corrupt press since Gutenberg got his mechanical invention working. The American media in all forms works hard to propagandize all aspects of American life while championing the liberal progressive wing of the Marxist / Communist oriented new Democratic Party.

Our big government has become such a problem that it can never again be the solution. Our finest hope, our youth; go through colleges with socialist / communist administrators and professors in huge numbers to ultimately become unemployed and sacked with debt. Their out of touch coffee-breath professors have convinced them that this is the norm though their parents sent them to school because they believed that the American Dream was the norm. It was. But, no longer! Today's millennials do not believe in the American Dream or any dreams because their elitist professors hate America and they lecture accordingly.

The student loan burden prevents borrowers from buying homes, cars, and having a family. As many as 37 million student loan borrowers are too broke to engage in life. College loans, instead of lifting people to the top, have created a new race to the bottom,

On the International stage, thanks to our elected government, America for the last eight years was known as a bad actor. Nobody gives America a standing ovation anymore. Nobody asks us for curtain calls. Our leaders have turned their backs on our friends and they pay homage to our enemies.

Nightclubs in Orlando create major carnage while, so as not to offend the new religion of acceptability in the US, the government blames Christians and guns rather than the work of an ISIS terrorist, the hate mongering perpetrators of the atrocity. A church is attacked by a deranged killer in Texas and Democrats don't want to hear that he lied about his dishonorable discharge and under current law should not

have been permitted to buy any gun. Why not try to treat people who are mentally sick?

Before Trump, smaller and weaker countries such as Russia, Iran, and North Korea pushed US around and laughed at US, and our only response was to see if somehow, we may have offended them. For me, these have been the worst days of America that I have ever witnessed, and the leadership and our government (other than the new president who does give us all hope) seem to be OK with being mediocre, instead of being outstanding. Our elected government has trained us not to fight the bad guys. Wimps and pure traitors from the Swamp control the Congress

If you have been paying attention, and I sure hope you have been as it is a civic duty, you know that there are even more issues than the exhaustive list we just walked through. Isn't that a shame on US? I think that is why you bought this book. Thank you very much.

We are on the same side, and together we can all help. We first must understand what is going on and we then must understand our rights. Even before you and me and everybody else are on board, we must start the first wave of solutions by opening our windows all the way and shouting as loud as we can so all of the government perpetrators in Washington can hear us well: "I am mad as hell, and I am not going to take this anymore."

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Chapter 2 America is a Representative Democracy?

It is more a Republic

When we think of the very important notion that “America is a representative democracy,” watching the clowns who occupy our central government, it is a sane question to ask if this is really true. The song, “Is that all there is?” comes to mind today. We are nothing like our parents and nothing like our founders. We should all be ashamed but then again shame is no longer permitted.

A representative democracy is the foundation of America. However, what makes America, America is that we are also a Republic, the finest form of government ever brought forth from the smartest people in mankind.

We also have a set of laws, beginning with our Constitution that govern all politicians in perpetuity—as long as we hold them accountable.

The big laws like the Constitution are not so that the government can hurt us or impose its will upon US. Not hardly! Our country was founded by some smart people and they knew that without constraints on government gone wild, such as a great body of law known as the Constitution, politicians and others in government would feel they had a right to deny US our liberty and freedom. They are trying real hard today to kill America, so you are reading this book none too soon.

If you could figure any way to put a stranglehold on corrupt politicians, right now or in the future, would you not do it? The founders of America put such a stranglehold on all political agents of the future when it wrote and adopted the Constitution, the greatest body of law ever written in any civilization.

Of course, if we the people do not know what is written in the Constitution, it can't help us much. Can it? So, it is time to stop being dummies and political sport for the elite. It is time to rule America as our birthright as citizens of this great country commands US. Let somebody else eat cake!

And, so, my fellow Americans, that is the number one reason that in order to form a more perfect union of the thirteen colonies / states, and with more states expected, our forefathers built the finest Constitution ever fashioned by the pen of human beings. Our former President bragged about having a pen and a phone, but he did not have much else. His pen and his phone worked against the Law of the Land, not to assure its execution. His Pen and phone could not work the magic of the founders. Apparently, though he taught Constitutional Law, he did not seem to understand its principles, or he was not interested in trying to uphold the most basic law of America.

The Bible, from the hand of God, may be the greatest story ever told in the greatest book ever written, but the Constitution is as good as it gets for the goodness of man, written by the hands of our first patriots, and surely this was with the guidance of God.

In this day and age, there are everyday attempts by the government to undermine our lasting Republic, which is an almost pure constitutional representative democracy. The attacks most often come from the left side of the political spectrum.

The ideology of the progressive left favors Marxism and its simpler forms of socialism and communism. Since Americans do not vote for socialists, communists, or Marxists, these are things that nobody other than a crooked politician would want. If we are unaware of this in today's government, it is time we all paid more attention. No politician wanting to be elected will admit they are more communist than American. Yet, as much as it pains me to tell you, they are!

These overtures, which demean the Constitution, the fabric of our democracy, originate from corrupt politicians who have been caught up in the leftist movement, which would like to end capitalism, and bring on a socialist order to replace the American Dream, and all the dreams of We the People!

One midnight, I asked myself one of those haunting questions: “Isn’t it about time that we real Americans actually had some real “representation” from the so-called representatives in our so-called representative government? I said to myself: “Yes, it is!” It doesn’t have to be a dream. If we believe, it can easily again be made a reality.

The way it now works provides far too much separation between US, the electors, and them, the elected officials who coordinate our pooled resources for the alleged benefit of “everyone.” But who is everyone? And who takes credit for everything?

Do our representatives in the second decade of the twenty-first century have a genuinely compelling concern for the people and our government or is this simply a Nirvana, which in Buddhism is its final goal—a transcendent state in which there is neither suffering, desire, nor sense of self, and the subject is released from the effects of karma and the cycle of death and rebirth. If not Nirvana, perhaps it is a Disney-like Utopian myth perpetrated on US by these same “benevolent politicians?” Do any of US think they care?

I propose the latter. Our government is wholly unaccountable to We the People. Today, our government rejects the fundamental principles of our founding and has no real legitimacy the further it drifts from the precepts of the Constitution.

The US was not designed this way. It was designed by a group of artisans to not only represent their artistic touch, but to be held as the creed of the people, for the people, and by the people, forever. What thinking human being blessed to be part of America, could ask for anything more?

If you think that life, freedom, liberty, and the ability to pursue your own happiness are simple notions, and *givens* in any civilization, get out your thinking pad, and think again. Why do people from all over the world crash our gates just to get in?

Which would you first give up? Your freedom, your life, your liberty, or your ability to do what you need to be happy? Who could ask for

anything more than being an American? But, if Americans do not care about it, maybe it cannot last.

If this design, which the founders labored to create for America was so great, you might ask, why is it that our current lawmakers ignore it? They have no trouble going with the flow and committing US to years of debt without even taking the time to read the debt-ridden legislation for which they vote.

Even worse, its members, our alleged civil servants, are able to get away without doing their jobs, while collecting more and more remuneration for the act of hurting the American people at large.

The true answer to that question is very unfortunate for Americans. There is tacit collaboration in undermining the principles of our Democratic Republic by our supposed representatives, their supporters, the special interests, and their corporate interests. We the people now come last. They think we are not paying attention. Maybe we have not been paying enough attention, but don't you agree that is about to end. *Pay attention* is about to become the motto of the free! A group of Americans in Thirty States in our great Republic saw fit to elect Donald Trump as our 45th US President.

Perhaps too many of US, until things got this bad, had been hoping George would do it! Well, George Washington, one of our finest patriots is long gone, and unless you know of a recent George with the time, it is up to US, each and every one of US, to do it.

And, by the way, the two George Bush's did not get it done either. And now, neither choose to be good Americans by supporting today's President, Donald Trump. I can't figure out how they supported Obama 100% for eight years as loyal Republicans It makes no sense to me.

When the Bushes were in charge, Americans were the least we could be but not as small as in the BHO years. Maybe the Bushes were not so bad after all. Maybe they were and still are. They could have done more but they did not cause today's morose about life in America. BHO, for eight years of Obama baseball could step up to the plate and claim that all for himself. That in many ways is why Trump is now our President. Why the Bushes who we all once thought were patriotic cannot accept

the new President places them right smack dab in the middle of the SWAMP. Whoa think?

Can it be that too many of US and too many of our friends have been constitutional dummies for too long? Perhaps this book and your exhortations to all your friends will help many Americans awaken to what happens in a country in which government, rather than the people, has the stronger hand.

By the way, as much as they could have helped and did not do such a good job; the Bushes did not cause this problem. It rests on the shoulders of BHO. Yet, nobody in the 4th Estate wants to blame him for it, because he seems so happy screwing US all! Do you feel the same?

Chapter 3 Americans Benefit from Our Democracy

Nothing in life worth having, is easy

Our Constitutional Representative Democracy, aka, our Republic comes from the hard-fought battles of the Revolutionary War plus the craft of our founders in writing our country's original laws. Everything America was and is, is because of the work of the great men and women—the founders, who came before US.

Most Americans have a great feel for the notion of representative democracy and the sense that we elect representatives of the community to handle our affairs in the governing of the nation. We also have the privilege of a Constitution which is intended to prevent tyranny by a government gone wild. We do not have a direct democracy in that we do not conduct the activities of government ourselves in Washington.

It would be very difficult squeezing over 325 million people into a room in Washington D.C. Instead, we choose representatives among us to get the job done.

When you go through this whole book, your opinion of the purity of the act of representation may become tainted. That is OK. It should as corrupt politicians have made it so. I hope to generate some alarm and a sense of urgency among the readers for we simply may not have much time to get it right again.

Something surely went wrong with the intention of representation from the Founding Fathers to what representation means today. Something went way wrong sometime between 1492 and the present day but the evidence suggests that the problem began closer to the year 2000 than to the year 1400. That's not to say that all was hunky-dory in the 1400s and onward. Let's jump from the 1400s to the mid to late 1700s to see

how our government was formed. Today's left as well as our corrupt mainstream press seem hell-bent on removing the foundations of America. We cannot let this happen.

The Formation of the United States Government

Representation at All Levels

As you know, governments do not appear out of thin air. They are crafted by mostly brilliant men and women. One of the first documents on the way to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution was in the formation of the United States of America was a short document known as the *Declaration of Rights and Grievances*. This was a product of the First Continental Congress.

At the First Continental Congress, the delegates drafted several documents, and several drafts of documents, one of these, the first, was the *Declaration of Rights and Grievances*. This was a statement of American complaints as can be deduced by the title. It was sent to King George III, to whom, at the time, many of the delegates remained loyal. It was not sent to Parliament since the delegates did not have the same level of loyalty to this body. Quite frankly, the document implored King George III to step in and rescue the colonies from the English Parliament.

Though it was nothing close to a constitutional democracy, the Colonists under English rule enjoyed representation in the lower house of the colonial governments. There was no union of colonies or states at the time and perhaps if the English had kept to themselves and not levied taxes directly on the colonists, Americans today would be much more interested if Camilla is really ever going to be the Queen.

With a careful reading of the Declaration of Rights and Grievances, one can get a quick sense of what the colonists wanted from the Crown. It was simply, "no taxation without representation," and all of the many positions this plea represented. As the thought of a revolution became more of a reality for the Patriots, independence and freedom and liberty become even more important than the tax burden.

This early declaration was the first major document of the new government of the United States, though it occurred at a time when the states were not actively seeking independence from the Crown.

The expressed purpose of the First Continental Congress held in 1774 was:

"That a Committee be appointed to state the rights of the Colonies in general, the several instances in which these rights are violated or infringed, and the means most proper to be pursued for obtaining a restoration of them."

The committee was constructed and the declaration was drafted and it was read on September 22nd and the draft of the grievances was read on the 24th. The members of the First Congress debated the drafts on October 12 and 13, and after a final draft was produced, it was agreed on Friday, October 14, 1774.

Several days later on October 20, the Congress passed the Articles of Association. It was addressed to King George III **Error! Bookmark not defined.** In essence, it was a formal agreement of the colonies themselves to work together as an association of states with common purpose. It was basically a union of protest and boycott as many of the articles outlined the specific actions that the colonists were to take regarding the export and import of goods.

All of the founding documents are readable for free on the Internet. Just type the name of the document into your search engine and it will be available to read for free. In Brian Kelly's book, *Taxation Without Representation*, all of these original documents are included in Appendices.

As you read these articles, you can't help but notice the elegance and forethought in the drafts. We are a fortunate lot indeed to have had such fine and capable, and yes, honorable men and women, representing America in those days.

Since life had not improved and the British, after initially backing off from its impositions, began to double down, continuing to impose its will on the colonists, The Second Continental Congress began on May 10, 1775 and it went on until March 1, 1781. During the war, the

meeting location was moved from Philadelphia several times to other locations to protect the lives of the representatives.

The delegates of each of the 13 colonies gathered initially in Philadelphia to discuss their next steps in dealing with England. This Congress met at the State House in Philadelphia as the American Revolution had already begun in earnest with the shot heard round the world still ringing in their ears.

The militia was still engaged in Boston while the Congress was using its powers to formally establish the militia as the Continental Army of the United States with George Washington as the top general known at the time as the Commander in Chief. This marked another stage in the formation of the government of the US. The government would continue to evolve and after independence was gained, Washington would again become Commander in Chief when he was elected First President of the United States.

Sixty-five representatives originally appointed by the legislatures of thirteen British North American colonies accomplished a body of work that is historic in nature. At the time, it formed the basis for the new government. The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, was the first well-known historic document produced by this Second Congress. The second was the Articles of Confederation, which served as the first “Law of the Land.” This was the pre-cursor document to the United States Constitution.

As noted previously, the Second Continental Congress was begun during the American Revolutionary War. It served as the de facto U.S. national government. This Congress assumed power and raised armies, directed strategy, appointed diplomats, and it made the government formal.

At the same time, it produced numerous important documents, including three of the most fundamental and historic documents regarding American freedom—The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, and The Constitution.

United States Declaration of Independence

Some dates, one can never forget. The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson, and it was put forth and approved for printing on July 4, 1776. It did exactly what it purported to do in its title. It declared independence from Great Britain.

It was not Pennsylvania, or Massachusetts or Virginia that declared this independence and this is a key point. Instead, it was all of the thirteen colonies in unison, known to themselves as states at the time. They had chosen to assemble and join in a union to create a new federal government that would be known as the United States of America.

Once independence was declared, America began to legally operate fully independent of the Crown with its own government. Considering that the colonists were in revolt and war had commenced, it is an understatement to suggest that the colonists were not operating independently prior to the Declaration. The Declaration formalized their union of independence.

The states were declared to be free and independent and "all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved."

In addition to declaring independence, this document gave justification for the separation from the Crown in sufficient detail that the King and Parliament could not misunderstand its purpose and from whence it came. Since the colonies were no more, historians consider this Declaration as the founding document of the United States of America. In his Gettysburg Address of 1863, at the beginning of his address, President Lincoln memorialized the founding of the United States in these words:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

As we know from our knowledge of American History and from any recount of the Revolutionary War, there were a number of battles until the Americans prevailed in the war with England. After the *Declaration*

of Independence, the Second Continental Congress stayed in session passing laws and drafting documents that ultimately would define the new nation as the United States of America. The next major document in the formation of the government of the United is known as *The Articles of Confederation*.

Articles of Confederation

Some say that the Articles of Confederation represent the United States of America's first Constitution. This document was the work of the Second Continental Congress, who drafted it in 1777. The Articles established a "firm league of friendship" between and among the 13 states.

After having been subjected to the wiles of the strong central government of the British prior to the War of Independence, these Articles reflect a sense of the wariness by the states of a government that would not provide them with their God-given rights.

The Articles are the agreed-upon remedy for the concerns of states' rights and for individual rights. Ever fearful that a government of the future (such as the regime from 2009 through 2016, or one hence) might not have the right measure of concern for our individual needs if it were given too much power, and that abuses such as the Intolerable Acts, might again be the result, the Articles purposely established a "constitution."

This document vested the largest share of power to the individual states. When the actual Constitution was built and later enacted, it reflected the same notion of states' rights and individual rights, as the Articles, and the last claimant on the rights list was the federal government in Washington.

Under the Articles of Confederation, each of the states retained its "sovereignty, freedom and independence." The preamble of the US Constitution drafted in 1787 and ratified later by the individual states one at a time, sets its purpose as "in order to form a more perfect union."

The founders of our government recognized that there were flaws in the Articles of Confederation that would more easily permit a tyranny to take place. And, so their best, “more perfect” work, the Constitution, was its way of correcting those flaws and correcting the notion of a constitutional representative democracy (aka, a Republic) for the United States.

There was a permanent institution called the Congress formed in the Articles as a national legislature comprised of representatives of the states. The Congress was responsible for conducting foreign affairs, declaring war or peace, maintaining an army and navy and a variety of other lesser functions.

The Articles did not call for the separation of powers with an executive, legislative, and judicial branch. The Articles did not permit the delegates to collect taxes, regulate interstate commerce and enforce laws. Under the Articles of Confederation these important functions could only be performed if the states agreed.

Though the Articles had shortcomings, the document provided the guidelines for the United States government and it was the only real law of the land until the Constitution was adopted and ratified.

Eventually, the shortcomings were addressed and this led to the U.S. Constitution. The beauty of the Articles of Confederation was that it provided a workable framework during those years in which the 13 states were struggling to achieve their independent and collective status.

Considering that the Constitution itself is under fire today by those who would like it constructed in ways that were not intended by the Founding Fathers, from November 15, 1777, when adopted by the Congress, the Articles of Confederation did its job to keep the Country in good stead. Nothing in life worth having is easy.

On March 1, 1781, the Articles became operational when the last of the thirteen states signed the document. Then came the work for the Constitution.

The Constitution

The Articles were an imperfect constitution for the newly formed union. The phrase "a more perfect union" in the Preamble notes the imperfections in the document and it introduces the rationale for the drawing of the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution (and its subsequent 27 amendments) has survived for over two-hundred years testifying to its perfection as the basis for the constitutional representative democracy of the United States.

From the National Archives:

<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution.html>

I like how this text from the national archives reads so instead of trying to rephrase this, I simply include it below to explain the purpose of the work behind the Constitution.

The Federal Convention convened in the State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia on May 14, 1787, to revise the Articles of Confederation. Because the delegations from only two states were at first present, the members adjourned from day to day until a quorum of seven states was obtained on May 25. Through discussion and debate it became clear by mid-June that, rather than amend the existing Articles, the Convention would draft an entirely new frame of government.

All through the summer, in closed sessions, the delegates debated, and redrafted the articles of the new Constitution. Among the chief points at issue were how much power to allow the central government, how many representatives in Congress to allow each state, and how these representatives should be elected--directly by the people or by the state legislators. The work of many minds, the Constitution stands as a model of cooperative statesmanship and the art of compromise.

The Law of the Land

As noted previously, the Constitution of the United States comprises the primary law of the U.S. Federal Government **Error! Bookmark not**

defined.. In simple terms, it is the law of the land and all other laws must conform to the statutes with this original document and its amendments (changes).

It also describes the three chief branches of the Federal Government and their jurisdictions as well as the separation of the powers. In addition, it lays out the basic rights of citizens of the United States. The Constitution of the United States is the oldest federal constitution in existence and was framed by a convention of delegates from twelve of the thirteen original states in Philadelphia in May 1787.

The Constitution is the landmark legal document of the United States and all other laws are tested against its specifications. Many other constitutions, such as the Constitution of Mexico, for example are based on this work.

The full Constitution includes The Bill of Rights (first ten amendments) and the other 17 amendments. To give the reader an appreciation or a reminder of just how significant the Articles and the Amendments of this document really are, I am including this brief summary below:

Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I: The Legislative Branch: Consists of 10 sections and defines:

(1) All Legislative powers, (2) Composition of the House of Representatives, (3) Composition of the Senate, (4) Holding Elections, (5) Congress sets its own rules by House, (6) Compensation for Senators), (7) Revenue Bills originate in House, (8) Congress can lay and collect taxes, (9) Defines states' rights and taxes (10) State treaties.

Section 9, Clause 8 of the Constitution is of particular interest to this writer. In later chapters, we discuss the automatic conferring of the title, the Honorable. Please look at what the founding fathers thought of such titles:

Section 9 Clause 8: No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

One of the first constitutional loopholes was the notion of the giver being the King, Prince, or a foreign state. There is nothing here unfortunately about taking the title (“Honorable”) for oneself or having it granted via obscure rules of etiquette that have never passed the test of law.

Article II: The Executive Branch: Consists of 4 sections and defines:

(1) Executive Power and President, (2) President as Commander in Chief, (3) State of the Union & Information Requirements, (4) Rules of Executive Branch impeachment

Article III: The Judicial Branch: Consists of 3 sections and defines:

(1) Judicial Power, (2) Laws and Trial by Jury, (3) Treason

Article IV: Relations Between States: Consists of 4 sections and defines:

(1) Faith and Credit of State Laws, (2) Privileges apply to all in all states, (3) New States May be Admitted to the Union, (4) Federal guarantee to defend states.

Article V: The Amendment Process:

Consists of 1 section and defines the Amendment Process for adding / deleting from the Constitution.

Article VI: General Provisions, Supremacy of the Constitution:

Consists of 1 section and defines the debt process and the requirement to support the Constitution

Article VII: Ratification Process:

Consists of 1 section and it outlines the process for ratifying the Constitution

27 Amendments to the Constitution

The Bill of Rights

Amendment I: Freedom of speech, religion, press, petition, assembly.

Amendment II: Right to bear arms and militia.

Amendment III: Quartering of soldiers.

Amendment IV: Warrants and searches.

Amendment V: Individual debt and double jeopardy.

Amendment VI: Speedy trial, witnesses and accusations.

Amendment VII: Right for a jury trial.

Amendment VIII: Bail and fines.

Amendment IX: Existence of other rights for the people

Amendment X: Power reserved to the states and people.

Later Amendments

Amendment XI: Suits against states.

Amendment XII: Election of executive branch.

Amendment XIII: Prohibition of slavery.

Amendment XIV: Privileges or immunities, due process, elections and debt: Consists of 5 sections and defines: (1) Citizenship (2) Apportionment of representatives among the states, (3) Rules for being a Senator or Representative, (4) Validity of the public debt, (5) Congressional Enforcement of this Article.

Amendment XV: Race and the right to vote.

Amendment XVI: Income tax.

Amendment XVII: Senator election and number.

Amendment XVIII: Prohibition on sale of alcohol

Amendment XIX: Gender and the right to vote.

Amendment XX: "Lame duck" session of Congress eliminated.

Amendment XXI: Repeal of Amendment XVIII (Prohibition).

Amendment XXII: Limit of Presidential terms.

Amendment XXIII: Election rules for the District of Columbia

Amendment XXIV: Taxes and the right to vote.

Amendment XXV: Rules of Presidential succession.

Amendment XXVI: Age and the right to vote.

Amendment XXVII: Pay raises and Congress

Amendments Never Ratified

Besides the above summary of the constitutional body of law, six other amendments have been proposed to the constitution that have not been ratified and thus do not represent the law of the land. The entire text of these amendments is available freely on the Internet and in Brian Kelly's *Taxation Without Representation*.

What does this mean?

Here we are in the early chapters of *Winning America*. This chapter has given us a perspective on the government of the US and how it was created via the many patriotic documents discussed above. We now know that there were founding declarations and articles and we know about the many precepts in the Constitution as the primary law of the land.

Taxation was a major problem for the colonists and the representatives of the Second Congress, who, even during the war did not have taxing authority. There was never a welfare state in colonial or early America. Every buck that a colonist earned could theoretically be kept since the state's mission was not to provide for the welfare of others. The Constitution does not provide for redistribution of income.

Chapter 4 Have Americans Been Dumb Suckers?

Americans must stop being chumps

Our representatives are in office far too long and they gain relationships with others in the ruling class and the donor class while they enjoy their multiple mini-reigns and the many perks to be had.

They begin to think that they belong in Washington DC, not their home territories, where their before-lives and their social-lives once existed. They begin to like the trappings of Washington more than being with their loved ones back in their home states. We can call that being corrupted in place.

From my vantage point as an observer, it is clear that Congress represents lobbyists, special interests and itself. Our representatives have no problem lying to our faces and working against us both publicly and privately. It seems easier for them to think of all Americans as chumps than to do their work on our behalf.

Unfortunately for all Americans, the new “important” relationships of public officials, especially of Congress, trump the notion of fair representation for the people (US) from back home. When they take their oaths of office and they promise to represent US, most are sincere at the time.

Then, they come to Washington and experience the trappings and the temptations. And, because humans are only human, way too many of our finest stray from the mark and contribute to the re-creation of a country of which few thinking Americans are proud today.

Think about our forefathers, especially Thomas Jefferson who wrote the Declaration of Independence and of course George Washington,

who guided our troops in the revolution against England's tyranny. Think about honest Abe Lincoln, who freed the slaves and saved the union. These great Patriots would weep to see what their political successors have done to our nation and to us individually. You can bet that in private and behind the gates of their communities, they mock us and have quite a laugh about what they pull off right before our eyes.

So, our fair-haired representatives (figure of speech) choose to represent themselves and their special interests, rather than the territories that sent them to the Congress of the USA to represent the people. Special interests provide special perquisites which overwhelm our greedy representatives and hold them in submission. Perhaps a dose of Lincoln's "honesty," is all that is needed to save the day. Wouldn't that be nice?

Our "honorable," do not even seem to care for our well-being. They care for their leadership positions, which make them big shots, and they care for themselves for sure. Unfortunately, they just can't get it into their heads that we the people are the reason they are employed in their official positions in the first place. By law, we are their employers, and they serve at our pleasure. The more we all understand that, the tighter the reins can be on reigning errant politicians, and the more the people will be in charge.

Then again, maybe a lot of the problem is our fault since we do not check them out well enough before we slam them into office. To make it simple to understand this notion—if there is a rotten piece of fish in the market and we select it for dinner, whose fault is it when it doesn't taste good and our guests get sick?

So, when we pick a rotten person to represent US—whose fault is that? You see, we do not have to be dummies about how all this happens. Too often, however, we choose to be. They don't get into a position to snooker us without us first electing them.

You and I have all heard our friends suggest that these knaves get into office because good men of position choose not to give of themselves. We all have said that it would be nice if a non-politician who is competent and honest were to run. It would be wonderful, right?

I regret to say that is a Utopia as the founders intended but even those who suggest they are looking for a non-politician, when in the voting booth are inclined to go with the politician rather than the person with “no experience.” I know that from experience.

As I got older I thought I would give back so I know what I am talking about. I ran three times and made it to the ballot twice. Once was for Congress and once was for Mayor of my home town. The third time I let it be known I was willing to be a write-in. In both scenarios in which I made the ballot, my local paper endorsed entrenched politicians. I have a fine resume but in their rationale for endorsing the long-time politicians, they highlighted the fact that other than being President of the IBM Club in Scranton, PA, I had no political experience.

The irony of course is that all normal Americans want to put a person with no political experience and a lot of smarts into office. I thought that no political experience would be to my advantage. I now know that in the final analysis, the majority of the people vote with their stomachs and not with their brains.

I now have a theory that circulating experienced politicians out of office in short terms is the only solution to keeping them from controlling us. The people should permit only about five years in office and then no more. The best of us in my experience and in watching current events, do not want to vote in somebody who never held office. Yes, we certainly should all other things being equal. But, in my personal experience, we won't and don't.

The people get shortchanged

It does not matter whether the government is controlled by Democrats or Republicans. The people are always short-changed on the notion of representation and honesty! When has a representative run effectively on honesty? Is that because we do not care about honesty or we know they are kidding. Either way it is our fault. We do get the government we deserve. It is time, however, that we begin to deserve better by paying attention and no longer voting with our stomachs. Voting with our stomachs makes us chumps of politicians who become our lords and masters.

Somebody once said that if you like your honesty, you will be able to keep it and it should save you about \$2500.00 per year. But I jest, yet my jest is serious. You know the promise! It was Obama on healthcare.

OK, nobody said exactly that but some president at some time in the last eight years told Americans that they could keep their doctors, their health policies, and save \$2500.00. A lot of chumps believed him and when it was found to be untrue, the same people could not wait to reelect him or his surrogate.

My objective in this book is not to have you know who said that or to get you upset whether he or she did or did not. I just want you to think about what the founders promised and what American government was delivering to the people before the liars took charge. There is a chasm. Only your vote, the way the people swept Trump into office, can save the day. We must help the President get rid of the bad guys—the Swamp, if you will or we are doomed.

And, so, from my own experience and research, my objective is to help smarten you up along with as many other Americans that I can reach and who will hear my message. The eight years before Trump taught us all that guys like that, whether they are the president or not, will treat you and I like chumps if we let them. And, so it is time to clean out the Congress and the Senate. For that of course, we cannot be voting in those with political experience. I know you get my drift.

I have the uncanny gift of being able to imitate other people's speech. In other words, I can impersonate certain people. In my home town, I can imitate the late Congressman, Daniel J. Flood, as if he were in the room with us. It is a gift. I can also imitate WC Fields, though not as well—but not too badly.

Can W. C. Fields help America today?

Some Americans know that WC Fields was the essence of Americana in his day. He found the nuances and he got a lot of laughs by pointing them out while using just a smidge of hyperbole. Fields counted on the

weak and the strong alike to understand his missives, and he fired them off in his raspy voice to much acclaim.

Fields was into everybody's head, like it or not, strong willed-or not. He was not just a writer and an actor; he was also a psychologist without a degree. I would argue that only WC Fields can explain why America is falling apart today. However, I would agree to give Rod Serling his due. Today's battles between left and right may just be a bad Twilight Zone episode.

Fields did not think much of the human character of his day and age, and I suspect that he would think less of humans in our time. How about the title of one of his films? Does it not explain his perspective about how non-thinking humans, aka dummies and chumps, can be exploited when they choose to not pay attention?

I would ask you all to consider his movie, "*Never Give a Sucker an Even Break.*" This is a war-time 1941 Universal Pictures comedy starring the raspy voiced master of comedy himself. WC wrote the original story without taking credit in his own name. His pseudonym for this work was Otis Criblecoblis. This master played himself in the movie. His plot was that he was searching for a chance to promote a surreal screenplay he had written. Ah, Yes!

Fields based this movie on some of his earlier films, such as *Poppy* (1936) and *You Can't Cheat an Honest Man* (1939). It did not take long for the audience to know the poor regard Fields felt for his fellow man.

WC himself would refer to it as understanding the comic importance of human vulnerability. In *Poppy*, for example, he tells his sweet little daughter that "If we should ever separate, my little plum, I want to give you just one bit of fatherly advice: "*Never give a sucker an even break!*"

Think about that and ask yourself if you have wondered why some of the political parties out there today may not be giving any of US an even break. Maybe they think we are chumps, too weak to demand it?

Knowing that he had hit a chord with his Americana, in the blockbuster film, *You Can't Cheat an Honest Man*, WC lays it on even

thicker. He knew that people hated wussies; but he also knew that many people take on the personality of a wuss, in a moment's notice.

And, so, in this great film extravaganza, with gin breath for sure in every scene, WC tells a customer that his grandfather's last words, "just before they sprung the trap" were, "You can't cheat an honest man; never give a sucker an even break, or smarten up a chump." He could say these seven thousand times in his inimitable voice, and I know I would chuckle each time. But, maybe he was right about US?

Since this is not supposed to be a heavy political book, though we are surely in tough political times, when trust of government is in question, I cannot tell you which of the two major political parties think that Americans have no brains. It seems that the opinion is shared by both. However, I will tell you that WC Fields would have had no problem identifying the culprits and delivering the goods.

Moreover, he would have been pleased to cheat suckers in any way he could; while giving none a break. All chumps of course would remain dumb and gullible and capable of swallowing political propaganda, while still remaining loyal to the Party that was inflicting the most harm on them. Does that sound like today's Democrats? Fields in many ways behaved as the Party. He lied very well. In fact, he literally made prevarication into an art form.

My job in this book is to help all Americans know that it is about time that we all pay attention and that we no longer defer to the judgment of political "friends." Let's stop being suckers and chumps, and throw out the bums that are destroying America, from whichever party they come.

If we happen to come across an upstanding janitor in a clean building, we would be far better off enticing this fine person into representing our district than listening to the propaganda of the establishment political class. They are destroying America. Their advice is purposely directed to convince US to elect representatives of the worst character. Let's just say no!

When Fields put out his last film, he was 61 years old. Though he was probably tickled that he lasted to 62 years of age, with all the weathering he inflicted on himself over the years, he knew that alcohol

and illness had taken their toll. His waist line had grown in size but not by design. He loved a nip way too much. It would do him in and soon.

He was an accomplished juggler in his teens and early days in burlesque. He had real athletic talent, and he had the determination of a poor person, hoping never again to be poor.

At one time, when in his fifties, he went through a period in which he made eight films in the space of two years. Abuse does take its toll. I bring him into this book because Americans are being played for chumps by the political class, and nobody seems to be giving US a break.

Truth and knowledge are our best hope to fight off the promises and lies of the political class and the infamous entrenched Swamp. When you see a politician speaking, remember there is only one way to know if he or she is lying: “Are his lips moving?”

Then, of course in today’s day and age, you have the low-information voters – the most gullible citizens, who are so good hearted, they would ask an aggressor if they could hold the nail as the aggressor pounded it through their hand on a cross.

They would ask an opposing soccer striker coming towards the ball in a rush to kick it into the goal, “Is this your ball sir?” They would be nice rather than take what is theirs. They would not want the striker to miss out on her or his opportunity to score. Why kick it away to save the team when there is less immediate flack if you just say, “Oh, excuse me, is this your ball?”

That’s just a little too nice for real Americans. But that is where participation trophies take young athletes. Why get better? Why get wise? America was not born of niceness. It was built on fairness, goodness, and individual strength.

We the people are not supposed to give politicians an even break; we are supposed to pay attention so our rights are not violated by grabby, greedy politicians. If you happen to be in this low information / overly nice category, thank you for visiting this book. I hope that through my writings, I can help you be more like you can be.

You gotta smarten up or we are all toast. Finish this book, please and you will understand how smart you can be and how much power you can wield against those who care nothing about you or me, or America. Always keep your eye on the ball and do not give the ball up to an opponent just because they lie and schmooze you.

Though I enjoy his work, please note that this is not a biography of WC Fields nor is it a book that attempts to hide all of his transgressions or the transgressions of the political class. Beware of false prophets.

Fields was the master in understanding his times. My goal in bringing him into this discussion as we absorb this book, is so that we can cast his knowledge forward to the people of today and we can all gain. With a not-so-free and very dishonest and corrupt press, spewing more fake news than news, the propaganda provided by the mainstream media of today, would have US all believe in the "*Tooth Fairy*." Any of US that live by believing the rot of the Swamp entrenched media, are un-smartened chumps.

Since I too believe in Santa Clause, and have met him once or twice in my life, I will cast aspersions only on the Tooth Fairy. I have never personally met her, though I did find a quarter under my pillow one morning where once a missing tooth had been placed. But, the quarter from my jeans pocket was unexplainably missing. And, so, one of my very own guiding principles is: "There is no free lunch!"

Ask the mainstream press about these two fine characters, which make our children very happy. Ask them if they are real or not? If you can get the press to talk to you honestly about Santa or the Tooth Fairy, ask them if they care at all about regular Americans.

Those of US living in the shadow of the post 2008 and 2012 elections are no longer suffering from a recession or a bad economy. Sorry, just kidding! We all have been told that we are in a recovery period by a government that would say anything to protect its power. How did this recovery go for you? Were you OK? For me Trump promised relief and the deep state is blocking the full measure of the relief our new president could be delivering. We must rid ourselves of the political swamp by not being chumps. Send the rogues packing.

You and I both know that for eight whole years we had been suffering from no economy if not worse than that. The lack of any prosperity was caused by a government that wanted to punish anybody or any company that was productive. Those in charge of government pre-Trump told us all that this was the new normal and we were just supposed to accept less. They also said it would never get better.

The man who promised hope and change made it so that eventually the people hoped that the changes to come would not hurt as much as the changes that had come. If we think those eight years were bad, can you imagine no countervailing power. Can you imagine if God forbid, in the future they are able to depose our President with the help of a crooked court system and they paste in a Hillary or a Hillary-like stooge to pretend he or she is the new Obama. Perhaps like Hollywood stars, we would be able to move out of the country to a nice place—where all the following famous people went:

1. Jon Stewart

Still in USA.

2. Chelsea Handler

Still in USA.

3. Neve Campbell

Still in USA.

4. Barry Diller

Still in USA.

5. Lena Dunham

Still in USA.

6. Keegan-Michael Key

Still in USA.

7. Chloë Sevigny

Still in USA.

8. Al Sharpton

Still in USA.

9. Natasha Lyonne

Still in USA.

10. Eddie Griffin

Still in USA.

11. Spike Lee

Still in USA.

12. Amber Rose

Still in USA.

13. Samuel L Jackson

Still in USA.

14. Cher

Still in USA.

15. George Lopez

Still in USA.

16. Barbra Streisand

Still in USA.

17. Raven-Symonè

Still in USA.

18. Whoopi Goldberg

Still in USA.

19. Omari Hardwick

Still in USA.

20. Miley Cyrus

Still in USA.

21. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Still in USA.

22. Amy Schumer

Still in USA.

23. Katie Hopkins

Still in USA.

Whoops! Looks like we are already there!

I did not accept it then and I hope you won't ever accept it. This was about the worst governing period that I had ever lived through. But, because we still had the right to vote, you and I helped put in Donald Trump. I ask you to always vote when you feel outraged but maybe if you vote each time—even before you are outraged, we can cut the bad years off at the pass.

The Affordable Health Care Act, which cynics either call the Unaffordable Health Care Act, or simply Obamacare (even the past President loves the term), is one of those things that most Americans joke about in public but fear in private. Most of US get sick every now and then and we do not want a government bureaucrat deciding whether we get treatment or not.

We may joke about its conception and its most inept rollout, and the miracle of a 7.1 million subscriber count four years later by March 31, 2014—when just the day before nobody knew how many had paid. These things are really not funny but our government presents the truth as its mortal enemy.

We were all suckers and chumps to have accepted Obamacare and to reelect legislators who would not get rid of it. Some of the most attractive measures of Obamacare included the fact that it permitted parents to keep their kids on the healthcare dole until they were 26 years of age.

Ironically, since the Obama economy was so bad, even college graduates could not get jobs and so they could not get healthcare. Therefore, they needed their parents plans as a crutch. I used it myself and learned that though my daughter got health insurance, I had a hard time affording it. The other great thing people like is that nobody can deny a person enrollment even if they have a pre-existing condition.

Well, I have bad news about the lies in this story. Just like you can't keep your doctor, your hospital, or your health insurance plan, and you will never see \$2500 in savings, despite Obama promises, he was also kidding about pre-existing conditions. Obama said, you can get Obamacare if you have a pre-existing condition. Sorry, he was kidding again. Please forgive him as you always do simply because he was once president.

Let's pick a point in time such as March 31, 2014. That was the first real Obamacare deadline. It was the last day to take advantage of open enrollment and if you did not enroll, there would be no coverage for preexisting conditions and the age 26 child inclusion was null and void also.

So, back then and every year since, unless you could postpone your illness until January of 2015, or 2016, or 2017, or 2018, etc., and you did not die beforehand, you were not permitted to sign up for Obamacare—including the preexisting condition option. At this time, there were just 7.1 million signed up out of 330,000,000 Americans.

With the then President claiming a big victory at the time, nobody in 2014 could get insurance again until 2015. Who did that help?

I know that the prior President did not tell anybody that, but it is the truth. No bad news about the results from liberal leadership is ever disseminated by a corrupt press.

The government had no problem not providing what it had promised. They simply informed the people before the deadline as if it were not Obama's fault: "*the clock is ticking on the individual health insurance open enrollment period for 2014, which is scheduled to end on March 31, 2014.*" When the clock ran out, that was it – no coverage for anything until a year later—even though there were just over 7 million of 330 million covered.

Moreover, unlike many of the other deadlines established under "Obamacare," this one would not be extended or delayed and it was not. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told Congress on March 12, 2014 that the Obama administration would not extend the deadline for people to sign up for health insurance or delay the requirement for most Americans to have coverage. That was that but many have already forgotten that act of severe callousness. What were people without coverage to do?

What did this mean and what has it meant every year hence? It means that, if you had not already done so, you had only until the end of March of that year to obtain minimally adequate coverage for yourself and your dependents, either through your state health insurance exchange, directly from a private health insurer, or anywhere else you could find it. Even the online system did not work.

However, if you qualified for "Obamacare" health insurance tax subsidies for 2014 etc., you had to obtain your coverage through your state exchange to receive them. You would qualify for such subsidies only if your family income was no more than four times the federal poverty level.

Regardless of which Party is responsible for the mess, Americans have been played for chumps, sitting on the edge, anticipating that somehow, because there are big problems, we would all get nailed by Obamacare in one way or another. Because employers were opting out,

many of US thought we would lose our jobs, lose our ability to work full time, lose our health insurance policies, and not be able to afford the new government issued policies coming our way. History proves these fears were real and the results have matched the fears.

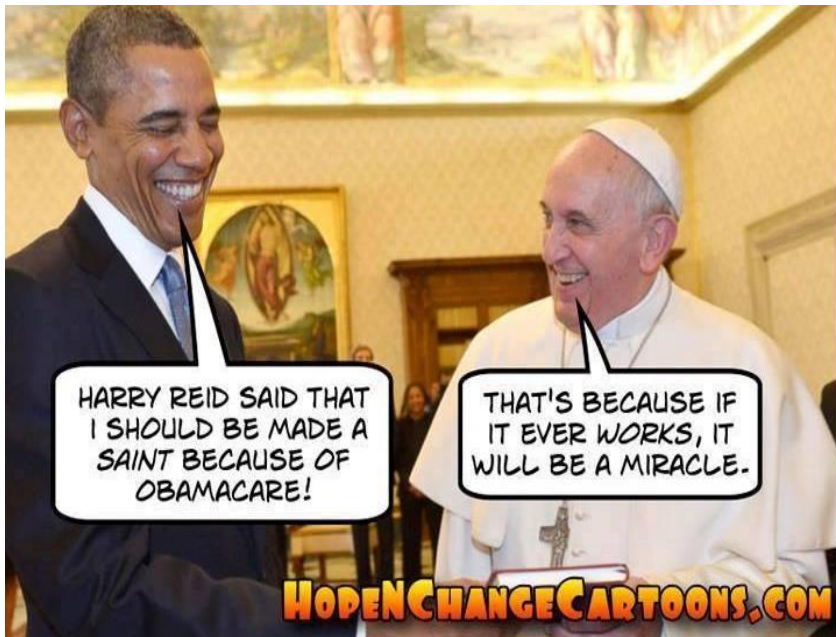
The fact is that we may get sick and need healthcare and we may die in need because of Obamacare. The biggest outrage of them all is that Obama and the Congress and the Senate and all of the Pages and the Interns and Aides are spared. They are special and not like regular people who have to eat Obamacare and like it. It is so onerous that Congress lobbied for them all to be exempt from Obamacare. If it was good Congress would have insisted they be part of it.

Thus, the past president and a huge coterie of government workers still do not have to suffer the pain that ordinary Americans have to endure. The people are anticipating that President Trump make this right soon. We must demand it or we will forever be known as chumps.

Illegal Immigration & Amnesty

Illegal immigration and amnesty have become another source of jokes perpetrated by the left on the American people. In this instance, both the Democrats and the Republicans share the same vision – *to stiff the American people*. Our officials on both sides of the aisle have done their best to give priority to illegal foreign nationals rather than American citizens. What happened to America and Americans first? Only Donald Trump believes in that and he just became President. Donald Trump is planning to do what the prior president never provided. What would WC say about this, folks?

Some truths stand forever. It is rumored that even the prior president, when he met with Pope Francis could not think of anything positive to say, so he quoted his buddy Harry Reid. We show the bubbled exchange with the Pope below. Pope Francis must have a great sense of humor. Don't we just love his simplicity and how he knew how to handle the great one.



Though I decided that this book about America should not be too political, some things are as they are. This book is actually anti-political. However, we must tell the truth about how things really are—don't you think? Obama and Pope Francis actually look like they like each other.

I am a Democrat, though not too proud about that fact. It is a fact, however, that both Democrats and Republicans have given us this sad state of affairs. Democrats are looking for more voters and Republicans are looking for more profits by being able to pay illegal aliens less than the minimum wage. Those of us in Anytown, USA have the deck stacked against us by our very own representatives who are pleased that we are content to be chumps in this matter.

To be truthful and fact-filled, the reason this book makes each Political Party seem like they, and they alone, along with the two-party system—are responsible for the problems that America has been suffering is because that's the way it is. Meanwhile regular citizens are struggling to keep our American way of life while interlopers from other countries are happy to take from Americans to keep themselves going illegally in America. That is the major reason Donald J. Trump was elected president.

The impact of illegals on millennials

Because I love America so much, I must share my sense of what America really is, and in so doing I must explain why millennials have been intentionally shut out of the American dream. The millennials know why but it is not easy for them to admit being fools for so many years.

For years, there have been no jobs after college. With no jobs and no income, millennials cannot start families. Those with a real education and a real job know that this was once a country that not only promised everybody the probability of an American Dream. It delivered.

I hope I can help wake up Americans of all ages from the fog that has affected too many of us. We have not necessarily changed. However, we have permitted our government to change for the worse. Our representatives and our government has changed so much that they have forgotten who we are. The people were ordained to control the government by the founders, not vice versa. However, our leaders have stolen that power from the people because we keep reelecting them.

Despite cautions from the beginning of the United States to limit its scope, government has grown so big that we the people, who own the government, according to a deed known as the Constitution, can no longer sort through all the lies and the empty promises from double-dealing politicians. Consequently, there is no choice but for all of us to help reduce the size of government so that the people can matter again. We get our chances each election cycle.

If all Americans understood America, and were taught to respect America in our schools, instead of teachers teaching students to “blame America first,” we Americans would not have to worry about being defeated from within.

In this way, if any American political party comes-by led by Democrats or Republicans, and it wants to change America into a Communist-Russian-like, or Communist-Chinese-like, or Nazi-Germany-like country, we will be equipped to fire off a quick nyet, or a mhai, or

simply, a hearty, guttural nein! If we are inclined to speak English, Americans then can just say, “No!” as we do on many other issues.

We can surely add no-way Jose for effect if we choose, simply because we are Americans and we are exceptional. What we cannot do is accept and believe the propaganda from the corrupt, socialist progressive Marxist owned press in the US.

America, from its inception, along with mercantilism, has used capitalism to create the strongest country in the world. Those who do not like America have already removed mercantilism from the landscape and now hope to replace capitalism with socialism.

Their replacement scenario is a promise of the best of small “c” communism in our later evolution, or revolution. Of course, you already know that the typical end point / last stage for communism is that freedom lovers must die to protect the regime.

Freedom and freedom loving people are a threat to communism and socialism and so there is no guarantee that people who give up freedom will live when and if the bad guys take the reins. Ask Mao Tse Tung and Joseph Stalin if they honestly think the people gained during their regimes. Estimates of the number of deaths Stalin caused vary wildly – from 3 million to 60 million. Isn’t one or two bad enough.

Mao Zedong was even worse. According to the authoritative “Black Book of Communism,” an estimated 65 million Chinese died as a result of Mao’s repeated, merciless attempts to create a new “socialist” China. Anyone who got in his way was done away with -- by execution, imprisonment or forced famine. Small c communism comes with a price. Though liberals often adopt, small c communism, it is decidedly illiberal. It is a mélange of anarchism, anti-capitalism, in near permanent rebellion and overthrow mode. It likes to co-opt “liberal” causes in which to hide and so by actions it is sometimes hard to find pure.

If you believe in any of these socialist philosophies and you also like your freedom, it might be a good time to visit the tombstone makers in your area and pick out a good one. In memoriam! You are gone!

Chapter 5 Does Congress Really Serve the People

Answer using the Obamacare repeal fiasco

One fact that Americans cannot miss today is that the Congress is in its own way! Whereas Democrats won't even consider a repeal, replace or a real fix to Obamacare even though their constituents are crying for relief, Republicans have become adept at lying to their constituents. The Party of Lincoln is not a better promise-keeper as they seem to have completely forgotten that they promised their voters that they would repeal and replace the whole shebang. Now, Republicans are hiding behind rocks or anything else available hoping Americans forget why they voted for them.

People with a lot of money in both Parties want to keep Obamacare the way it is. To hell with the people!

Repealing & replacing Obamacare should be simple!

The only reason for a Congressional representative or a Senator to not fulfill a promise to constituents is if it goes against the grain with his or her personal beliefs. And, so our esteemed K-street beholden Congress could not deliver what the people demanded in the last election because their esteemed Swamp-living donor base said, "No!" Congress in both chambers fears the donors in the Swamp more than they fear you and I or even President Trump. That explains a lot. They care nothing about the people.

President Trump's promise to America was clear. He said he would first repeal Obamacare; not reconcile it with the wishes of the Democrats! It was not to repair it! It was not to replace it with Paul Ryan's half-baked RINO-care! After Obamacare was off the books, the

President promised that it would be replaced by something better. But, first it would be repealed and off the books. The people liked this.

Donald Trump is trying different ways to get the job done. He is learning quickly, however, that he cannot partner with the SWAMP-lovers in Congress and expect to be treated fairly? Additionally, he cannot get his agenda accomplished without calling the bad Republicans what they are – bad Republicans. And, of course in a matter so important to all Americans, he cannot let the Democrats or the corrupt anti-American press off without a ton of public rebukes.

Over the last seven years, the GOP has practiced a nasty brand of deceptive chicanery while lying through their teeth to constituents. They won successive elections by highlighting problems with Obamacare. They spent more than \$235 million in negative ads slamming the law, and they staged 54 high-profile repeal votes. What was that all about? Was it to buffalo their constituents?

This went on into 2016, when every major Republican presidential candidate, including Donald Trump campaigned on a pledge to quickly get rid of it. Then, when the Republicans were totally in control of Congress and the White House, the GOP were no longer assured of Obama's veto so they got cold feet and chose to please their donors rather than the people who elected them.

In fact, GOP legislators said that the political assault on Obamacare was an exercise in cynical politics, and that an outright repeal was never on the table. I beg to differ as do many, many Americans. The GOP wimped out and these dishonest representatives must be replaced.

My personal thinking from the start saw our new President's teaming with Representative Ryan as against his promise to those conservative Americans who elected him. It gave me pause. Ryan is not a conservative favorite and he symbolizes the Swamp to many. Trump voters were not asking Trump to relieve the Democrats of the imploding political failure of Obamacare.

Paul Ryan was on the side of the donkey, not the elephant. Few rational people paying attention actually believed it was a smart move for the President to choose to renege on a major promise to his core constituency so quickly in his administration. We were hoping he

would call Congress out on their half-baked shenanigans to create Obamacare-light.

If we must go back in history, we will all find that Republican primary voters very emphatically moved against the Party establishment in 2016. That is why Donald Trump got the nomination. Democrats in my own family switched to Republican so they could have Donald J. Trump as their candidate in the general election. None did this because they wanted four more years of Obama.

In the general election, my relatives and yours saw Hillary Clinton for what she was. Despite the corrupt press painting negatives against today's president, the regular people in both parties elected their candidate for President. It was Donald J. Trump. The same people today, at least those who I know, are happy that Mr. Trump is fighting for America despite some louts in Congress and the Senate in both parties.

Now, after several batches of 100-day marks have passed, though Mr. Trump is better than sliced-bread and far better than Obama for sure, many are concerned that we may not be able to trust him with the issues and the promises that prompted us to vote for him in 2016.

We have concerns that our new President occasionally gets in bed with the Swamp. We worry about Ivanka's and Jared's real leanings and the influence they may have on our President. We do not want our President committing political suicide!

Iteration 1 of Ryancare was dead but Ryan still pushed something other than a clean repeal and replace bill. Americans who elected Trump were looking for a clean repeal and quite frankly, most felt a replace was unnecessary as government should stay out of healthcare. The objective must be to go back to the free market after the repeal.

Ryancare 1.0 died but much of it survived and eventually passed the House. Americans never asked for Ryancare II, AKA Obamacare-light. We were glad the first iteration had gone dead for the time being; instead of us having to trust the Swamp again to help America. So, while in the House, many were asking the Freedom Caucus to work to repeal and replace Paul Ryan with a conservative House Speaker, most good right-leaning people in the US were hoping we could all help the

President to begin a second time to make America great again without Ryan messing it up.

President Trump intrinsically knows how to do business logically without convoluted rules. The plan outlined right here in this chapter shows you and President Trump how to use the simplest methodology ever to repeal and replace Obamacare with a market based solution—exactly the way President Trump promised, when he cared more about the people than the opinions of Congress and perhaps members of his family.

Silly Congressional rules must be changed

Should we ever accept a premise that Paul Ryan intends to do what is right for the American people? Should we then accept the premise that Ryan put the best bill possible together to repeal and replace Obamacare as promised to the American people? If we can get past those questions, and we think Ryan has done his well-intentioned best, then he clearly failed.

More and more analysts are suggesting that from the outset Ryan's objective was to snooker the American people, while snookering President Trump into thinking that the only way to pass anything was to pass his elite establishment concoction euphemistically labeled as The American Healthcare Act of 2017. The bill was replete with twists and turns so that even a duly appointed Parliamentarian would argue with another Parliamentarian about what was actually possible with the legislation. If this were his intention, then Paul Ryan seems to have succeeded.

The problem as we all have learned after the bill finally was released from its top-secret chamber in the sub-basement of the House, the Ryancare bill, according to many who could describe it in better language, found that it stunk to high heaven. P.U.!

Nobody wanted to get close to it and nobody really wanted to touch it, and after all the work put into it; nobody wanted their name on it. The White House cautioned Ryan not to call it "Trumpcare." Critics and Cynics labeled it "Ryancare" and "Obamacare-lite." Hospitals learned

to hate it in short order, and insurers began to push the panic button. The House bill which Paul Ryan was pushing to “repeal” Obamacare quickly became a bill that nobody wanted to own. Tell me folks, do any of us think that fact alone shows this is good legislation?

Donald Trump, God love him for his energy, was erroneously told by Mr. Ryan that what he saw, was all he could get. He was also told that Mr. Ryan as the Speaker of the House could deliver it as it existed in a binary vote in the House. So, much wanting something rather than nothing, the President went for it. He believed Ryan to be a truthful man. More and more Americans see that supposition as a mistake!

There was a major problem causing all the stink. The bill did not accomplish the # 1 objective. It did not repeal Obamacare. How can a repeal and replace bill not do the repeal? You tell me. When Paul Ryan described the bill, many conservatives heard only “Humma humma humma” like Ralph Cramden on camera.

Great favorites of the seniors were left in the bill such as the Death Panels. Additionally, as a proportion, seniors would be the group of people that would see the most coverage losses – those aged 50 and older. How could that be? Perhaps it was simply a bad bill. You bet it was.

Plus, there was no provision to get a cheaper policy across state lines or anywhere for that matter. Affordability was apparently not a concern to Ryan. In essence, after the bill was examined from top to bottom, the government, not the individual, was back in control of everybody’s healthcare. Who asked for that?

And, so, various people in government and the media from Rand Paul to Charles Krauthammer called it Obamacare-lite. The bill consisted of about 50% window-dressing; 35% condiments—heavy on the ketchup, and it left Obamacare’s grip on the 15% meaty substance of the health of the nation. To make it look like more than it was, it also shifted some things from the right side of the page to the left, and it was nicely bound.

The bottom line is that it appeared hastily put together after seven years of Republicans claiming to want their chance. It was not well explained because you could not explain how it was still mostly Obamacare, and

it did not solve the problem of a major government control role in healthcare.

The Republican House failed the American people again and it failed Donald Trump, our President. The American people, when learning what it was to the extent possible, said, “NO,” by a margin of 83 to 17 in the polls. The Senate could not even get it passed.

Is that all there is?

The conservative sponsor of legislation to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act, Jim Jordan, explained that the Ryan proposal was rejected by Americans because it preserved far too much of the old Obamacare system and therefore it could not be accepted. That is another way of saying that the bill simply did not repeal Obamacare.

U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio is the co-founder and former chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. He had introduced legislation to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as the ACA or Obamacare. However, with Paul Ryan apparently representing the Swamp faction, he knew his reasonable shot at eliminating Obamacare would go nowhere. Ryan was in control and other Republicans were not even permitted to speak about the bill for the longest time.

Newt Gingrich said that President Trump was misled by House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) into believing that he could pay little attention to the Obamacare replacement bill, and come in at the end and sign it. It would be that simple for the President. It was not.

Jordan has an aversion to lying to the American people. So, he was vigorously opposed to the Ryan version of the American Health Care Act. Jordan, after examining the bill argued that it was not what Republicans had been promising voters since 2010.

“We’re not repealing Obamacare. Even people who are for it, like Charles Krauthammer, have said it’s Obamacare-lite,” Jordan told WND and Radio America. “It keeps the Obamacare structure, and that’s not what we told the voters. If you don’t repeal Obamacare,

you're never going to bring down the cost of insurance for middle class and working-class families.”

Plus, that pesky ole death panel is still there.

“So, it is really that basic. Let's do what we said. That's what they sent us here to do. Let's actually repeal Obamacare. A clean and complete repeal is what we're after. This doesn't do it.”

Few saw Ryncare as an answer to anything.

From the moment that Paul Ryan appeared as the lead spokesman for the bill, many conservatives felt it would be absent any substance. Conservatives had been watching Ryan in action for some time as one of the major representatives of the Republican Swamp government in Washington. We'd seen him before and he came off as a bad actor who was not for keeping promises.

There is nothing in the bill there but a bunch of spinning wheels that take the country no place. Ryan contended the plan does fulfill the promise to repeal and replace Obamacare. Yet, few people who examined the bill found very little more, if any more, than Obamacare

And, so, some good Americans that can read past the legalese, found that Ryan's bill does basically nothing to change the status of healthcare in the nation. Many wonder if that was Ryan's intention.

Jordan offered a number of key differences between a complete repeal and what Obamacare—lite does:

“We didn't tell voters we were going to repeal Obamacare, but we were going to keep some of the taxes in place, which the speaker's plan does. We didn't say we were going to repeal Obamacare but take the Medicaid expansion and extend it for several years, which the speaker's plan does,” Jordan said. There is a lot more that Paul Ryan's bill does not do right and keeping it locked in the sub-basement of the House for months, not permitting others to view it, certainly did not help build a consensus.

Few people understand Congress because they actually give the members credit for being smart. They are foxy and very political and

self-serving, for sure and they are smart in protecting their self-interests. They spend more time hiding their intentions and masking their legislation from detection than they do in writing bills that openly fulfill their promises to the people.

They use one trick after another, most of which were not in the deliberations of the founders and have no space in the Constitution. But, their tricks help them preserve their good old boy network and help reassure their reelections—their seemingly only important mission. The worst thing that we the people could ever do is say, “Well, that’s just how it is in Washington?” Baloney. That’s how they make it. We can’t let them keep getting away with it.

They want us to believe that despite the fact that they run the country with Republicans as the majority, they have no way of enacting legislation on our behalf. Baloney again!

What can they do then if not for nothing? If that were the case, then surely, we should send them all home and save their salaries and their huge staff salaries from our national budget. Why keep an expensive elite group of know-it-alls on the payroll when admittedly they cannot do anything?

There is this notion called the Parliamentarian. Supposedly all of the balderdash fed to us by Paul Ryan was because the Senate’s Parliamentarian, who happens to be a left-over Harry Reid appointee, supposedly will stop the Senate from being able to use “reconciliation,” to pass a real repeal and replace bill. Yet, this is not true. It is all claptrap. It simply gives the 435 elected members of Congress the option of blaming an unelected appointee for their failures? The Parliamentarian works for Congress and not vice versa.

The point here is that all of Paul Ryan’s maneuverings and in fact, outright gerrymandering is a ruse – a set up so that Americans would be prepared and willing to accept defeat on Obamacare. Thank the Lord for the patriots in the Freedom Caucus and smart people such as Jim Jordan, Ted Cruz, Mike Lee, and others.

There really is a simple solution

This solution can only be used, however, if Congress has the guts to keep its word. Fat chance! Everybody knows how to solve a repeal and replace idea. You simply repeal and then replace the item in question. It's that simple. Our Congress first decided it did not have the power to do it and then put a plan together in the form of a bill which did not accomplish the mission. That is a recipe for failure.

So, how do you get to solve a problem? Well, in brief terms, you first analyze the problem and consider alternate solutions, and then you pick a solution and make sure it can do the job. Problem solving is easy if somebody does not put artificial roadblocks such as self-made rules, and official rule interpreters such as Parliamentarians in your way.

One cannot help but wonder how much of America is affected by a repeal and replace bill. Actually, very few Americans know that only 4% of Americans are affected by Obamacare. I wrote an analysis that I will present shortly that proves the point.

The short story of making repeal and replace simple

The nastiest part of Obamacare is its 40,000+ pages which include the 2700 pages in the legislation and then about 40,000 pages of regulations since then. US citizens need to have this onerous burden lifted from our backs.

Regular Americans are not the only ones who think that 2700 is far too many pages for a legislative bill. Nobody could read it so how can it really become a law. During the long, painful debate that led to the passage of Obamacare, Republicans pleaded with their Democratic colleagues, the press, and the public to please read the 2,700-page bill. That request was mostly ignored yet all of the great Democrat Carnac's in the Congress were able to miraculously divine what was in the bill. They did not read it but voted for what became the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. And the rest has been a historic nightmare.

When the mandate question came before the Supreme Court, the bill at 2700 pages was so long the Court could not read the whole thing in just one session. Yet, nonetheless, they had to make a ruling. The Carnac's in black robes were not happy about the size of this paper wad.

In oral arguments before the Supreme Court, some justices made it abundantly clear that they, too, had not read the entire law, even if they were considering a constitutional question that could kill the whole thing.

"I haven't read every word of that, I promise," Justice Stephen Breyer said to a lawyer arguing the case.... "So, what do you propose that we do other than spend a year reading all this?"

"What happened to the Eighth Amendment?" [cruel & unusual punishment] Justice Antonin Scalia erupted after a lawyer suggested the justices might go through the bill and decide which parts were constitutional.

The Eighth Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment, and Scalia clearly thought reading the entire law would qualify. "You really want us to go through these 2,700 pages?" he asked the lawyer. "And do you really expect the court to do that?"

Ironically with lots more time than the Justices -- seven years to read the bill and prepare a repeal—our lazy Republican-led Congress failed again.

In those 7 years, just 4% of the population has "benefitted" from Obamacare. So, overall, Obamacare has been made to look like a silly experiment in government buffoonery. The KISS approach should apply here (Keep it simple, stupid!).

Why after seven years was the job of coming up with a solution not completed. Why are the Republicans trying to retain a good portion of the government's control on the people's health? Government should have little to no control over the health and wellness of the people and should make a graceful exit from running and controlling American healthcare. I know that would make me feel better.

Let's examine the simple facts in Obamacare's implementation to date so that we all know how simple this problem is to solve if Congress had a will to solve it:

The citizen population of the US is now 325 million

- 45 million get insurance from Medicare
- 70 million get insurance from Medicaid and CHIP
- 152 million get insurance from employers
- 12 million get insurance from Obamacare exchanges
- 60 million are either other-insured, self-insured or uninsured.

The shock to most people is that we are trying to solve a problem in which just over 12 million are affected. Why not just give those currently enrolled free healthcare and be done with it? Facetious as it may be, it would cost us lots less than the charade we are experiencing.

Obamacare is not getting more popular to its subscribers. This year, 2017, almost 2 million people dropped Obamacare by mid-March according to a Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services report. So again, why are we wasting so much precious time on it?

In total, there were just 12.2 million people enrolled in Obamacare plans during the 2017 open enrollment period, but only 10.3 million individuals paid their premiums to maintain health coverage through March 15, 2017.

Essentially, 1.9 million individuals either had not paid or did not pay the necessary amount to keep coverage on the exchanges, according to the CMS report. So, they are now among the uninsured grouping. Obamacare has been and continues to be a bust for sure and worse than that, nobody, even those on subsidies, seems to want it. Democratic Leadership however, keeps trying to ram it down the people's throats even now that they know it cannot work.

More facts:

Under Obamacare, firms with 100 or more full-time equivalent employees (FTE) needed to insure at least 70% of their full-time workers by 2015 and 95% by 2016. And 95% thereafter.

Those with 50 or less employees do not have to pay for employees' insurance if they choose not to. In 2015, 56% of non-elderly residents (270M * .56 = 152M) got their health insurance through work.

About 87% of the 10.3 million who buy Obamacare through Exchanges are getting some form of cost assistance to cover premiums and deductibles.

Costs and deductibles for those getting no subsistence are huge and unaffordable. For example, Mrs. X, a 63-year old real person recently compared prices for individual health insurance plans and can't believe what she found:

"They cost \$1,200 a month, and they have a deductible of \$6,000," she explained. "I don't know how they think anyone can afford that." Mrs. X lives in Hull, Georgia,

Though it is only 10.3 million of 325 million right now, who are under Obamacare, many citizens fear the government control that comes with Obamacare and its high premiums, poor access, and huge deductibles. Mrs. X will pay over \$20,000 before Obamacare buys her a single aspirin. How is that good health insurance. Yet, it is Obamacare. How can Democrats support this as a good deal for Americans? They lie. They are more interested in control than health care for Americans.

The 87% who receive cost subsidies when surveyed, report that they are very pleased with Obamacare. This is understandable but not representative of the general population. After all, the rest of us are paying for them. Millions like Mrs. X have realized they are too poor for Obamacare. There are lots of reasons why it is so expensive such as silly things like Mrs. X at 63 needs to buy pre-natal care as part of her policy. Moreover, Mrs. X can only buy insurance from somebody licensed in her state.

The solution is very simple but just like it took 7 years for President Obama to get us to where we are today, it is not an overnight solution. However, the solution can begin immediately. I mean it can begin tomorrow. I would project that in 2 to 3 years max, we can be 100% rid of Obamacare control of healthcare.

A real solution is available

Here are the ingredients to a complete, yet simple solution:

1. Repeal Obamacare immediately [Use a one-line repeal] rendering the 2700 original pages of government control, with added regulations reaching 40,000 pages (six feet of paper) obsolete.

2. Begin the transition to a market-based system in two years. No citizens should be harmed during this process. The market system would have no government involvement and would sell non-Obamacare policies, such as those from before 2010. New policies should begin to be written immediately. The changes would include:

A. Permit insurance companies to immediately sell across state lines any policy that provides marketplace healthcare insurance to any potential subscriber. Obamacare policies may be canceled at any time during the two-year period if desired. No more Obamacare policies will be issued.

B. Begin a two-year delay before all Obamacare policies are canceled. During this period, all existing healthcare insurance may stay in effect with no more than a 5% per annum increase for those that choose not to change at all. Once the move to a market solution is made by an individual or employer, the two-year hiatus for them is complete.

During the two years, the provision for 26-year old children on parents' policies and preexisting conditions stay in effect. Other good rules regarding policy cancellation also continue.

During this period, the government may have to subsidize this to make up for the past ills of Obamacare. The government made a big mistake and it is proper that it pay for its mistake until the two-years is up. Solution points A through G may be tweaked as necessary.

C. Those who today receive subsidies for Obamacare, keep them for the two years. Then, their cases are turned over to the states, and they may receive Medicaid if they qualify.

D. When the two-year wait is up, Medicaid control goes to the States.

E. When Obamacare is gone in two years. these are the options: Medicare; Medicaid and Chip; Insurance from employer; Private insurance; other-insurance, self-insurance or no insurance.

F. An assigned risk pool that is state driven and federally funded should be set up like for automobile insurance for people who cannot afford insurance and who get very sick.

G. Children should be permitted to join their parents' policies at market rates.

Repeal & Replace in Basement for Seven Years?

There was a big rumor that the Ryancare bill was hidden in a basement, out of view of the public, and even Senator Rand Paul could not get in to see it!



You can see in the picture that stuff like this upsets the Senator from Kentucky, who, like the general public, thinks Congress should be working for, not against the American people.

Of course, he gave it right back to the “leadership” for keeping him from seeing the bill. When we all got to see the bill, however, maybe Ryan did himself a favor by not bringing the world down upon him sooner. How could something so poorly done like this bill emerge from the basement when the Republicans had seven years to get it right?

The funny thing about it is that Rand Paul and other members of Congress actually donned their two-peaked hats and magnifying glasses and went on a hunt to try, unsuccessfully, to actually locate and look at the bill. That is not good PR for a bill that had so much riding on it.

"I have been told that the House Obamacare bill is under lock & key, in a secure location & not available for me or the public to view," Paul tweeted when he was about ready to hunt for it.

"This is unacceptable. This is the biggest issue before Congress and the American people right now," tweeted Paul, who has pushed for his own replacement proposal.

Paul later tweeted: "I am heading to the secure location where they are keeping the House Obamacare bill. I will demand a copy for the American people."

But those efforts went for naught, even after Paul brought along a photocopier to make his own copy of the legislation. Whose Congress is this? Whose bill is this?

"I'm not waiting until after it passes to find out what's in Obamacare, the new replacement bill." Nancy Pelosi would have advised he just sign it and find out what is in it later when he gets his own copy. You may recall that is what she did with the original Obamacare in 2010.

Paul was incensed. "This is being presented as if this were a national secret. As if this were a plot to invade another country. As if this were a national security issue. That's wrong. This should be done openly, in

the public and conservatives who have objections who don't want Obamacare-lite should be allowed to see the bill."



Paul Ryan stuck to his “no repeal” story. "The law is collapsing, and you can't just repeal it," Ryan said. "You have to replace it with a system that actually works." I sure wish Congress knew how to speak the truth.

I of course do not agree as the solution should be to remove the hand of government, not to direct the hand with lousy legislation.

Ryan, at the end of the briefing, was walking away from the lectern where he had been speaking, and didn't return to answer, when a reporter called out, "Why is the plan under lock and key?"

Tom Price, the new Head of Health and Human Services knows a lot about a good health-care bill. The Ryan Bill is not the Price Bill. Price had introduced his Empowering Patients First Act while a congressman representing Georgia in 2015.

His bill proposed giving every person who buys individual health insurance plans a universal tax credit, that would be adjusted by age, with older people getting more than younger people. The credits would be worth between \$900 and \$3,000.

Price also called for eliminating the Obamacare mandate requiring most Americans to have some form of health coverage or face a tax penalty, implement state-run high-risk pools with federal grants for people with existing health conditions, allow insurance sales across state lines, and encourage health savings accounts.

Price's bill also would repeal the expansion of Medicaid to nearly all poor adults in states that agreed to do so. Medicaid has been credited with extending health coverage to most of the 20 million Americans estimated to have become insured because of Obamacare.

The problem in all of these cherry-picking bills, is that Mr. Trump promised a full repeal and everybody knows what a repeal is, even if Mr. Ryan has forgotten.

When Rand Paul was “looking for” the Bill, he commented: “What is the House leadership trying to hide? My guess is, they are trying to hide their "Obamacare-lite" approach.

“Renaming and keeping parts of Obamacare, new entitlements and extending Medicaid expansion are not the full repeal we promised”



Visibly annoyed, Rand Paul noted: “I will not vote for Obamacare-lite nor will many of my colleagues. We will keep our word. I call on

House leaders to do the same.

How could Paul Ryan have expected otherwise?

Thank God There Is the Freedom Caucus

Many conservatives remember when John Boehner turned out to be a big doofus in leading the House Republicans and conservatives to any victories at all over Team Obama. Those of us not understanding the game of grab bags that was going on when Paul Ryan all-of-a-sudden wanted in as Speaker were not very happy when it appeared that the Republicans in the House were either bought off or talked into voting for Ryan as Speaker.

You may recall that to “make it easier,” Ryan immediately gave Obama all the money he needed for his agenda and that was that. We were right on Ryan. He is not for the people.

Looks like we are right again as the on-again, off-again Trump supporter dealt the President a bad blow that Mr. Trump seems very willing to forgive. Paul Ryan is responsible for there being no Obamacare repeal and Donald Trump got himself a lesson in politics. I hope the President needs no more lessons. When you dance with the Swamp, things do not often come out as expected and you can expect your suit to be soiled.

Americans, especially conservatives and nationalists are blessed with a brave Freedom Caucus in the House. Among other things, what they want is what we want—a full repeal of Obamacare. A one line repeal is what we want.

Say its gone in one line and permit 2700 pages of legislation to disappear along with 40,000 pages of nasty regulations. Please do not make John Q Public read each clause that is taken away to find out what is left. That will not do it and it did not do it for Paul Ryan and that is why the bill had to be pulled.

Caucus Chairman Meadow, and Rep. Andy Harris gladly spoke to reporters regarding the Ryan bill. At one time, all house members were

afraid to take on Paul Ryan. These two among many recognized that the Republican health-care bill, which by the time it went down in flames was known as Obamacare-lite, stood in what some called a legislative Catch-22 as late as Wednesday of decision week.

It had been held hostage to demands that the White House and Republican leaders claimed that they wished that they could grant but insisted that they could not. As we discussed, the Parliamentary stuff is all subterfuge and claptrap. Nobody believes it and that is why Ryan got minimal support after all the glad-handing.

The hard-liners in the House Freedom Caucus, about three dozen great patriots could not move Paul Ryan to go for a real prize instead of merely changing the name from Obamacare to Obamacare-lite. Nothing Ryan did resembled a repeal option.

The whole thing would have been better orchestrated by a combination of the Three Stooges, the Keystone Cops, and the late Steve Allen's three "men on the street." Maybe Ed Norton could have gotten a few of his co-workers in the sewer to donate some time.

Who Should Americans Believe?

One of the country's finest spokespersons on matters that affect the people of the land, Louie Gohmert appeared on Fox & Friends on Ryancare "must-pass" Friday morning with Clayton Morris.

Gohmert said that House GOP leadership (Spelled R-Y-A-N) had "lied to the president" about not being able to fully repeal Obamacare through the budget reconciliation process in the Senate because of the so-called "Byrd rule."

Finally, we hear some truth even though it exposes a lie that I thought from moment one was a big lie sent directly from the leaders in the swamp.

Congressman Gohmert said that because the American Health Care Act or AHCA (aka: Obamacare 2.0, RINOCARE, Ryancare, Trumpcare, Swampcare, or Obamacare-lite), keeps in place the full punishing Obamacare apparatus, there would be nothing to stop a

future Democrat administration from restarting Obamacare fully with little effort.

The esteemed Congressman also noted that with Obamacare-lite, health care insurance premiums would continue to unnecessarily skyrocket.

Gohmert additionally offered: “It [AHCA] isn’t going to work. We’re told that the prices [of insurance premiums] will probably go up 75% or so but maybe in the third year they may come down 10%.”

“We’re told that we should be thrilled that we’re going to give so much more power to the federal government — to Health and Human Services — under our bill and they [House GOP leadership] don’t have an answer for what it’s all about when it’s a Democrat in charge and not a Republican.”

Louie Gohmert tells it like it is. The fake repeal bill is built on a “false premise,” Gohmert said, noting that they “lied to the president” about the “thread the needle” excuse that everything must be done in the bill according to the Senate Parliamentarian’s wishes. It is simply not true. The Parliamentarian works for the Senators.

What has Ted Cruz said about it?

The onlookers suggest that constitutional conservative Ted Cruz shredded RINO Paul Ryan on the Obamacare-lite bill. It’s a deceptive and dishonest claim that Obamacare can only be repealed under three phases and Cruz avers that the “repeal and replace” bill known as the American Health Care Act (AHCA) only repeals two of the 12 free market-killing mandates of Obamacare that have made insurance premiums unnecessarily skyrocket.

Why would Paul Ryan not have told Donald Trump that and why would he not have told that to the American people?

Cruz was on a TV Sunday of decision week on liberal stations as Fox had the lying big guns on their station. Cruz appeared Sunday on

CBS's *Face the Nation* with host John Dickerson, the Texas Senator always says what he thinks.

This time, he said that he will not vote for a bill that does not lower healthcare insurance premiums and that if Republicans offer up a bill that causes premiums to continue to spiral out of control, voters "will tar and feather" them "in the streets" and it would be justified.

"I've got to tell you, if Republicans hold a big press conference and pat ourselves on the back that we've repealed Obamacare and everyone's premiums keep going up, people will be ready to tar and feather us in the streets, and quite rightly," Cruz told Dickerson, noting that the bill as written would not pass in the U.S. Senate where Republicans hold a slim two-vote majority.

History showed us that it did not pass as John McCain killed the bill and right now it sits nowhere.

Again, I ask everybody to consider the one-line repeal and back to a market based solution. It sounds simple because it is

Chapter 6 Spurn Corrupt Politicians and Be an American Patriot

Hard work pays off big time?

America has always been a capitalist country in which hard work pays off big-time, and so the same goes for our economy. If any American political party comes-by led by Democrats or Republicans, and it wants to change America into a communist, socialist, or Marxist country, once you understand America, and you are no longer part of the low-information crowd, you will be well-equipped with the information you are absorbing to fire off a resounding “NO” in our native language of English.

As a proud American, after I wrapped up most of my IT career, I thought that I might be able to help my country with the knowledge and skills that I had picked up as an American citizen, who happened to be a well-trained and well experienced IT professional.

I was “baptized” at King’s College with a Data Processing degree and later I was baptized by fire in technical and marketing skills by the IBM Corporation itself. At the time, IBM was king of all IT in the world. Then later I received MBA status at Wilkes University because I wanted to know more about business.

So, here I am in early post retirement. I stopped actively seeking IT engagements for my consulting practice, though I get some anyway, and I am actually thinking about reemerging in IT sometime in the near future. Maybe!

But, while my resources were more abundant, and I saw an America failing and becoming as poorly managed as a banana republic, I began to re-study my American heritage, with an eye to doing my part to keep our country strong.

I hoped to learn how to keep America beyond the reach and influence of treacherous politicians, who would be pleased with tyranny, simply to gain an extra nickel for their over-bulging pocket books and wallets.

That led me into making a run for the US Congress without taking a dime from relatives or friends, or anybody else. I learned many lessons from this great attempt. Unfortunately, my biggest lesson was that when a regular citizen chooses to run for national office, the bumps in the road to possible success are huge. They are not just little moguls that can be quickly overcome.

The game is rigged against regular Americans by guess-who—corrupt politicians from the last 150 years. We are chumps to them. They are not about to give up their power easily, even if we the people demand it. President Trump has learned this lesson in trying to clean out a swamp of corruption while the swamp itself does not want to be cleansed. Our only recourse is to vote them out, while elections in the US are still permitted and still free, and the workers in the crooked election stations may still be prosecuted if they mess with us.

Supposed representatives of the people from years past have placed obstacle after obstacle in the path of any non-political potential candidates. Their objective is for US to learn our lessons and never attempt to disrupt the harmony that all crooked politicians have among themselves.

Many of the founders engaged George III of England so America could be free without a revolution. Those from countries other than England who came to America engaged other Kings and royalty in addition to King George III. But, all came to America to be free. I hope all Americans wake up to realize that freedom is not free.

The founders never envisioned that tyranny would come from the people itself and from the press. They never expected the citizenry to stand by and permit the powerful to take away the liberties for which the revolutionaries shed blood. Our founders would not be happy with many of US today, because we sit idly by like chumps and let things happen to US.

They said no to the repression of freedom and took matters into their own hands, risking life and limb, to provide US with a free America, in

which all of the people are free. Go get yourself a breath of fresh air. It is free. It is brought to you by the founders.

Unfortunately, because of neglect from our representatives, a whole new bunch of people arrived inside our country without checking in. They did not come because we are free in America, they came because they could take things from us for free. They can even take American jobs with the tacit acceptance of the American government. If they could not get a job, their sustenance would also be free from our welfare system paid by John Q. Public. How nice are we while we are starving, to give others our food?

Today, the well-to-do politicians, who have become very popular with the low-information Americans, along with sharp and cunning regular folks with political ambitions, are happy to say or do anything that would help them get elected to important offices within the city, the state or elsewhere within the union.

The word “politician,” is used in its most un-complimentary way to describe those who gain the people’s trust and get elected to office and then turn on the people for their own self-interests.

The founders were well aware of politicians in England and other countries in Europe, and the treachery they caused. Back in the late 1700’s as the Constitution was prepared for ratification, the founders were so tickled that George III was no longer in control, they somehow felt that the new America would remain pure over time and would not require another popular revolution to purify the government of scoundrels who may in later years choose to take control. Though their work was excellent, scoundrels still flourish.

The founders could not conceive of a scenario in which the recently freed American people would join an oppressive and tyrannical government, such as ours is today. Where we are today, it assures that the worst of the worst get to decide which freedoms and liberties the people should be left with.

The founders had created a set of rules, known as The Constitution to assure that all the people would be left with all freedom and all liberty

in all cases. They did not want any scoundrels (politicians) messing with this notion or this nation.

Unfortunately, our legislators and our past president have stopped full adherence to the Constitution and consequently, our freedom is now in jeopardy. Our new President promises a return to greatness and so we will see if he can get that done with the deep state and the swamp fully engaged. Our representatives can stop this tonight or tomorrow; but, last time I checked, they are more interested in being important in Washington than helping the folks back home.

Only Americans who hope to be in control of a socialist state advocate against the American way. Egalitarian principles of socialism simply mean that nobody gets to be the cream of the crop since the most equal spot for all is the bottom of the barrel.

Before this is fait accompli, Americans who love freedom have to do a little more than just speak up. We have to know what the founders would do to protect liberty and freedom and we simply have to do it or suffer the consequences. Reading this book is a good start.

I do not have to preach freedom to 99% of Americans out there. We all either are products of good people who came here to be free or we came here ourselves to be free.

Permitting politicians from either party to talk us out of our birthright is not only dumb; it is asinine.

Yet, we can choose to be the dumbest Americans of all time. We can be chumps worthy of no respect if we choose. Or we can decide to engage, smarten up, stop acting dumb, and we can take on these bad guys. We cannot let them win. They do not care at all about us. Think of the leaders of the regimes that committed the atrocities that prompted our forefathers or ourselves to come to America. They were evil. They were bad. They would love to have their boot on your neck right now if you would let them.

I have had the pleasure of writing a lot of patriotic books. I write tech books and patriotic / political books. This is # 126. It is really fun to write these books and to help people with clear thinking.

Sometimes I do get the idea that I am talking to the wall. But, I am committed to do my part to help save America. Thank you for doing your part.

Each time I write a book, I hope that I can attract another person into a love affair with America. If you have read any of my other stuff, you know that I point out the bad guys and I pull no punches in my description of what we must do to escape from their reach. They will destroy us if we do not pay attention.

In one of my books titled *The Federalist Papers, by Hamilton, Jay, and Madison*, I wrote no more than twenty pages of original introductory text to help persuade the reader that the rest of the book for which they had paid was worth reading. I admit I did more than that.

I took the patriotic essays of Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, known as The Federalist Papers, and I separated all of the two page and single page paragraphs, and half page paragraphs, and other large paragraphs, and I chopped them into smaller, more readable bits and pieces. Whether you buy The Federalist Papers by Brian W. Kelly or you download these essays free of charge, there is a lot of learning to be had about the formation of our government and how it is supposed to work in the Federalist Papers.

I literally had to wake myself up too many times in my initial reading because the Federalist Papers are tough to read but well worth the read. They are very insightful. I know how tough it is to get through them as written because I read each and every essay from start to finish in original form before I put them in more readable form in my book. I did not eliminate a word of the original. I just made them all more readable. Check them out at <https://www.amazon.com/Federalist-Papers-Hamilton-Jay-Madison/dp/0989995739>.

By the way, just like *America 4 Dummies*, another book that I wrote years ago, this patriotic book cites the US Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, The Bill of Rights, and lots of other stuff that many of US over the years have forgotten. You can read them all on the Internet. I included them in *America 4 Dummies* but it did make the book more expensive and that is why I did not add the 100 pages to this book.

Once you get back into the great writings of the founders, you will fully understand that they are the glue that keeps Americans free and they can help provide US all with liberty and justice forever and ever and ever... as long as we pay attention.

Having read the Federalist Papers myself, I feel like I should not be the one to offer this exhortation, but I shall anyway. If you can read every one of the Federalist Papers, you have passed a great love test for America, and if you do all the other things you need to do to be the citizen you would be proud to be, you then become worthy of the title, American. I love having that title.

Those of US who read the Federalist Papers, though it is an arduous journey, know we have accomplished a lot. These papers—eighty- five articles written by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, quickly show US all that the founders were very concerned that the bad aspects of any other foreign government would not become part of the new American Democratic Republic.

The founders were well aware of politicians, but since they never put the notion of welfare, food stamps, and cell phones in the founding documents, they did not believe that the people would permit the Republic to be tainted by notions like socialism, progressivism, or Marxism.

In the early days, the people were all aware of the blood sacrifices the early colonials had made to secure the new America. Never in the history of man was so much patriotism shown for a notion that might not ever make it to the future. After enduring tyranny from England and other monarchies, Americans fought for and won the revolution against England et al for the cause of liberty and freedom.

Yet, here we were 200 plus years later in 2008, looking for hope and change rather than looking to the spirits of our founders to rebuild our fallen nation. We elected a president for eight years. This President did Americans few favors and even today, from what I see, he operates in the Deep State to help undermine the current president. What a shame! Hope will deliver nothing when action by well spirited citizens is required but discouraged.

So, again, why did I write this book?

I have found so many people, including myself, who at one time have forgotten the sacrifices of the revolutionaries and the gifts of freedom and liberty that were bestowed on all of US at the time of the revolutionary war victory and the subsequent formation of our governing document, namely, The Constitution.

We Americans have been so blessed that we have not reminded ourselves enough over the years of our great heritage. Fourth of July celebrations are much more than picnics, and though our parents tried for us to understand, the work of our founders is often lost in the celebration.

Yet, neither freedom nor liberty come cheap so the next time an engaging politician offers you something for nothing, and in your heart, you know it is wrong; stick to your guns. Remember the words of Ben Franklin, a favorite US and Pennsylvania patriot:

“Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one.”

Chapter 7 Things a Good American Just Feels and Just Does!

Write opinion letters and call your representatives

The purpose of this book as noted multiple times is to help US all be better Americans by understanding America and its founding. Our job of course is to learn what we can about our government and pay attention so that our representatives actually spend their time representing US.

When they do not do the will of the people in between elections we Americans need to write letters to the editors of newspapers, and write our Congressmen and Senators so they know they cannot snooker us. We will not be their chumps. We cannot let up as the stakes are high. If they don't listen, then we must do the honorable thing and write more letters to the editor and then we un-elect our leaders their next time out. We must all exercise the citizen privilege of voting—in each and every election.

Years ago, there was a great film director, Frank Capra, who understood what America was all about. He had a great way of bringing out the proper emotions of Americans, who would see his films and get his overall uplifting message. Twice with Gary Cooper and twice with James Stewart, Capra presented simple solutions to problems about which all Americans can relate. It would be nice if it were so easy but maybe it is.

Both *Meet John Doe* (1941) and *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) were directed by Frank Capra. This Director had a gift to make people feel as good as they possibly could feel just by watching his films. One of seven children, Frank Capra himself was an immigrant from Sicily, and his experience on the “boat,” mirrors that of many early immigrants.

Though at six years old, he did not have to deal with coyotes and bribery as illegal immigrants do today, to make his trip in 1903 to America as a legal immigrant, Capra recalled quite vividly the hell of the voyage on the Big Ship *Germania* (1300 passengers), which sailed from Naples Italy:

"There's no ventilation, and it stinks like hell. They're all miserable. It's the most degrading place you could ever be. Oh, it was awful, awful. It seems to always be storming, raining like hell and very windy, with these big long rolling Atlantic waves. Everybody was sick, vomiting. God, they were sick. And the poor kids were always crying."

There were days at Ellis Island that at least eight ships arrived at Port. Over 12,000 new immigrants needed to be processed in a single day.

Meet John Doe

Meet John Doe (1941 Cooper) is Capra's wonderful, message-laden populist melodramatic tale about the common man. We could all stand another injection of goodness by watching this film again, and again, and again. This sentimental, hard-hitting film is often grouped into a populist trilogy of Capra films about American individualism - associated with *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* (1936 Cooper) and *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939 Stewart), although it is generally considered the weakest of the three (not by me). The socially-aware film was derived from a 1939 film that was titled *The Life and Death of John Doe*.

Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper both give persuasive and impressive performances in *Meet John Doe*. It is a very sobering film and in many ways, remains today as part of an important social commentary. Like this book, and my continual pleas for all Americans to pay attention, Capra is asking movie goers *to think critically of everything they hear on the radio or see in papers or hear from elites*. Let's all say Amen to that. Today's press is much more corrupt than it was 70 years ago.

As an aside, a few months ago, on May 12, 2017, I completed a new book that I really enjoyed writing. It is titled: *It's Time for the*

John Doe Party!: We can no longer count on Republicans for heavy lifting. I was inspired to write this soon to be classic book because I am sick of Republicans promising and not delivering on conservative notions. I am ready to sing a hearty sayonara to the corrupt Republicans who think they have nationalists and conservatives by the short hairs. I want to see good rich people like Donald Trump create a new political party and it might as well be called The John Doe Party or The American Party. It would be like the Republican Party that we all thought we knew except this party would honestly represent the regular people in America, like US—people who are not looking for a handout.

Ask yourself this: “Where are the films that guide us and show us the way today?” The liberal elitist progressive Marxists in Hollywood will not produce anything in these times that touts virtue and goodness, and so they join the press in refusing to do their jobs on behalf of the people. One might conclude that their intentions are to deprive the people of the way, the truth, and the light.

Contrasted to today, a Capra film about individualism may not fit so well for the hard-left residents of the government and their many minions. Individualism and goodness for the sake of being good is counter to the group-think and the notion of collectivism that has permeated our government. Yet, if we are to be saved from ourselves, it will be rugged individualism, and not group-think or statism or deep state tactics that does it for us.

Back in Capra's day, the media, aka the press, was mostly honest and it worked with the government for the good of the country. It challenged the government on behalf of the people when necessary. It was a valid fourth estate. That's what a free press is to do. Wouldn't that be something if it could happen again today? Unless we force it, however, it will not happen.

You can help by canceling any subscription which lauds the progressive socialist Marxist agenda. Then get real news from honest talk radio shows or on the Internet.

Ironically, *Meet John Doe* was intended to combat pro-Nazi Fascist forces present in America at that time. The story was about a young female newspaper reporter (Barbara Stanwyck), who writes a

completely fraudulent column after threatened with being fired. In the spoof, she invents a fictitious person as the author of a letter - a suicide-martyr who protests against an unjust political and social system. The public bought the charade and were filled with hope. Then, because of the public's interest and demand (and soaring newspaper sales), she convinces a hobo (Gary Cooper) to take on the role of John Doe as if he were real. Then the "fun" starts.

This American ex-minor-league baseball player/hobo becomes John Doe - an *Everyman* character, and he sells his services as an imposter. He does a great job of impersonating the non-existent character and begins to believe in every part of his sales pitch. He is no longer fake other than his origin.

Before long, John Doe becomes a national figure, and this causes the spread of "John Doe Clubs" across the country. The people loved John Doe like today the people love Donald Trump. But, the forces of evil did not really like the idea that the people could be OK.

The public gets excited over all of the goodness represented by the notion of John Doe. But, this spirit was not seen as a good thing by the political power brokers who felt their control of the people slipping away. So, just like they would today, the powerful elite from the swamp in Washington and beyond had to shut it down.

Eventually, the reformed Doe, who is now taken up fully by his own cause, and who actually has become the embodiment of the John Doe he represented, is discovered as a fraud. The corrupting, unscrupulous political forces use this against him and cut him down like a pea. A shamed Doe is forced to publicly admit to the charade.

The film hits on the dangers of a complacent nation (with hunger amidst a land of plenty) being manipulated and taken over by neo-Fascist forces and Hitler's Third Reich (a reality in the early 1940s). This notion is countered in the film by the actions of the ordinary 'little man,' the John Does of this world (people like you and I) in a very moving way.

It gives strength to the notion that every person counts, and quite frankly, that is the only way that we can ever hope to bring back the spring in our step as we free America from the shackles of socialism.

Just like all the John Does in the film, we Americans must “pay attention.”

Fully humiliated upon discovery of what was intended to be an innocent perpetration, John Doe decides to prove his sincerity to the people by fulfilling the suicide promise and leaping from the top of City Hall. But the rest of the world, all the real John Does of the world, like you and I, convince him otherwise. Without killing himself, in a cliff-hanger, his sincerity is recognized on Christmas Eve and like all good films, "the star lives and all is well." Moviegoers leave the theatres with hope in their hearts and a confidence that their opinions matter.

I still get choked up as I recall the wonderful human touches in this film. It convinces me that Americans can do anything and we Americans love people who help us know we can.

It's a Wonderful Life

Many more have seen Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* than *Meet John Doe*. It is on TV every Christmas. This magically wonderful film portrays a good young man named George Bailey (James Stewart), who marries his sweetheart Mary (Donna Reed), has four wonderful children, sacrifices for his father and his brother and his family and then has a tough time one particular Christmas Eve. This puts George on the verge of suicide, wanting to live more than die, but thinking, with his life insurance policy, he is worth more dead than alive.

The movie starts on Christmas eve, as all of the citizens of the small town of Bedford Falls pray to the heavens to help George Bailey. It's then decided in the heavens that Clarence, an angel who hasn't earned his wings, is assigned to help George. The film is emotional and it is uplifting and it again shows the power of the little guy and the power of good over evil. Just like *Meet John Doe*, it rekindles a spirit of goodness in all of US.

Keep both films handy because in this fight against evil and corporate greed, rampant political corruption, union thuggery, and the threat of statism, plus a government takeover of healthcare and other industries, none of us want to become like Potter or the bad guys in this movie.

When you win as a John Doe or a George Bailey yourself, you want it to be for the good of the country, and not just to get even. In this spirit, the spirit of real hope and individual goodness, all Americans must take up the torch and smarten up; stop being chumps; pay attention and take back our government from our corrupt representatives.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

This movie reminds me a lot about what it would be like if you or I or another of our neighbors were asked to uproot our lives and go to Washington to represent our community. We would expect a lot from the important people we would meet in the hallowed chambers in Washington D.C. We would expect honesty, integrity, and goodness and an overriding concern for the people.

In *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, a naive man (Jefferson Smith played by James Stewart) is appointed to fill a vacancy in the US Senate. He does not experience what he expects after a short while in the nation's power seat.

The power brokers, who arranged the appointment, never thought Smith would really engage nor do anything to hurt their extracurricular earnings opportunities. Yet, Smith's plans to be a good representative promptly collide with political corruption; but he doesn't back down.

Naive and idealistic Jefferson Smith had been the leader of the Boy Rangers in his home town. He was appointed on a lark by the spineless governor of his state. When he gets to Washington, he is amazed at the history and a major overall sense of national pride overtakes him on his way to his office.

Soon he is reunited with his state's senior senator, who happens also to be a presidential hopeful, Senator Joseph Paine (Claude Rains). Paine had been Smith's childhood hero and Smith still had the utmost respect for Paine. In fact, if all went well, he would be happy to defer to the senior senator's judgments. But, all is not well, and Paine is not all that honest.

More or less alone in Washington, Smith slowly discovers many of the shortcomings of the political process. As the former head of the Boy Rangers, he has an altruistic goal for a national boys' camp, which leads him smack into the middle of a major conflict with the state's political boss, Jim Taylor (Edward Arnold). Taylor first tries to corrupt Smith but cannot and then later attempts to destroy Smith through a trumped-up scandal. He almost succeeds.

You can get the sense of the type of American Jefferson Smith is, when he lectures the Senate in his huge overnight filibuster included in the movie: "I wouldn't give you two cents for all your fancy rules if, behind them, they didn't have a little bit of plain, ordinary, everyday kindness and a little looking out for the other fella, too..."

Smith is like you and me. And like you and me, he is met with very powerful forces of corruption. We too must be more intelligent than our adversaries, so we can together defeat their evil notions and we can help save America. We cannot let ourselves be used as chumps. That's what it is all about you know—saving America!

Jefferson Smith prevails in a heartwarming ending to this great story, and again movie goers are able to leave the theatre upbeat about their futures.

Unfortunately, Hollywood is on the other side today. They do not care about the moviegoers or the regular Joes about which movies had always been made. Hollywood actors want Americans to suck it up and even if we voted for Trump to help straighten out a Potter or an Edward Arnold character, they want us to adopt their socialist progressive stance on life and forget about our rights and self-determination. Don't expect to see a movie titled, *Donald Trump, a Great President* any time soon even if the plot is already written perfectly to fit the title.

Throw the Bums Out

Unfortunately for all Americans, our representative in the Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Presidency is not Jefferson Smith. All representation has been getting progressively worse each year—not

better. Over the past few years, since 2009 / 2010 especially with the healthcare debacle, it is clear that the voices of the people are not being heard in Washington.

Just as Smith found out, the corrupt purposes of elected officials are now in the open. It is to serve themselves by serving special interests.

Before Donald Trump was elected, in another book I wrote:

“In the sunlight of the day, therefore, the existing Congress -- yes, both houses must go. We must bid them sayonara. And when it comes time to elect our next President, let’s not forget to bring in an honest person who loves America as much as we do. If the mess we have today is not the prior president’s intentions, and his direct fault, then whose fault, I might ask, is it?”

I love so much that the regular people of America, not the elite and politically aligned, recognized the issues with BHO and we elected Donald Trump as our current President. The books from now from all authors are destined to have great stories about a great country!

How lucky we are that we looked completely through the fog of corruption and did what we all know will help America immensely. Now it is time to look hard at our representatives and throw most of them out if they are not cutting the mustard.

Amen!

There was a surprise in today’s email

Every now and then, we all get encouraged when somebody speaks out exactly how we all should be speaking out. As a conservative Democrat myself, trying to make this book apolitical, I thought about redacting parts above as well as parts of the below email that discuss people and party in specific terms. But, it is what it is. I’ll let the email speak for itself and then after you read it, we will move on in this book.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Roger

To: undisclosed-recipients:

Subject: FW: Two Americas

Two Americas

To add balance to the president's speech last night, read the below;

This is as well said as anything I have seen. Take the time to read it. No matter your political affiliation, Democrat, Republican, or Independent, it should be clear that this country is in a lot of trouble. Some of us will live long enough to see the consequences, but I really fear for our children and grandchildren's future. The damage that can and will be done over the next three years [Obama tenure] will likely be irreversible or take years to overcome.

In early January 2014, Bob Lonsberry, a Rochester talk radio personality on WHAM 1180 AM, said this in response to Obama's "income inequality speech". Most of us recall that speech which stood us all back on our heels. Here is Lonsberry:

To Americans

The Democrats are right, there are two Americas.

The America that works, and the America that doesn't. The America that contributes, and the America that doesn't. It's not the haves and the have nots, it's the dos and the don'ts. Some people do their duty as Americans, obey the law, support themselves, contribute to society, and others don't. That's the divide in America.

It's not about income inequality, it's about civic irresponsibility. It's about a political party that preaches hatred, greed and victimization in order to win elective office. It's about a political party that loves power more than it loves its country. That's not invective, that's truth, and it's about time someone said it.

The politics of envy was on proud display a couple weeks ago when President Obama pledged the rest of his term to fighting "income inequality." He noted that some people make more than other people, that some people have higher incomes than others, and he says that's not just.

That is the rationale of thievery. The other guy has it, you want it, Obama will take it for you. Vote Democrat. That is the philosophy that produced Detroit. It is the electoral philosophy that is destroying America.

It conceals a fundamental deviation from American values and common sense because it ends up not benefiting the people who support it, but a betrayal. The Democrats have not empowered their followers, they have enslaved them in a culture of dependence and entitlement, of victimhood and anger instead of ability and hope.

The president's premise - that you reduce income inequality by debasing the successful - seeks to deny the successful the consequences of their choices and spare the unsuccessful the consequences of their choices.

Because, by and large, income variations in society is a result of different choices leading to different consequences. Those who choose wisely and responsibly have a far greater likelihood of success, while those who choose foolishly and irresponsibly have a far greater likelihood of failure. Success and failure usually manifest themselves in personal and family income.

You choose to drop out of high school or to skip college - and you are apt to have a different outcome than someone who gets a diploma and pushes on with purposeful education. You have your children out of wedlock and life is apt to take one course; you have them within a marriage and life is apt to take another course. Most often in life our destination is determined by the course we take.

My doctor, for example, makes far more than I do. There is significant income inequality between us. Our lives have had an inequality of outcome, but, our lives also have had an inequality of effort. While my doctor went to college and then devoted his young adulthood to medical school and residency, I got a job in a restaurant.

He made a choice, I made a choice, and our choices led us to different outcomes. His outcome pays a lot better than mine.

Does that mean he cheated and Barack Obama needs to take away his wealth? No, it means we are both free men in a free society, where free choices lead to different outcomes.

It is not inequality Barack Obama intends to take away, it is freedom. The freedom to succeed, and the freedom to fail. There is no true option for success if there is no true option for failure.

The pursuit of happiness means a whole lot less when you face the punitive hand of government if your pursuit brings you more happiness than the other guy. Even if the other guy sat on his arse and did nothing. Even if the other guy made a lifetime's worth of asinine and shortsighted decisions.

Barack Obama and the Democrats preach equality of outcome as a right, while completely ignoring inequality of effort.

The simple Law of the Harvest - as ye sow, so shall ye reap - is sometimes applied as, "The harder you work, the more you get." Obama would turn that upside down. Those who achieve are to be punished as enemies of society and those who fail are to be rewarded as wards of society.

Entitlement will replace effort as the key to upward mobility in American society if Barack Obama gets his way. He seeks a lowest common denominator society in which the government besieges the successful and productive to foster equality through mediocrity.

He and his party speak of two Americas, and their grip on power is based on using the votes of one to sap the productivity of the other. America is not divided by the differences in our outcomes, it is divided by the differences in our efforts. It is a false philosophy to say one man's success comes about unavoidably as the result of another man's victimization.

What Obama offered was not a solution, but a separatism. He fomented division and strife, pitted one set of Americans against another for his own political benefit. That's what socialists offer. Marxist class warfare wrapped up with a bow.

Two Americas, coming closer each day to proving the truth to Lincoln's maxim that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

Chapter 8 Have Democrats and the Corrupt Press Gone Nuts?

Is Trump responsible for all the bad in the world?

After trying to subtly impeach President Trump for being ill-suited for office from the moment he was sworn in on January 20, the left has simply gone nuts. Nothing is worse of course than when on Thursday August 17, Democratic Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal said: “I hope Trump is assassinated. The left-driven corrupt press and the Democratic Party itself seems to have developed a collective brain disease as their actions and desires are beyond reason.

They are insane. Everything that President Trump does is suspect according to these nut-bags. They’ll have you believe that it was from the moment of his “dark” inauguration speech in which he vowed to transfer power from political elites back to the people that he was out of touch with reality. Yet, none of them try to explain why there is something wrong with the people regaining the power.

And, of course, with eight months of continual Russia, Russia, Russia, in between, the media theme first changed to Trump’s insensitivity to slavery and his natural racial bias. Now it is former idiots from the Obama Regime coming out and saying the President Trump is not fit for office. Unfortunately for Americans the press first prints their lies then they read them and then they cite them as fact.

The fact is that I never voted for President Obama. But, I took him as my president for sure. I did not like most of what he did as I felt it undermined the country, but I did not say he was a nut job or needed to be impeached. When I saw an Obama, T-shirt being worn or a bumper sticker, I let it pass. He was the president. Not so with the left. It is getting bad out there as cars with Trump bumper stickers are getting keyed and those wearing a Trump hat or a Trump T-shirt etc. are being

attacked on the street. That surely cannot help America. Trump is our president.

The leftist leadership and the corrupt press recently suggested that by President Trump's admonition in the Charlottesville riots that both sides are at fault and his insistence that it takes two to tango, he is a racist and his speech is a racist. Whew! Yet this makes no sense and it is out of line with the truth. The truth of course is the truth and it stands by itself--unaltered by the insane rhetoric and mindless pressure from the left.

Who can deny that a classic clash of the far left with the far right has antagonist and protagonist elements. But, upon reflection, we know we would be declared wrong by the biased press. Was this event, which was planned by permit months earlier by the right, just too much to pass up by those on the left wanting to make a statement without getting a permit?

Was it incited by the wind or by two groups possessing dissimilar thought patterns? Even Democrats are now seeing that the only real dark messages in these troubled times are coming from the darkness and extreme hate of the left. Why hate so much?



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The press, of course who are 99 44/100% anti-Trump and anti-conservative took sides and blamed those with a permit and not those who crashed the party and brought in clubs and weapons to meet what was supposed to be a peaceful protest enabled by a lawful permit. This event was not a rally of Trump supporters. Looking at the last few years, we know that Trump supporters for the most part do not have violent tendencies and they also have poor regard for white supremacists?

Clearly Trump supporters in the main are regular people, not part of a KKK or neo Nazi movement. In fact, there may be only 20,000 KKK members in the country. Trump supporters would not let one of this crowd in any meeting.

Many blacks are part of the Trump support group but the corrupt press will not tell you that. I serve with them as Trump and I are both color-blind. You might know that Trump and his supporters do not support the extreme right agenda of the far-right groups nor do they support the extreme left agenda of far left-groups.

But you would not know that based on some of the reporting flying around in Charlottesville week. If there were no leftists determined to mess up the day, the day could have been peaceful. For some it would have been disgusting but it still would have been peaceful.

There is no question that it was some white nationalists who got a permit, defended it in court, and went ahead and staged a march in Charlottesville Virginia over the removal of Confederate statues. That is their right. The white nationalists followed the law in that they asked for and received a permit for their rally.

The City later moved their rally from where they wanted it to another location. They went to court and the ACLU obtained an order granting their rally at the original location. The ACLU is normally not against leftist causes. The left however, had not received a permit for their action intended to disrupt the far-right rally.

So, the facts of the incident show that a throwback Antifa crowd from the 1930's and 1940's decided to show up at the rally and the results were what any sane person would have predicted. There was violence. One woman, Heather Heyer, was killed and a number of other people

were injured. Without Antifa, there would have been no major commotion though the nut job with the van may still have done his dirt. Antifa has recently been the subject of a poll that looks to label them as a terrorist organization. We'll see what happens on that one.

Antifa, is a far-left wing fascist group, whose name ironically stands for "Anti-fascist." Someone called Antifa "a bunch of washed up losers, living in their parents' basement." Others suggest that is not an accurate picture since it looks like a few of them wash very often. That gives a perspective that there is no love lost between the KKK and Black Lives Matter but we knew that already. Why they go to each other's rallies is what creates the violence.

The white Nationalists see Democrats as trying to redefine their role in the Civil War – the role of slaveholders. It was not conservatives or Republicans who were anti-black and pro-slavery. It was and in many places, still is the Democratic Party. Ask yourself why did the traditionally pro-slavery Democrats suddenly decide that the time had come for the demolition of the monument to General Lee, the Commander of the Democrat South Army? The commander-in-chief, who was against slavery?

This monument stood in a park in the center of historical Charlottesville for about 100 years. It was a quiet park not deserving of much attention. Along with pigeons, doves and other birds, people walked peacefully in this park. Old men played chess as a ritual. The statue to some was a reminder that in the Civil War, the Southern Democrats lost to the Republican Northerners. The monument was erected by Democrats, not Republicans even though their general Robert E. Lee, adorned in the statue was a staunch anti-slavery advocate who was fighting for states' rights, not man's inhumanity to man. Ironically, he was fighting against Democrats.

It was the Republicans who came along when Lincoln was president. They took the slaves from their democratic masters over the objection of Democratic leadership. Ironically, the Democrats who constructed the Civil War monuments to commemorate their brave dead, decided to trash their own monuments.

A recent poll shows a majority of Americans (62%) want to keep Confederate statues in place to "honor" fallen leaders of the South.

Less than a majority of today's Democrats (47%) want the statue defacing and removal to continue.

A who's who of the protesters in Charlottesville speaks for itself. The backbone of the protest is the Ku Klux Klan, who the Southern Poverty Law Center cite as numbering between 5000 and 8,000 and no more than 20,000 in total. The corrupt press of course wants to give the idea that there are millions of nasty white people who are either in the Klan or favor its activities. We can call that "fake news." Or lies whichever your pleasure.

There is no question that the it is now politically correct to call anybody with a sentiment to the Klan as, "White Supremacists" Those who understand history recognize the Ku Klux Klan as a racist organization created by Democrats after the Civil War to control the black population. Most blacks and many regular Democrats have forgotten the role of the Democrats in the slave trade and the continual desire to subjugate the black population. The corrupt press of course blames Republicans for slavery and thus they are the promulgators of lies and fake news.

These guys who blame Republicans for everything perfectly remember their origins but they can't admit it. Nonetheless it was the Klan, a pro-Democrat, pro-left group, who held the major nighttime torchlight procession on the eve of street fighting in Charlottesville. One of the former leaders of the Ku Klux Klan, the infamous David Duke (who, incidentally, only six months ago publicly supported the candidacy of anti-Semite Keith Ellison for the post of chairman of the Democratic Party of the United States) was one of the participants at the rally.

In Charlottesville, a group known as neo-Nazis were also widely represented. These guys are a typical product of the American educational system. They do not seem to understand that Nazism is a kind of socialism, as advocated by Democrats, not Republicans. Socialism of course is, an extremely leftist, not a right-sided ideology. From the program of the National Socialist Workers Party of Germany (this notorious program was written personally by Hitler and consists of 25 points) they forget all the points except one – racism, because the faux news corrupt media can make a lot of hay labeling and blaming Republicans as the racists while knowing that racism has been part of the platform of the Democratic since the days of slavery in the US.

Nonetheless, these modern followers of the fascist swastika do not know anything about this history. Therefore, they are like babes, showing no resistance to the fact that well-educated leftists call them “right-wingers.” Political correctness in many ways is incongruous to rational thought. Inscrutable are your ways, political correctness.

We have learned that These two groups, the Klan and the Neo Nazis, both with strong Democratic pro-slavery leanings while in Charlottesville, were opposed by bandit formations of Antifa. The litany of Anfifa subgroups include Black Lives Matter (BLM), American Communists, and Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

Of course, it would take just a small amount of research and a real search for the truth, for a casual observer to recognize that The Nazi origins of the “antifascist” movement of Antifa, sponsored by the Nazi accomplice George Soros, has long been known. BLM is a black racist terrorist organization sponsored by the same Soros.

The DSA is famous for the fact that it was young Barack Obama who joined the party as soon as he arrived in Chicago. DSA is a member of the Socialist International. Who is kidding whom? Yet, on the nightly fake news, you would never get the truth in a million years. Democratic leaders cannot afford for their supporters to know the truth about their long-term relationship with slavery and black oppression.

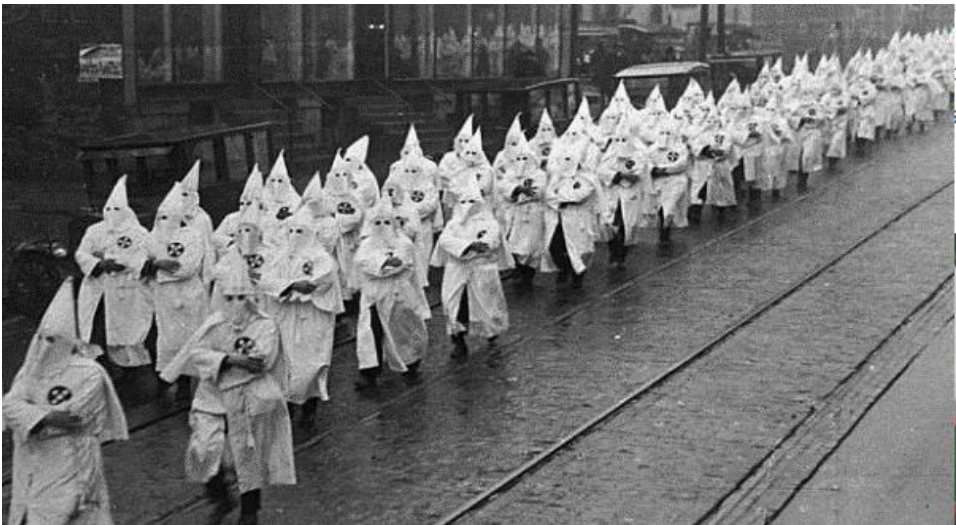


Photo: Democratic Party Convention. New York, 1924

If the mainstream fake news press were to show this photo, they would be forced to tell one of their whopper lies and say that it was Republicans marching. Dear Democrats, your party and your press have been lying for quite a while. What's a few more lies about Trump?

If you are a regular American and you went to Charlottesville to protest the pulling down of General Lee's statue, more than likely, though your cause was acceptable to most, you more than likely would have left the gathering. The normally disgusting methods deployed by both groups of nasty people were not hidden from the masses. Both sides of the conflict appeared in Charlottesville with a full parade – with flags (swastika, hammer and sickle prevailing). Banners, feces, urine, pepper spray bottles, batons, clubs and other riot gear were readily available and were in full use.

What can regular people do about the statue epidemic?

One thing for sure in this debate. The left is not interested in any debate. Though as we point out in this book, the left were the major slave masters with Democrats fighting the abolition of slavery tooth and nail from the beginning of the country.

No argument however, appeases the left's thirst to rip down memorials that the left itself put up in their support of slavery. You see, it is not about slavery. It is about their perception that America is illegitimate and that it must become a socialist or communist state to be OK with itself. Most Americans do not want that.

So, a broader leftist agenda is at work here. The first objective is to label a huge number of common symbols racist. The movement to tear down statues is moving along so that Thomas Jefferson is being targeted now as he once owned slaves. They want to stop students from wearing the American flag to school on Cinco De Mayo. They want to have everybody become Colin Kaepernick by completely ending the playing of the National Anthem at football games.

The Confederate flag and the Confederate war memorials are only their first step toward that goal. It's rather obvious that the Left has no such

interest in tearing down statues of Robert Byrd in the U.S. Capitol or Vladimir Lenin in Seattle. Why is that. It is because the whole thing is a ruse for a major change in the US government.

Another major objective is to tear down any symbols they want without due process of law. Law gets in the way of the left's goal of anarchy on the way to a new order of socialism and communism for America. You can see that in Durham. You can see it in the vandalism directed against statues elsewhere. It is the left's broad-based plan to legitimize lawbreaking and violence. The legitimization of anti-lawful activities with police standing down has led to the growth of movements like Antifa, which spreads violence in its wake.

Nobody said racism is not a problem. It is a bigger problem today because of eight years of Obama who pledged to end it. Racism, regardless of the kick start it got by Obama having police stand down during riots is a big problem, and it must be fought. But the bigger problem is that racism cannot be fought while the far left and the far right are clubbing each other over the head and destroying each other's property.

In fact, the leading growth-point for the alt-right is leftist violence and overreach. The right is being stimulated to act in many ways to protest the left's lawlessness. If the Left truly wished to defeat racism, they would need to start by ending both their violence and their pathetic attempts to label anyone who disagrees with their policy prescriptions racist. Ben Shapiro says it well: "Breaking leftist toes on metal statues of long-dead Confederate soldiers isn't solid strategy, and it isn't good for the country."

Meanwhile the American public feels officials are not stopping the vandalism and violence, and this has the potential to lead to all-out violence from two clashing ideologies. Once a statue is gone, it is gone forever. Why? When the statue does not really matter at all. These are public monuments and if the public wants them destroyed fine but if not, this is a dangerous formula and sooner than later, Americans with firearms are going to get into the act. Lawlessness brings vigilantism.

In Houston, for example, the idea of shooting statue vandals in the act is being discussed as I write. The question being debated is not whether statue desecration is OK it is "Does Texas law allow you to shoot a

protester if you see him or her defacing a Confederate statue?" This is very dangerous. The problem can get lots worse before it gets better especially as Mayors and Governors allow this lawlessness to go on with impunity.

A Texas man, for example, claiming to be a police academy instructor says the answer is yes. We're verifying this troubling claim that's gone viral. Phil Ryan made the post on Facebook. He cites all sorts of criminal statutes in Texas and ends by writing "Bottom line, if someone is destroying a monument or statue that isn't theirs, you can defend it by force during the day, with deadly force at night." The question in Texas thus is "should people begin to shoot the vandals?" So far, I have not heard no good ideas for how officials plan to stop this or at least call a moratorium. Why would the left stop when they are having it their way by not debating?

Charlottesville is not the only ruse

Even before Charlottesville, as the left was transitioning a bit from Russia, Russia, Russia, having chosen not to do the people's business this time around in Congress, they were searching for more bone-crushing fake news against President Trump.

It was just in May 2017, that Democratic Senator Ed Markey delivered what seemed like an explosive bit of news during an interview with CNN: A grand jury had been impaneled in New York, he said, to investigate the Trump campaign's alleged collusion with Russia. "Wow!" Said the left: "Great news!"

There was just one and only problem: It wasn't true.

The precise origins of the rumor have been difficult to pin down; but its tracings had been ricocheting around social media for days before Markey's interview. The story had no reliable sourcing, and not a single credible news outlet touched it—but it had been fervently championed by The Palmer Report, a progressive blog known for peddling conspiracy theories, and by anti-Trump Twitter crusaders like Louise Mensch. It was fake news at its worst.

Soon enough, prominent people with blue checkmarks by their names were amplifying it with “Big if true”-type Tweets. And by May 11, the story had migrated from the bowels of the internet to the mouth of a United States Senator.

After Markey’s office apologized for spreading the unsubstantiated story, there was a mild flurry of articles warning of “fake news” aimed at the left, and then everyone moved on. But the episode jarringly illustrated an under-examined phenomenon in American politics.

Over the past two decades, an immense amount of left-leaning journalistic energy was spent exploring the right-wing media ecosystem—from talk radio, to Fox News, to Breitbart and beyond—and documenting its growing influence on mainstream GOP politics. This turned out to be a worthy and judicious pursuit, and if any doubt remains about that, it helps to recall that Donald J. Trump became the President.

While serious Republicans in the political class spent years scoffing at the “entertainers,” such as Reagan, and “provocateurs” on the supposedly powerless fringe, the denizens of the fever swamp were busy taking over the party.

Now, here we sit in 2017 and some are asking: “Could the same thing happen on the left?”

Wayne Allen Root, an Obama classmate at Columbia.

On Wayne Allen Root’s Facebook page, he has had a little fun with a recent rant that he made that got a lot of press. It is designed to make us think. The title of his diatribe is “Liberal Nutcases’ Are Driving America Toward Civil War.” On his Facebook page Root sums up an article written by Kyle Mantyla on June 27, 2017. Root says:

“Exactly. I couldn’t have said it better myself. Oops, actually I did say it!.” <http://rootforamerica.com/>

Wayne Allen Root is a patriot for sure. 1

Here is what Mantyla wrote:

“Right-wing commentator, conspiracy theorist and Donald Trump–obsessed sycophant Wayne Allyn Root unleashed a rant on his radio program last Friday, warning that America is headed for a civil war because the state of California is banning non-essential state travel to a handful of states that have enacted laws allowing discrimination against LGBTQ people.

“Are we headed for civil war?” Root asked. “I feel like it’s 1860 again and we’re in the months before a civil war in the United States of America.”

“Can you imagine how sick these people are?” he continued. “You can’t ban a Muslim from America who comes from a country that hates America and is rife with terrorism and they kill people left and right for being Christians, Jews or Americans and you don’t want to let them in the country because you want your children to be safe and that’s no good? But, God forbid, you ban transgender bathrooms, California say no one can travel there anymore ... So it’s okay to ban American states because they don’t like transgender people who are confused whether they have a penis or a vagina?”

“This is so stupid that it defies description, but it’s also a sign of mental illness,” Root ranted. “Liberals are mentally ill ... We’re out of our minds and we’re headed for civil war, it’s pretty clear.”

“These people are crazy,” he said. “They want a war. They don’t like you and me, they want to hurt us or kills us! These people are absolutely nuts ... Crazy liberal nutcases, unhinged, need a rubber room, straitjacket people!”

Do you see anything like this going on out there or is it just me—regardless of the issue!

Chapter 9 A Brave New World—Run by Cowards

The Brave New World

Note: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brave_New_World,

Aldous Huxley wrote the Brave New World as a novel in 1932. The book is about the future and its setting is London, 2540 A.D. The novel anticipates that all of the reproductive advancements that today are just notions in a lab someplace, including biological engineering, and sleep-learning, will be commonplace in the future and will be used to change society.

The book talks about drug use as pacifiers to make the people feel better and loudspeakers used to get across the message. Later Huxley wrote two other books on the topic, an update to Brave New World done thirty years later in which he saw the future coming much sooner and the other, The Island, which took the sterile notions of Brave New World and made them more attractive and more positive. For example, loudspeakers were replaced by pleasing parrots trained to offer uplifting slogans.

Of course, the parrots were talking to the duped dummies, who were sucked in by the “leaders.” That would be today’s gullible low information voters who brought all the misery on themselves.

Perhaps we are already there?

Is our current day, "The Brave New World Revisited," is a new deal in which the government hands out pacifiers to keep the citizenry in a state of euphoria? What does such euphoria look like? For the politician, it is a no-cost notion since they get elected by bribing you with your own money.

Many citizens want there to be "no problems," so much so that they can't or won't listen to hear that there actually is a big problem that requires them to pay for its solution or pay for its lack of solution. In fact, it seems that most folks that you meet today have some kind of fear that big brother is listening and so it is not good to talk politics in public. How many have heard that? How many of you are afraid of your government? How many are afraid to mention the name, "Trump," in public?

Yet, I am telling you to pay attention and the best way to learn more is to talk about it and keep talking about it. The scam in the government win when the people are quiet. When you are looking for somebody to blame, do not blame your neighbor, your auto mechanic, your doctor, your hospital, or your insurance carrier.

Blame the government and the communist leaders who have just about taken over our cowardly new world. Many simply do not believe our Republic is in such danger; but it is nonetheless. And the less we choose to discuss it in public, the more government gets the edge on the people.

The system we have has big problems and the leaders we have are making the problems worse, not better, intentionally. They no longer like America, the Constitution, and the founding precepts of the country. No matter what they say, their intentions are to make things worse, not better so they can be more important when it all collapses. Don't worry, they'll get you nice parrots. And the slogans will be the finest.

Here you are reading this book, which is a very good step, so you must want to change back to a time when America was strong and there were jobs, and everybody had a shot at the American Dream.

Such days are more like the founders' imagined. The prior Obamanesque notion of hope and change completely failed. The change occurred rapidly, and it offered no hope for the future. Donald Trump is slowly edging it back, but our corrupt Congress is in his way. Moreover, some people have been so convinced by the media that Trump is bad, they simply will not objectively evaluate the real character of this man. Personally, as I have said many times, I think Trump was sent to us by God and == none too soon!

After you finish this book, you will have more ammunition to fight back. Add a little bit of your own personal moxie to that and you and I together can lick this thing.

Those often called the gullible low information voters, or as I call them, big dummies or dumasses, keep permitting the government to make it all worse. Politicians in the current world, who speak the truth, are rejected because the voting public would rather be served denial and sugar and some pacifying stimuli, rather than face the truth. Huxley was really on to something and it is a scary thought.

Some of us remember that in the 2008 primaries we saw the media at work with sugar packets for those of US who were willing to gobble them up. They were back again in 2012 and we still had not learned our lessons. In 2016, we had enough and rejected a number of RINOs and we brought in what may in time prove to be a real champion of the people, Donald J. Trump.

The corrupt media early on in the 2008 election campaign had picked John McCain and Hillary Clinton as the only viable candidates. They just as quickly switched from Mrs. Clinton to Barack Obama. They glorified Obama and made sure Mrs. Clinton did not get the nomination. They made Hillary Clinton look bad because Obama was the more radical of the two and he would push for Socialist causes.

The media, the Democrats, and the Independents took the Republican primary from the Republicans without a whimper and they brought their man, Gentleman John McCain in from sure doom to be the primary victor. Somehow, they found a faux conservative in the lot and that's what the Republicans got by going along to get along. Conservatives are not necessarily Republicans, and most of US were quite upset that the progressive socialists had orchestrated McCain's victory.

The utterly corrupt corporate media, the low ratings media I might add, helped voters come to their way of thinking with a constant barrage of propaganda for their guys and against all the others. The sinister part of the deal is that the propaganda, as delivered by the choice news anchors, sounded a lot like hard news, and so the people bought it. It

was a first dose of fake news for the consuming public. We get the government we deserve.

Can we stomach the change we now need?

Both parties spend more and more taxpayer dollars while in office because they get rewarded for spending our money on themselves. They get reelected, and that is the big prize. Even the Republican Party, which supposedly is conservative in nature, were huge spenders of taxpayer dollars during the Bush years. Many of us who are independent in thought wonder “What was that all about?”

No members of either party want to pay for the government spending they authorize with taxes, since such appropriations affect their reelection opportunities. So, rather than cut spending, or cough up the money publicly via tax increases, they borrowed from the Chinese.

This of course means that our children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren in the future will have to pick up the tab for their largesse. They call this generational theft—stealing for our own legacy before it is even born.

Aside: For the last forty years, the US has been tricked into thinking we have been slowly cutting spending when in fact, we never do. We use a gimmick called baseline budgeting, which is a trick of lying to the people and getting away with it. All of our representatives are in on the lie. That’s how corrupt the Congress is.

In the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, Congress came up with a way to trick the people into thinking they were doing their jobs prudently. Baseline budgeting is what they call their little cheap trick. It is an accounting gimmick used to develop budgets for future years with built in raises that are called the baseline. It assumes future budgets will equal the current budget times a percentage most often bigger than the inflation rate. It gives politicians a way of spending more money while the people think they are being frugal.

Fox News Commentator Sean Hannity has a great budgeting plan to bring spending under control. Let's say that the baseline percentage is 8%. That means that every department automatically gets an 8% compounded raise in their budget in year one, year two, year three, year four, etc. etc. etc. It has been going on for forty years. No wonder the budget never balances. Then after the 8% (sometimes it is more) Congress may add even more dollars. Let's say that they make the number 15%. That means next years' percentage, say 10% is based on this years plus 15% plus 10%.

Hannity calls his plan the "Penny Plan." I think it can work well. Let's say that this year's baseline budget is 8% plus last year's budget. Hannity's plan ignores the 8% increase and actually cuts 1 percent (a penny) from the budget. Democrats of course would cry foul and claim that 9% was cut from the budget. Sometimes knowing their secrets can help us cut them off at the pass.

One of the parties can always get a little more from the rich by implicitly invoking the subtle principles of class warfare.

Both parties seemed to have no problem borrowing from and bankrupting Social Security or Medicare or any area that has a treasury balance. Though all of these treasures were supposed to be stored in Al Gore's famous "Lock Box," we know that Al was not minding the store and the Congress, and the former President pilfered the reserves.

Nobody talks about making it better because they can make it better in a flash. They do not want to make it better. A big government suits the goals of both major political parties just fine. When they get power, they get to control more people. Consequently, it serves no politician well to talk solutions, which might limit their gift of taxpayer dollars going directly to constituents. This of course would limit their reelection opportunities. It has nothing to do with what is good for the country or that they are simply great guys.

Inflation is the worst tax possible

Only the well-educated understand that the biggest tax of all is inflation. This type of spending via almost valueless newly printed money makes everybody's dollars-worth less and less and less. The government does not take the dollars, but it is the reason why a loaf of bread is a dollar one day and a buck and a half the next.

An analysis of the debt and deficit for the last six years, during the prior administration, quickly teaches us that the biggest spenders in US government history were running the government, and it kept getting worse. In addition to real taxes, this regime, with its team of illegitimate czars, chose to use inflation as its major taxing agent. Obamacare was a close second. Inflation is not a graduated tax and it is the most unfair tax of all to those who can afford it the least.

Inflation is the worst and heaviest tax on the working poor. It whacks the poor the hardest punch. Each year more Americans have been falling below the poverty line because we pay for government's excessive spending with inflation and not taxes. Taxes are already high enough, but somebody has to pay for political pork and you know it won't be the politicians or the elite ruling class.

In 1999 middle class wage earners averaged \$56,080 per year. With the latest Census figures from 2012, the number has dipped about \$5,000 to \$51,017. These are real numbers without inflation. It is even worse with inflation. The 51,017 of 2012 is actually worth just 37,242 considering that a 2012 dollar v a 1999 dollar is worth just 73 cents. Each year the shrinking middle class has no choice but to fake its standard of living by borrowing more. It is the only sensible thing to do when you have inflation. Then, you pay back the debt in dollars that are devalued and thus worth less.

Historians cite the greed of the ruling political class as the final nail which finished the Roman Empire and the same selfish notion is well lined up to finish the American economic empire.

"Free healthcare" may be the final nail in the US coffin. Until the healthcare debates of 2009 and on to the present day, I admit that I did not have overly high hopes that the 47% electorate would opt to change

anything as long as they got something from their greed. After all, somebody else is paying?

The vote was so close for Obamacare, and because it was rammed through Congress, it still is in disfavor by the majority of the American public. In more recent times, people are losing their insurance and Obamacare is substantially more expensive with deductibles that go through the roof. The prior administration would not give up Obamacare because it permitted government to control the 1/6 of the economy which healthcare entails. The new Administration cannot count on the Congress to repeal and replace as promised in the 2016 election. Politicians no longer feel compelled to keep promises.

Nobody in formal writing is permitted to use the name of Adolph Hitler because it is so unpalatable to most people. Well, I just did. Why, because the first thing the Nazis did was take over healthcare, so they could control the people. Under Adolf Hitler, even abortion became legal in Germany, and Christianity was pushed out of the public schools and out of public life.

Then, they took the guns claiming the problems of violence would be solved by government holding the guns. Then slowly free speech and a free press and other religious beliefs were attacked, By the time it was over, 6 million Jews and ten million Christians were murdered simply because the people thought Hitler had a free lunch to offer.

Why are there so many people today concerned about the ultimate survival of the US as a free country compared to any other issue? Is everybody stupid, or are the IRS and NSA spying on Americans a little creepy. The people think government is too big even without Obamacare and its weight is crushing the nation. The people fear it wants to grow bigger than the monster in the film, "The Blob." Government wants full control of the people and that is why we see all the recent attacks on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Let me ask you, which of the ten Rights in the Bill of Rights do the progressive socialist Marxists, who run the current government and who are also in key party leadership positions, want to protect? Are there any?

Is their most important right freedom of the press? Well, they are already limiting the power of the press and they are planning to put state monitors in newsrooms to filter out the news they find objectionable. College campuses have limited free speech to specific “zones” and other than the zones, watch what you have to say.

Is that freedom of speech? No, the left wants bad speech against your government curtailed. In fact, the LA Times will not print any opposing views to “global warming.” Leftist university professors have recently suggested jailing talk show hosts who speak ill of the global warming movement.

Bill O’Reilly, a defrocked not so conservative show host on Fox, was quoted in late February 2014 regarding Harvard Crimson Paper Editorialist Sandra Korn. Korn suggested heeding the “PC thought police,” before Academic freedom and research opinions. O’Reilly writes:

“She wants a shutdown of any opposing points of view. And so do many others on the far left. And the technique in play right now is the smear. If you criticize people of color including the President you’re a racist. Call for a stronger border with Mexico you’re anti-Hispanic. You oppose gay marriage you are a homophobe. And if you call for responsibility and welfare programs, you are anti-poor.”

OK, it is not free speech that the left desires. Perhaps it is religious freedom that they would like to keep within the Bill of Rights? Well, then again maybe not. The Obama Administration has asked the Supreme Court to force Little Sisters of the Poor to pay for condoms, sterilization and chemical abortions. They were threatening Hobby Lobby with stiff fines if they go against their religious consciences. The past president lost big trying to shut down religious freedom.

The update on Hobby Lobby is that in 2014 the Supreme Court ruled that requiring family-owned corporations to pay for insurance coverage for contraception under the Affordable Care Act violated a federal law protecting religious freedom. It was, a dissent said, “a decision of startling breadth.” The 5-to-4 ruling, which applied to two companies owned by Christian families, opened the door to many challenges from corporations over laws that violate their religious liberty.

The update on Little Sisters of the Poor shows that The Little Sisters' gained a unanimous win against Obama in the Supreme Court. However, the Obama administration did not act on the SCOTUS ruling. But the Trump Administration did. The case was on hold ever since the Supreme Court unanimously overturned the lower court rulings against the Little Sisters, said the "Little Sisters couldn't be fined, and ordered the lower courts to allow the federal government time to arrive at an approach going forward that accommodates the petitioners' religious beliefs."

About a year later, the federal government still had not come up with a timeline to do that. President Trump's Executive Order ended the BHO induced stalemate

Ok, if it not religious freedom that they like, then it must be that they like the second amendment, the right to bear arms. If so, however, why would they be trying to take all the people's guns? Go through the other eight amendments in the bill of rights when you have time and you will discover that the left does not want any of these rights to remain as law. They want you and I to lose the rights in The Bill of Rights

They want the government to have all the rights and the people none. The left runs the country today even though Republicans have theoretical control of Congress. Republicans cow-tow to donors who often espouse RINO positions. The people simply are not screaming loud enough.

It's time to open up the windows and at the top of your voice yell: "I am mad as hell, and I am not going to take it anymore!" Most Democrats are on the far left. I am a Democrat, but I am proud to be a nationalist on the right side of things.

Some think that the prior government was going to bring the country toppling down to force a socialist dictatorship. If they got one more term, I fear we would have been pretty close, but we escaped for now thanks to President Trump. Think again! Why not? There were few signs that the prior administration would not be quite happy with a total collapse of America and all of its freedoms.

Maybe we should characterize this grand re-awakening as “the free lunch is finally over.” The BHO administration was presiding over an economy in free-fall with spending through the roof and borrowing at near bankruptcy levels.

America became a caricature of its once mighty self but there was hope in changing poll numbers that Americans finally were blaming the problems on the political hacks that the people keep sending back to Congress for two more years or four more years or six more years.

Through it all, the prior president, who was well loved by the corrupt press and who was forgiven continually by the simplest of Americans (dummies) for not loving America and for his great penchant for telling lies to the people, has resisted getting the blame. Anybody but a horse's piltut knows it was all his fault. He was the president, and these were his go nowhere policies.

The sun began to shine on this folly as more and more people were intent on throwing the bums out. This downslide had to end. With Trump, we took a big step of ending it at the ballot box and now we Americans must hold the "honorable" accountable for not providing the duly elected President his agenda.

It is up to us to send Republicans home in the primary. Democrats spent all of 2016 solving a non-existent Russian collusion issue so we should fire them all. We won't miss them as they got nothing done.

Like we did in 2016, this next election, we must pay attention at the polls. All of us should be poll watchers so nobody can steal the election from US.

The question always has been, "Do we have the stomach to do what is right?" Your friendly neighborhood politicians, all the way to the lords of the national ring are banking that you and I won't have the guts to replace them. This time, I think they are wrong. We have realized that we get the government we deserve.

Instead of letting it ride, we must take a different approach for the good of our nation. We must clamp down hard on this big problem with our democracy, speak up, demand action, and if we are not satisfied, let's identify the offending officials and throw the bums out. This is not just

rhetoric. It is reality and a formula for survival and a return to full greatness for our nation. President Trump cannot do it alone. It is time to send this do-nothing Congress packing.

Democracy is a relatively new phenomenon in its modern forms. It has developed over the last few centuries to a somewhat acceptable level in perhaps 40 of the world's 200-odd nation states. Judging from the U.S., it must further evolve. It cannot remain fixed in the face of accelerating change in all other aspects of society and the outright threat of takeover by corporate power and influence or as John Edwards correctly characterized it, "corporate greed." On the socialist side of course, there is also union greed. Greed seems to be a common thread where evil is involved.

The elements of a direct democracy, are anathema to politicians and government officials at all levels. Initiative, Referendum, and Recall gives the people a direct say in whether the politicians keep their jobs and how they must do their jobs. All three of these tenets could help enliven the political experience for the people and make government at all levels more accountable to the people as it should be.

In all western democracies, including the good ole U.S. of A., there are high levels of dissatisfaction. Thus, there is more and more interest in politics by the yet-to-be-disillusioned young. Innovative notions that can improve the political process, such as the Initiative amendment need to be brought forth, discussed, and adopted.

The mood of the country, voiced often by the young in the recent past presidential elections brought forth the prior administration and just about all Americans, especially out-of-work millennials, after causing his election, were crying out that the hope is gone, and the change was frightening.

The American people got changes many had never considered possible and every day it seemed there were more bad changes to digest. Meanwhile not only did things not improve economically, they became worse than ever before in our history. And, so, there is more and more buyer's remorse out there about the last two elections in particular. Thankfully we began to wake up by bringing in a President who is a business man. Now, it is time to get rid of the good ole boys in both parties so our new President has good people with whom he can work.

Chapter 10 A Confidence Conspiracy

Look no further than our elected leaders

The Bush years brought great division over the war in Iraq and a very unpopular president, partly from his own doing plus a lot of help from the corrupt, left-leaning media. So, then, without Bush in 2009, we had even more trillions of dollars of debt, more give-away programs for the rich (Wall street and the Bankers), more crony capitalism to FOBs (Friends of Obama), industries annexed by the government, a big and deadly war in Afghanistan that has not been fought well, problems with Russia for the first time since Reagan, trouble in Iran, North Korea, Syria, and a failure in foreign affairs across the entire globe.

But, ironically, during his eight years in office, the press chose not to blame President Obama. The corrupt press loved President Obama as much as they now hate President Trump. It would be nice if we could impeach the press. Truth has completely disappeared from reporting.

Can you believe that the country that once put a man on the moon now has no space program? The President shut the Space Shuttle program down with no replacement. We now trust the Russians and we pay them \$67 million a shot to take our astronauts to the International Space Station.

Maybe Russia will mass troops on its external rocket shell and take it over on one of these launches. But, then again, where could the Russki's find anybody dumb enough to pay them a zillion dollars for a ride to space?

We fired 20,000 scientists from NASA and hired 16,500 IRS agents to spy on us. Fair trade? I would recommend going back to the former deal. Meanwhile as a reach out to Muslims across the world, the President has changed NASA's mission from Space Exploration to Muslim Outreach to applaud the Muslim Americans for their role in

the space program over the years and/or to help them become more science and math oriented. There was no such outreach for Protestants or Catholics.

When NASA was shut down in 2010, Chief Administrator, Charles Bolden said in a formal interview that his "foremost" mission as the head of America's space exploration agency is to improve relations with the Muslim World. And, so it shall be after we have disposed of 20 million hero scientists and we continue to pay our friends, the Russians a cool \$67 million per launch. If it were not so serious, it would make a great SNL script.

We also have a CIA that is being devitalized, and we seem to have no fear at all of terrorism as the name was even stricken from the federal dictionary during the tenure of the prior president. It seems that his officials were conspiring for heady advice from Alice and the Tin Man, yet they somehow did not notice America crumbling. Then again, Einstein never really cared if his tie matched. Same thing!

Meanwhile, the semi-capitalist Chinese are preparing their own little game of sock-it-to-US. These are just a few symptoms of a much deeper malaise.

Despite the newness of our increasing problem set, the last time I looked, we still just have just 435 House Members, 100 Senators, one President, and nine Justices of the Supreme Court. They all seem to be prospering but maybe that is because Washington DC is the money sponge of the nation, and they all happen to live there.

Every now and then I receive a particular email that explains in clear terms why we were in the pickle we were in during the BHO years. It was refreshing to know others felt the same and eventually it led to a change at the top. Donald Trump is now our President. As your author, I took some license to use this easy to read yet, highly impact-driven email to show you the root cause of everything wrong in America.

When somebody supports your thinking, the value of your thoughts, go up 1000% or more, even if your thoughts were perfectly right on originally.

Belief is in the eye of the reader and the truth is in the pen of the writer. Charley Reese's piece, as presented below is the ticket to help everybody understand the dilemma that still faces US and the US today. He said these things; not me. But, I thought them for sure even before I heard that ole Charley had said them. I bet you thought them also.

I am so glad that I read Charlie Reese's piece when one day it arrived in my email, because he clearly at a time when things were not as bad as today, was frustrated that government could not do a better job for the people. At the time he wrote the article, government actually seemed to try to do well. It was just inept.

Today, government is inept than ever, especially the prior administration, which was convinced that it not only knew everything, but since it had grand pupa status, it had a right to impose its will on US, liberal and conservative alike.

The truth is we are all much smarter than the flunkies that manned the governmental posts. Yet, they controlled the IRS, the Marines, the Army, the Navy, and the DHS, as well as our doctors, our hospitals, our health, and our health insurance companies. Oh, I forgot, plus a Web Site valued at about a buck three eighty. We control only ourselves.

They are pretty darn powerful for sure. Yet, government was still inept when President Trump took the reins. The Congress is still inept. Charley Reese posted his thoughts on the matter of who is to blame back in the 1980's. This "Reese Rant" was copied from a web site, www.545assholes.com. Pardon any vulgarity but that is its name.

Journalist Charley Reese, retired after thirty years with the Orlando Sentinel but in the middle of his career, he got as upset as Americans are today about the poor state of affairs. He wrote the first version of this rant against our highest federal officials while on staff at the Orlando Sentinel. This was popular then and it is popular now as thousands go to websites all over the Internet to read this. It makes US all feel just a little bit better.

In its time, Reese's column was distributed to other newspapers nationwide by King Features Syndicate. In his piece, Reese proves that

just 545 people, including the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for every one of the domestic and foreign problems that plague this country.

Reese so loved his own piece that he has improved it a number of times. On March 7, 1995, for example it was republished by the Orlando Sentinel under the title, "Looking for Someone to Blame? Congress Is a Good Place to Start."

I have received permission from the www.545assholes.com site to copy his essay as it exists today on their site, in its entirety. This is not the 1995 version. In fact, the one on this site does not know the date or source of its version. But, Tip O'Neill from Boston, was a big player when it was written.

One of the challenges about writing this book is to make sure that all of the analogies and missives and anecdotes that are used, clarify the message more than fog it up.

This outstanding piece by Charley Reese covers the role of the high federal public offices in a way that is both comical and very clear. It helps in explaining America to everybody – smarties and dummies alike more than repeatedly saying, “pay attention,” can ever do. So, we all should thank Charley Reese for his eye-opening essay shown immediately below:

The 545 People Responsible for All of U.S. Woes
BY Charley Reese

(Date of publication unknown) -- -- -

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on

appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code. Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy. Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy. The Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president and nine Supreme Court justices - 545 human beings out of the 235 million [now 325 million] - are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

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Don't you see how the con game is played on the people by the politicians? Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of Tip O'Neill [retired in 1987], who stood up and criticized Ronald Reagan for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating appropriations and taxes.

O'Neill is the speaker of the House. He is the leader of the majority party. He and his fellow Democrats, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto.

REPLACE SCOUNDRELS

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 235 million [now 325 + million] cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts - of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem, from an unfair tax code to defense overruns that is not traceable directly to those 545 people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in Lebanon, it's because they want them in Lebanon.

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take it.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exist disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation" or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people and they alone are responsible. They and they alone have the power. They and they alone should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses - provided they have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

As noted above, this article was first published by the Orlando Sentinel Star newspaper. It was a long time ago but it is still spot on. Tip O'Neill was a man of the 1980's and before, who had honor, and who respected America and Americans.

Thank you, Charley,

Chapter 11 Familiarity Breeds Contempt

Who do you trust?

People everywhere seem to want to push the bounds of democracy further than their governments will allow. Both former Prime Minister Blair in the UK and former President Bush in the U.S. led incredibly unpopular governments. But, they are of the past and new guys took their places.

Gordon Brown got off to a great start as the #1 in the UK and our own Barack H. Obama was so popular, like Washington, he was almost declared a King and ruler for life. Americans actually loved everything about the Obama's, from the kids to the new dog named Bo. Never had I seen such a high level of satisfaction for any President.

The Brits who had become sick of Tony Blaire and the Iraq War were likewise quite pleased with Gordon Brown, though not at the level of the American love affair with President Obama. Congratulations to both leaders for their fine early showings. Those days too are gone.

After a short while in office, the heads of Presidents and Prime Ministers could be substituted for the moles in the popular carnival game, Whack-A-Mole, and it would probably liven up the game.

In addition to the big new rap of fiscal irresponsibility, the dissatisfaction with the U.S. government at all levels stems from many reasons such as a steady slide in social, economic and environmental conditions in the past 20 years; the increasingly overt nepotism, careerism, cronyism and outright corruption in our political system and in the government, itself.

Who do you trust? What once was a Johnny Carson game show title that followed Jack Bailey's afternoon Hit, "Do you trust your wife?" is now a real question that beckons to be answered well but seemingly

cannot. In the past eight years, more and more blog contributions have been openly asking, "Do you trust your government?" I know that I do not.

On top of a major dislike for having unpopular notions rammed down the public's collective throat, much of this is fueled by public revulsion at brain-numbing political campaigns, the blatant disregard for the public in official decision-making, the dominance of big business, big unions, and big government, the flaunting of wealth by the ruling class, and increasingly fat salaries for politicians and government workers at all levels, while regular Americans are looking for just a bit of cake to eat.

Meanwhile the general public (that's us) is chopped liver, theoretically living beyond its means and it has no recourse but to work harder for less money. With the economic collapse of late 2008, from which, with Trump now in control. we are beginning to recover., despite orations to the contrary, living beyond ones means has actually taken on new meaning. Many individuals today must live beyond their means just to live.

While making tens of thousands of pages of rules for others to follow each year, the Federal government finds no need to do simple things like balance its own checkbook or follow its own rules. Those of US, trying to balance ours find it a bit disingenuous of our politicians to take pay raises while they are systematically draining the US treasury for their pet reelection projects. When we need a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, how far off the founder's mark have we strayed? Is Nero fiddling again?

We the People have to tighten our belts to compete with those who would take our jobs, while many of the takers are living illegally in the U.S.

Corporations receive no chastisement from our elected officials and no publicity when they move Americans jobs to China, India, or even Russia as well as a host of other developing nations. It's not pretty on the streets. " Let them eat cake" seems to be the government's response. Yet, nobody can afford the coffee needed to down the cake, and the ingredients in a nice "cake" are very expensive.

The public in ever increasing numbers, is also recognizing the structural defects of its political system. The centralization of power within the major parties so that there is no longer a two-party system nor room for real independents, is becoming quite obvious.

Bush, Clinton, Bush, Clinton was almost not just a bad joke; it was almost a reality. President Barack Obama benefited from that one. And, so did our new President Donald Trump. Now, moving to 2017, yet another Bush was ready to take on yet another Clinton. But that Bush was trumped out of the way. Thank God! Perhaps one day, Chelsea will take on mom in the primary to give one of them an edge. But, which one?

Add to all of this bad stuff the negativism and personal abuse inherent in adversary partisan politics, the domination of public decision-making by small elites, major party collusion which deprives the public of choice, an institutionalized "broken promise syndrome," the failure of the federal government to be able to handle organized minority groups—legal and illegal—and undemocratic electoral systems and machines where only by chance, and sometimes in spite of devious manipulation, does the resulting government reflect the will of the people.

And did I mention intimidation at the polls by agenda groups carrying riot sticks.

When representatives of the government call citizens at Town Hall meetings AstroTurf, and disingenuous, while at the same time they send their bought and paid for thugs and operatives (yes, the operatives of our legislators against the people) to combat physically and disrupt the "undue influence" of John Q Public on the fair and open legislative process, isn't this really an awful ugly pot calling the kettle names. Did anybody mention the words "healthcare," and "government control?" How could it really have gotten this bad without the politicians that Charley Reese warned us about in control?

Majority Rule

In a democratic republic, it is axiomatic that the majority can only govern with the consent of the minority. Yet it helps to have a majority. Our last several sets of presidential elections show that there is a deep divide in this country. Yet the good old boys in Congress seek bipartisan labels for their "solutions." They don't want solutions that work for everybody; instead they want things they can lie about against the people.

It makes no sense since the biggest problem may just well be the political parties that breed our representatives. They can never consider electoral matters except in terms of their partisan advantage. Underlying the alienation and powerlessness people feel is the lack of a true representative constitutional democracy, the accelerating rate of change since the 1980s, the information revolution, the forces of corporate globalization and the ongoing tyranny of the minorities. And they, I might add, were the good ole days.

Today, as we now have a new president with his first term finding great resistance in a leftover deep state, and as a country under the old regime getting change that is not reflective of the rationale about which the founders engaged in a revolution, risking life and limb, how can anybody with a brain think things are OK? What would Jefferson or Franklin say? Would they approve? Would the press label them slaveholders and ignore them? Well, the press at the time were slaveholders also and they were Democrats.

And though the above underlying principles and all of the symptoms of no representation that once existed still exist, the debate to many of US has gotten more personal. It has shifted from just plain old poor and often corrupt representation to a new and deep and insidious collusion of the government elite and the otherwise powerful (corporations and unions) against the people. It's time we put it to an end! Companies like Google and Facebook are making rules that violate the First Amendment that are applied to purveyors of thought contrary to theirs. It is dangerous out there.

These are frightening times as the people wake up to find representatives and unions and corporations and government

employees in control, and less and less life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the offing.

Whether it is a fear of full-bore socialism, or a fear of giving up one's whole paycheck or one's own healthcare to get just a piece of it back, the people have been awakened and life for politicians will never be the same. And, that part is good.

But the politicians (Swamp) will not take this sitting down. Will they actually consider taking over the country to keep the will of the people in check? Will the people be forced to keep the corrupt government they have, if you all work harder to deserve better?

Will we ever be OK again?

When anybody graduates from dummy to concerned citizen, life does not get easier, but you feel better. This is a great start to a necessary metamorphosis. Until we all overcome the badness and the evil, caused by elected officials, you and I won't feel completely OK. That can happen and it will.

Thanks for joining the cause.

Chapter 12 Elites No Longer Elite—Too Bad!

Why did Edmund Burke know so much?

In 1774 the English Whig Party member and Political philosopher Edmund Burke offered that representatives should be elected to govern rather than the people directly. Burke did not think ordinary people could govern. I think he is right. But, only because as a group; we choose not to “pay attention!

He saw that such “elite” representatives should exercise their superior wisdom and judgment irrespective of the wishes of the electorate. That may be tough to take but consider what we get today. The electorate of his time in Burke's eyes would be easily characterized as "the low information voters," who are a huge part of “We the People.” He saw their governance as being aided by an elitist private service--not a public service. How can people with no concern for government, govern? You tell me!

For Burke, it was not only OK to have an elite group that actually were virtuous, and who understood the laws; he would deem it very desirable. He believed that the public would always reject the "necessary hard decisions," and thus would be incapable of meaningful governance. Today we would call him naive but back then, there appears to have been a substantially higher level of integrity in the political class, thereby making his ideas more acceptable for the times.

Today, the progressive socialist Marxists pull at the heartstrings of the poor suggesting their days are numbered if an honest government is ever elected. How sick.

Many, including the framers of our Constitution were influenced by Burke but the elitists envisioned by Burke in his writings were not greedy politicians and corporate profiteers who also happened to be wealthy. For Burke, the elitists were in fact the elite of society, the

cream of the crop by all standards. They were the best in character, education, and intelligence. They looked for nothing for themselves. They were the ultimate altruists. We can still find such men and women today if we stop listening to the disgusting press.

In their days, they were people you would like if you met them. They were not pretentious. They just happened to be better schooled and in many ways more intelligent and more capable of grappling through the tough decisions. The overall Edmund Burke philosophy is no longer acceptable to a vast number of people, though it is still promulgated by elitist editorialists, bureaucrats and some academicians. It is a great idea!

The problem with this notion is the tacit acceptance of an indefinable inequality and the fact that the good unquoted elite can very easily become members of the bad quoted elite, a group who are well characterized by taking substantially more than they give back. Today's plague of the gullible low information voter is the exact opposite of Burke's Law, yet there are so many in the gullible category, the progressive socialist propagandists suck them in one by one to their ultimate deaths.

As I have used it, you now see the new term that has been popularized by conservatives as "low information voters." This term was created to help define in few words those Americans who have no time to learn the facts, and who are gullible enough to believe everything the corrupt press and the party of progressive socialist Marxists chooses to propagandize to them. Yes, they can also be called dummies, and they often earn that name.

No Secrets!

The more eyes that look at the machinations of government, the safer and more prosperous we all will be. There are many arguments against open government at all levels, but history tells us that secrecy is a formula for corruption and long-term failure. Additionally, secrecy in government all too often provides for the perpetrators to avoid the responsibility and accountability that would be required if their actions were well known.

The fact is that corruption scandals are regular occurrences in governments across the world, and as you examine these failings, secrecy is always a required ingredient. If government is not always open, then what is it? It is closed of course—closed to the people and the free press.

If it is truly closed then how is it that in this closed scenario, the secret decision-making is always known by a privileged few who most certainly profit from the knowledge?

As open as our government is on paper, secret meetings are commonplace. Thus, we must be wary since these closed sessions occur with "our" representatives at all levels. When they are out of sight in secrecy, we can bet that they are representing somebody other than "We the People."

With a mostly educated populace as exists in the 21st century, it is in fact dangerous to merely trust our representatives with our government. We must also pay attention to their actions. The founders expected the people to not only pay attention, but to give our representatives instructions about how we expected affairs to be conducted. Most Americans today unfortunately are ill equipped to provide those instructions. We must change that.

We can be assured that unwatched representatives will not do the right thing. We must, as Ronald Reagan would say "trust but verify." It is all too easy for elected representatives and even their minions, and the bureaucrats, to assume that a shroud of wisdom comes down on them once they have arrived in their official chairs. But, of course it does not.

It is so much easier to serve the private rather than the public interest when dressed in the veil of secrecy, steering clear of accountability. Without a doubt, our most recent history furnishes abundant proof. Open the shades and bring in the light of day. Open the windows, please, and let the stink out of the room--for good. We get the government we deserve.

This Sums it up!

The Representative Democracy that our forefathers brought to this country is clearly not functioning properly in our times. Donald Trump is finding resistance from the swamp he vowed to destroy because they are self-serving and corrupt. Our elected representatives at all levels of government view the notion of representatives in a much more opportunistic way than intended by the Constitution and most other laws.

To solve this problem, we must admit that government is out of control and no longer is of the people, for the people, and by thy people. More importantly, we must have the guts to correct it, even if it means not getting something for ourselves from the largesse pile.

Yes, that means that even the nephew may be excluded from government largesse if we do the right thing. The time to fix it is now, perhaps before those really in charge become aware of their full power and we never have the opportunity again to regain control. The time is now. We get the government we deserve.

Chapter 13 What Happened to Representative Government?

The issues of today

Something happened to representative government from the time of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution to the present. Though our representative constitutional democracy (our Republic) has survived for about 240 years, it is not at its healthiest right now. Here are just a few of the major problems that we are facing as a nation presented in alphabetic sequence:

- China preparing for a power grab
- Corporate power and greed
- Crime / Drugs
- Economic hard times just beginning to improve
- Education
- Election process corruption
- Energy and oil stagnation
- Excessive legal immigration
- Free trade hurts domestic producers
- Government Health industry power grab
- H-1B and D-1 Foreign National Visas
- Healthcare availability and affordability
- Homeland Security
- Illegal immigration
- Influence of special Interests
- Institution of marriage
- Iran and North Korean as nuclear powers
- Israel second thinking American promises
- Jobs
- L-1A and L-1B Foreign National Visas
- Labor arbitrage / offshoring

- Lobbying
- Media in bed with Democratic Party
- Media fake news attack on President Trump
- Mexico dictating immigration policy
- Over taxation
- Political and corporate corruption
- Private property confiscation
- Respect for life
- Russia out of control; attacking its neighbors
- Russia Fake news
- Social Security / Medicare financial issues
- Syria mocking American red lines
- Threat of Socialism from the Government
- Unfinished wars Iraq, Afghanistan (not really done)
- Unprecedented US weakness on the foreign front
- War on terrorism (whatever they call it now)

No book can attack all of these issues (listed in alphabetic order) and be substantive enough to be informative. This book does not even try. In this book, rather than thump the reader about all of these issues, we concentrate on the elements of our founding as a country that would be included in any syllabus attempting to teach us about how to make America great again using our fundamental principles and beliefs. I hope we do OK

Throughout this book, we present notions that are included in our history and generally in our founding documents that can help you in understanding the lawful solutions to many issues outlined above and even more. But, nobody can handle them all in a single book, no matter what they say. I would answer in the affirmative if queried.

America is a great place with a great set of principles. My objective as I have noted many times between page 1 and this page, is to help all readers appreciate what gifts we have been given at our founding, and why they are important for your liberty and freedom. More importantly, I caution all Americans to not be chumps and do not believe in the people who represent us unless they have proven their worth and continue to prove their worth every day in office.

And, while we're at it, as a starter, there are a few things that we already know about that are intrinsically wrong. I bet nobody out there thinks it is OK that the government is spying on us when we walk, when we talk, and when we use the tools of the day such as the Internet, Facebook, Email, Twitter etc. Who likes the fact that 16,500 new IRS agents were hired by the prior president to assure that we are all buying Obamacare? Only an idiot would like any of that. An idiot needs a full education today just to become a dummy.

Nobody likes Big Brother; nonetheless Big Brother is growing because trusting Americans give him more and more power over our lives. That is why people like me and many others are writing in blogs, writing articles, and doing what we can to wake up the rest of our little brothers so that together we can save America before America is no more.

Nobody wants to wake up in an America a few years away when we can no longer vote in honest elections. Without honest elections, how will we ever remove the scoundrels who have corrupted our government? Unfortunately, many of the people who do not like what is happening today have yet to experience a voting machine. Folks, it is up to US to make this right again!

You have already been lightly introduced to the notion of a Constitutional Republic / Representative Democracy and you have already heard about the major checks and balances on government authority in the Constitution such as the separation of powers. I hope you have been paying attention.

This book discusses the bottom line reasons for why it is difficult to earn a living today and It presents a unique look at the disdain the founders had for large powerful entities such as unions and corporations and governments. If you think you have a lot of muscle and you need no help, try going against any of the big three in the power list above.

Our congressional representatives, and presidential representatives (Yes, even the current and past president) are supposed to administer the will of the people. With our help, their jobs are to deal with all of the issues in the big list above as well as others that come up daily. The people are in charge!

In the last two elections before 2016, while in the midst of the presidential campaigns, through various forms of media, Americans were able to see the opinions and the to-do lists of all presidential aspirants. We saw what they thought about the issues and what they would do to "change" things for the better.

Each election time, the politicians come back home to put on a show with the intention of selling US on putting them back into office. They do not care whether we had gotten anything for our previously spent dimes. They hope we do not remember and typically we do not. And, the shame is that most often our dimes are lost. We have to stop that and pay more attention. Their motto is "Never give a sucker an even break and Never Smarten up a Chump." We cannot afford to be suckers or chumps for a government wanting to steal our freedom and liberty.

Hope and change are winners

Going back a way, change certainly was the theme in 2008's presidential primaries and it continued into the general election. Along the way, we even learned from John McCain and Mitt Romney that Washington was not only broke; it was broken and needed a quick, yet lasting repair.

Now, with Barack Obama running the Deep State, and President Trump dealing with Obama leftovers, the country is on a fast track to success but from the Obama days, America is broke and from looking at his leanings, there is concern that Obama's quick fix may have taken us right into Carl Marx's playbook, not from the founders. But, Americans said no to a third term with Hillary. What do you think?

Promises, promises, promises. How can you tell when a politician is lying? The comic answer of course is, "When their lips are moving." That's because there is a big difference in the spoken words of politicians prior to the election and after being elected.

During the election process, promising politicians sell themselves and their ideas to the people using the level of promises necessary to get the

vote. Nobody in the campaign team can say anything negative about the candidate or a proposed solution to an issue even if it is the truth.

If you can't get a promise from a politician pre-election, one thing is for sure. You will never get one after the election. Once elected, all bets are off and the truth and facts and real intentions of the politicians take over.

Unfortunately for the American people, when politicians as legislators, choose not to fulfill the essence of their promises, we cannot take them back to the store and get a new one. However, if we were to adopt the Recall Amendment to the Constitution, which I mention in this book, we would be able to take them back one more time to Washington, and then send them packing.

In addition to no recalls—at least yet, we cannot assess a penalty for lying to us about their real intentions. Initiative, Referendum, and Recall are direct democracy principles that are necessary today. They exist in 20 states but not at the federal level. So, we often wind up being stuck with politicians instead of being supported by our elected representatives. That is why it is important to know who to place on the ballot and who should get our votes long before election day. Pay attention!

Chapter 14 The Honorable Congressman So & So from Such & Such!

When a bad congressman won't go away?

What if we know our Congressman is a bad apple? Then what? Under the current system of platitudes and suckupism, we have to treat them like gold and call them "the honorable so and so." We also must be wary that they do not hurt us too bad if we challenge them, because they have immense power.

Some look the other way, not because of fear, which is acceptable, but because they may want a "favor from them," often for a nephew someplace, and would not want them to think poorly of them or the nephew. That thinking is no longer acceptable in America.

In the last fifty years—and perhaps longer—the notion of the representative as a noble person (as in "nobility"), has been creeping, slowly and subtly back into our etiquette. It is sickening. Not only are most politicians not noble, they are often dishonorable. They are corrupted, and they do not represent the people once elected. We know who they represent—special interests, corporations, unions and the ruling class of elite citizens. In this I mean the current elites, not the virtuous elites of the past.

They tax US and tax US and tax US again; but they do not represent US. They put loopholes in the tax code so their friends and themselves do not have to pay as much as US. This is clearly taxation without representation but not quite as obvious as it was before the big Tea Party. They enact major legislation such as Obamacare and because they know it stinks to high heaven, the Congress exempts themselves and their cronies from its pain.

I have been disturbed about dishonest politicians for quite a long time and it was the reason a number of years ago that I wrote a book about

this topic, which I called Taxation Without Representation. The book is available at <https://www.amazon.com/Taxation-Without-Representation-Brian-Kelly/dp/0980213207>. The tea is brewing again today in a bigger pot and it is much hotter than when I wrote the first edition of this book eight years ago.

Just like before the original Tea Party, which left leaning ideologues today might have you think was a bad thing for America, the regular people on the streets in both parties who do not care about the left's ideology are getting more and more riled. That's why they voted for Trump in 2016.

Originally it was the young. The young elected Barack Obama as their answer. He rewarded them by taxing them by health insurance, whether they wanted it or not at higher rates so they could pay for somebody else's grandfather. He also stopped their ability to get jobs as he gave the jobs to legal and illegal aliens. Finally, more and more Americans, young and old, saw this prior administration, Democrats and Republicans, as part of the problem; not as part of the solution.

Lack of honest representation is the biggest problem for regular Americans, young and old. It manifests itself in legislation or lack of legislation to protect our most basic rights. In the prior administration, even with long standing legislation on the side of what is right, the executive branch chose in many cases, not to enforce the laws. This may seem nice in a movie, but this is not the purview of the executive branch. All branches are equal. This type of action is unconstitutional.

Among their despicable acts, our representatives went along with the President's unconstitutional actions. Moreover, they tried to give our healthcare to 60,000,000 more potential voters, while lying through their teeth about their intentions. I call these folks illegal aliens because they are in an illegal status, and they are aliens, meaning foreign nationals. The gifts given to them are paid for by recent college graduates and the rest of Americans. Mom and dad, they are why junior is home to roost.

Our politicians have given our jobs to legal and illegal foreign nationals. Recent college graduates can no longer compete for those jobs. Ironically, with Obamacare, though Americans must pay through the nose for a policy and overcome huge deductibles before they receive

any benefits, the illegals who now hold their jobs can get their healthcare for free by figuring out Medicaid. It simply is not fair to Americans.

Our politicians have also permitted greedy American corporations to swindle stockholders and employees and to take American jobs overseas. Moreover, they have permitted illegal foreign nationals to settle permanently in the U.S. to raise the cost of living and to take the jobs of the young, and to take the jobs of the old.

So now many Americans collect unemployment for which other Americans pay. While Americans are out of work, those from other countries prosper at our expense; they take our tax money with illegal IDs, and they live just out of reach of the tax man and the immigration authorities.

Then, to add insult to injury, our representatives in all areas of the separate powers, have told us that we don't really want our jobs or our own healthcare and that all of these giveaways to non-Americans are good for America. It makes no sense and so Americans do not buy in. We all know it is a charade, but we stand back hoping George will do it.

Well, if you will pardon me, we have had a number of George's and they cannot make up for an inattentive public that does not call representatives to task. We had George Washington and we had several George Bushes. When we had a George around, at least the arrow was pointing up! Now it is pointing down and we are on a downhill run. Like Charley Reese said the only hope for Americans is if we can kick them all out, all 545 of them, and the sooner the better!

Those Days vs. These Days

Shortly after the Revolutionary War and after the formation of our representative government, there was a problem for the constituency. The problem was simple: somebody had to send representatives to the national forum.

At the federal level, as more states joined the union, it was not too easy for a local farmer to give up his farm in say, Montana, and head off to Washington by wagon or horseback or eventually by train to represent the folks back home. Recognizing this difficulty, and in appreciation for representing the constituency, the neighbors, who were not of the aristocracy but of the commonplace, tended the representative's farm and protected the household while the chosen was doing the duty for all.

They took care of mom and the kids and the animals, until the hero representative would come home and resume his life. During this period of American History, the representatives were clearly honorable, but they did not demand the title. At this time in history, not by exclusion, but by custom, women did their patriotic duty by keeping up the household.

The irony of those days compared to these days is that in those days the representatives performed for their constituency from a sense of duty. In these days, though one cannot strike a broad negative brush on the political class or a good person will never agree to help our cause and run for an official office, it seems that instead of from a sense of duty, today's "politicians" go for the office from a sense of opportunity. That's about it and that is the big problem.

I can probably end this book right here but there are a few more things I must say first.

When one is motivated by the sense of opportunity, one's interests lie mainly in oneself. So, I could rest my case right now but I will continue since we not only need to change the notion that the governors are elite and the governed are subjects, we must also convince the best and the brightest of our country to take up the yoke as in days past and do great acts for America from a raging sense of duty, not opportunity... and not for a lifetime.

A country of honor

The State of Pennsylvania is not unlike the other 49 states. So, as I speak about PA, I ask you to please think about the similarities with the

political business in your own state. Surely some who come to office, come from a sense of duty and they are fine people, while others come from the draw of the opportunity, which the office carries.

Hence, with the dismal track record of politicians from all states and the federal government, it is better for the constituency to not trust any in an elected public office until given proof that such trust is well deserved. Just like your state, the state of Pennsylvania in which I have lived all but two of my years, is a state with a mix of the duty class and the opportunity class.

A number of the names coming up below and perhaps a few more are people who I know from my own area of the state. As I mention names and titles, please do not draw any conclusions at all, on the specific individuals that I mention.

A number of office-holders, such as the Honorable William H. Amesbury from my City of Wilkes-Barre, are very good men. However, I admit that I do not know all about even this high school classmate of mine.

Common Pleas Judge Bill Amesbury and I met in a Little League game when we both were 11 years old. He was a great ball player and later a great coach with his best friend and my one-time campaign manager, the late Martin L. Devaney. In all the years that have passed, I still haven't heard a bad word about him.

I was also friends with a number of recent Wilkes-Barre PA Mayors by happenstance. I became friends with the Honorable Mayor Tom McLaughlin after he had served well when he was nearing death. I was invited to my great neighborhood friends' Jean and Joe Elinsky's home to a get together in Tom's honor. He was a stalwart for both righteousness and fun.

I was honored also just to be there because some public servants are honest and worthy of admiration. This Mayor wore a baseball cap to keep his post-chemo-treatment look OK, and he clearly projected a positivism that he was going to beat the odds. He did not; but he beat the odds of being a great man and a great Mayor in my City. I had traveled across the street to meet and speak with this fine man and great

Mayor. He loved the City and he served it well. In this instance, I was the lucky one.

Another of my favorite Wilkes-Barre Mayor's is the late Honorable Lee Namey, a neighbor, a wonderful man and another great Mayor. As a high school student several years behind Lee, I recognized him as the best athlete I had ever observed in both football and in track.

Afterwards and through life whenever we met, always unofficially, he was the finest of gentlemen. My city prospered while he was the Mayor. Lee always made me know that he and I grew up less than a block away. Just recently, unexpectedly, Lee passed away. He was a great man and a great Mayor.

When I was hardly thirty years old, I built and taught a course in IT personal business computing at King's College, back when PCs were rare, I met WB Councilman Tom McGroarty. He was a student in my class. He was not much more than twenty-one years old if that. He wanted to learn about computers and business. He was a smart student.

After I had left IBM and was establishing my computer consultancy, The Honorable Mayor Tom McGroarty was awaiting the beginning of his first term as Mayor of Wilkes-Barre. Tom wanted to keep Wilkes-Barre strong and he wanted to have a strong IT department.

Out of nowhere I began to get copied on material, about computers, that was being discussed at City Hall. I was ready to make comment when asked. City Administrator Richard Muessig knew that I had an AS/400 consulting practice and the City used an AS/400 for all of its processing. Mr. Muessig and I, for full disclosure were fellow Meyers High School graduates and both of us were on the Meyers Baseball Team. I had been sending him notifications as to how I could help the City, which happened to be my City.

On New Year's Eve at the Barney Inn, now called Cris-Nics, in Wilkes-Barre, The Honorable Tom McGroarty asked me to be the computer consultant for the City of Wilkes-Barre. It was a great honor and a great run. Tom really put his all into making Wilkes-Barre as good as it could be. I respect him immensely for his time as our Mayor.

I met Councilman Leighton during the McGroarty years. When he became Mayor I asked if I could help and he said OK! I did some

analysis work for the Mayor, which he appreciated. He was Mayor of Wilkes-Barre for 12 years when his term ran out in 2015. Can I be that old?

I never tried to know these Mayors. Yet, I did find myself cheering for them all because I felt they were good-fellows and they had stuck their necks out for the citizens of Wilkes-Barre.

I ran for Mayor in 2015 against two great opponents with lots of political experience. George Brown, a Councilman, and Tony George, a former Police Chief. I did not win as the people decided I had no political experience. I thought that was an advantage but the press in Wilkes-Barre did not. The Honorable Tony George became Mayor and the only reason I can't say any more about his administration from the inside is that he did not need any help from me after it was offered.

As many states in this wonderful nation, the state of Pennsylvania has many politicians bearing the title "The Honorable."

But, are they really "honorable?" That is for their constituencies to examine and decide. It is absolutely amazing how many yeronnners and heronnners and hizzonnners **Error! Bookmark not defined.** there are in all states, so I have chosen PA, my state, as my example state.

To put some names next to some of those "honorable" representatives, executives, and justices, permit me to use those with whom I am most familiar from a local standpoint from a vantage of several years ago. Then, I will pick others at random the further from my home town they get.

In this work and in the prior section, it is not my desire to unduly adulate or unduly criticize any of the officials who operate close to my home town. I can assure you if they are ignoble people, I will write their names down in subsequent work; but for now, all of the folks I know in PA are off the hook.

For example, the list of PA "Honorable" includes the following:

- Robert P. Casey (U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania)
- Lou Barletta (U.S. House of Representatives)

- Tom Wolfe (Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
- Elisabeth J. Baker (PA State Senator)
- Eddie Day Pashinski (PA State House of Representatives)
- Anthony George, Mayor of Wilkes-Barre City,
- William T. Amesbury (formerly District Justice, Luzerne County -- who is now a judge of the Common Pleas in Luzerne County).

With no disrespect intended to any of the above, that is an awful lot of "Honorable" and it doesn't touch the number of hizzoners, heronnors, and yeronnors in just the state of Pennsylvania.

If you begin a calculation based on current appointees and elected offices, and don't forget the past priors, the national total of the "Honorable," would be in the hundreds of thousands.

That's an awful lot of honor that is implicitly taken by this branch of the political class. Think of your own list in your own state and you are probably not surprised that this list is large and in almost all cases, except for Amesbury, I chose just one of many in the judicial chamber who hold the same office.

For those wondering about America, the big problem as discussed is that the US suffers from taxation and there is no real representation - but somehow all the "representatives" are "honorable."

The situation is quite similar to when King George III and Parliament in the 18th century directly levied taxes on the colonists and the colonists rebelled.

Though outright rebellion is not necessarily right around the corner in the US, and the statues cannot fight back, the current set of "Honorable," need to pay attention to the mood of the people on this topic because the public mood is not very good. If It were good, you would not be reading this book.

Those representatives, who enjoy the game—need to come to the realization again that the people come first. Those learning about America can take that as one of the big lessons.

Unlike the long past 18th century, however, today there are living representatives. There just isn't real representation. The litmus test is whether representation is of the people, for the people, and by the people. The litmus is not the right color and has not been for too long.

Take a look at the Honorable So and So(s) in your home state and in your locale, and ask if you're gifting them with the title of hizzoner has minimized the representation you receive. I say yes it has in most cases, and all of US, myself included must self-indict on this issue.

We have overly applauded our representatives. They would do better for us without our applause.

Chapter 15 Puffery Leads to Improper Allegiances

Creating Better Representatives

The use of platitudes and pufferies to describe elected representatives diminishes their desire to represent the people and increases their desire to represent themselves, and of course also the elite and the special interest classes of the elite.

It also decreases the expectation level of the constituency as they, by their own words, place their governors in a higher socio-political class and they submit as subjects to "what comes down the pike."

Can we solve the problem described above? Perhaps this notion of a solution will do:

From henceforth, let the representatives serve as unsung and humble heroes about whom songs of distinction will rarely be raised unless the distinction is truly earned. Let them represent the people and nobody else. Let their inner selves guide their votes and let their inner selves give them praise for jobs well done. Let the pomposity and the arrogance end and end quickly.

Let no special interests be permitted anywhere close to the hallowed chambers of our government and the buildings in which the business of the people is conducted. Keep the lobbyists and those backed by the money of the unknown, including that of the enemies of these United States, from the legislators (our representatives) as they are making laws for the common good of the states.

Lobbyists and those whose income depends on influencing America's lawmakers should be permitted no contact with the representatives of the states, or any local constituency. Such

activity in proximity of lawmakers is not for the common good and the lobbyist crowd should not be permitted to intimidate or influence any representative.

The notion of important lobbyists trying to influence legislators can have a negative effect on the clear thinking of the people's elected representatives. Let the lobbyists identify themselves and lobby the governed, not the instruments of their government, their honest representatives.

The notion of lobbyists, however, is just an aside. If our representatives, paid well of course, (\$174,000 per year as of 2014 not including expenses --- for each house seat) knew that they could not receive additional compensation from lobbyists, bribers, or whatever you want to call them, ever, even after terms are up, no how, no matter how they voted, they would not be as inclined to favor those private interests against those for public interests.

Maybe these scalawags would not have run for office in the first place if they fully understood that their job was to represent the interests of the people, period.

When the lobbyists file their income taxes, they want their contributions to be deductible and so all payments to representatives by law should be noted specifically or there should be no deduction permitted.

Pay Them Well

Politicians live in elite neighborhoods. This is not good but it would not be right to dictate the neighborhood in which your representative lives as long as it is within your district. Our representatives must be paid well for their service and they should believe that they are being paid well. Otherwise, their honesty may be compromised as they turn to the elite donor class in order to receive additional compensation.

They must be paid well during their terms and their terms must be short so that they do not become untouchable by mere mortals, such as their constituents. The temptation of being for oneself while in office clearly

must be minimized. This is a representative democracy and our representatives cannot do well by the people if they represent themselves or those who are not of the people.

It really is that simple. The primary point of this discussion is that we the people must reengage our government within our honorable laws—those that benefit the public. Additionally, we need to get rid of the laws not so honorable.

Minimize the opportunity for corruption

Sending our newly elected into a quagmire of corruption and deceit and seeing who survives is not a good recipe for the future of America. Let's figure out how to get rid of the corruption and all the bad that comes with that.

Calling the newly elected "the Honorable" and paying homage to her or him as a new governor of subjects is clearly not the right approach. It is unfortunately today's modus operandi, an MO that has long failed the people.

Thank-you's are most appropriate for good service. The notion of a required "hizzoner" that starts a period of aristocratic living from the first waltz of the Inaugural Ball breeds just more separation from the people. In a democracy, the rich and the plebeians have the right to a voice in their government. So, what do we do?

Well, first of all we must realize that nothing is going to change for the better unless the people are very insistent. Corruption begins as the corrupt begin to believe in themselves and not the mission of helping their whole constituency. Rule # 1 for the people is to pay attention.

Unfortunately, as innocuous as it may seem, this notion of "The Honorable" and all that it means is ingrained deeply into the fabric of American political culture and etiquette. Until recently, however, one could also rely on the ethics and morals of the representatives as an additional inhibitor to corruption, and this helped assure proper action. It seems that in the latter part of the 20th century the culture of

"anything goes" has permeated American society and its morals and its ethics.

Not all politicians are corrupt, but it is easy for our representatives to get sucked into something that is much bigger than even themselves. Therefore, one can no longer count on one's own ethics and one's own morals if elected to serve as a countervailing force against bad representation.

Thus, it is up to the people to create an environment, which is more personally rewarding for our representatives to do their jobs, than it would be to accept praise for merely being elected.

Political corruption can be prevented but only by a vigilant people. We caution the people to pay attention because without such attention, politicians are given a green light to chicanery and debauchery. Who is there to stop them when we the people say it is OK?

When it was once safe to speak of religious values in this country without fear of reprisal or a lawsuit, there was an apparent social conscience with which to gauge all other actions. Today it is not so easy.

In fact, just today as I write, on the news it was reported that a group of Muslim parents were outraged that the local church distributed fliers to public school students for an Eggstravaganza (Easter Egg Hunt) to be held at the church. They claimed that it was against the Constitution. Tolerance does go both ways.

Ironically, the same Muslims from Dearborn Michigan have no problem using the public schools as a battle-ground for Islamic supremacists and Muslim law and they have made many inroads and have been given many accommodations. But an Easter Egg Hunt is too much to ask?

For example, there are Islamic prayer rooms, prayer times, special Friday prayer accommodation, halal food in school cafeterias, Islamic proselytizing curriculums, and Muslim hajj accommodation. All of these have been imposed on public schools in Michigan and across the country. Muslim parents demand that students be excused from music and co-ed phys-ed classes.

I would hope that one day we can all get along but ladies and gentlemen, this is America and in all fairness, it was not founded by Muslims. There are Muslim countries and US citizens do not try to influence the culture in their countries.

There is nothing of which I am aware that is as peaceful as Christianity. I have bias as I am a Christian. I have read and have observed that Hinduism and Buddhism are also very peaceful religions. Maybe while we are reexamining how to bring back the country we should bring back the Christian principles of our founders.

I am not talking about making the government practice Christianity but if we take the Christian label off the values and principles of the Ten Commandments, which are simply ten rules about how to treat deities and our fellow man, we would be making a great start. Remove the Christian label if we must be. Call them the values of honesty but bring them forth.

Much of the writing of the Founding Fathers reflects a Christian bias for example. This country was founded by Christians. The underlying Christian faith, which is not the US Faith, since there is no national church, has had a role in assuring that all political actors must act well. It assumes that they would act in the nature of themselves, which is for themselves and friends, but it also suggests that they be good and honest and forthright in their lives.

The Christian faith, as Buddhism and Hinduism, would be acknowledged by all well-thinking persons, to have its very basis in love and honesty and goodness. As such, whether this is a religious notion or a notion of a good-fellow, it is not bad? It is a good model, upon which to form a government. Would it not be nice if all of US were honest?

Ethics and Morals

As our representatives get further removed from their original neighborhoods and become rich in one way or another because of their public service, removal of Christian religious precepts and norms may

have helped the representatives in their selfish quest, but it has not helped the people. In many ways, it gives the representatives a license that the public does not want them to have.

One teaching of the Christian church for example, is the "eye of the needle" analogy. Christianity holds that this is bad news for the rich, because it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven.

I am the last to suggest that the rich earn unjustly, or they should not keep theirs. When they take on power that belongs to the people for their own enrichment, however, the rich and I part company.

So, according to Christian teaching (the faith of the founding fathers), the tendency of a politician to work with the well-to-do and live in their neighborhoods while becoming rich themselves makes them less likely to be worthy of Heaven.

Less likely for Heaven means more likely for corruption and so, if honor is given in any form, perhaps it should be from the people to our representatives -- those representatives who stay in the regular neighborhoods and live humble lives.

Being in the neighborhood would be honoring the people and would give representatives more of an opportunity to pass the needle test. Besides, they may actually meet some constituents in person, rather than having to send out form letters.

Representatives of the people at all levels of government are of the people and must therefore be for the people so that our laws can be recognized clearly as being by the people. When situations occur that exalt the representative, regardless of their service or lack of service to the people--merely by their elected office, this is reprehensible. Laws put forth under these circumstances should be viewed with jaded eyes accordingly and scorned.

How can a pack of nothing but "Honorable," who have distanced and disconnected themselves from the ordinary folk who elected them, represent US fairly as our government?

The fact is that as a whole, today's representatives are not doing the people's business. They are doing their own business and the business of their elite sponsors. This problem could be the very essence and the rationale of many a book. In our case, we have more to cover about the goodness of America as our main purpose. The more we know about America, the more prepared we will be to assure the goodness of those who we elect to serve US.

Thomas Jefferson had great disdain and mistrust for the propensity of man, once given the power to rule, to use that power for the good of the people rather than oneself. He warned of what could happen when such people create issues for society that require more and more debt and ultimately more taxation, with the implication of poor representation. With historically high deficits and mounting national debt, we seemingly have not learned Jefferson's lesson well, though we have had over two hundred years of training to do it right:

"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debt, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessaries and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our calling and our creeds...we [will] have no time to think, no means of calling our miss-managers to account but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers. And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent till the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery. And the foreshores of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression."
 Thomas Jefferson

Does it not seem in these words that Thomas Jefferson is looking at us from the grave, knowing his words have been unheeded and working for God now to make sure we get his message and we act accordingly?

Chapter 16 Too Many Honorables

Solving the problem of “Honorables”

The solution to the "Honorables" is quite simple. Our elected representatives, while in Washington or in the state assemblies and even in the courtrooms and the lower legislatures, executive branch chambers, and councils should be treated with respect and should have amenities to compensate them well for their time away from home.

However, they are not entitled to the title, "honorable" merely by taking the oath of office one time or even many times. The title "honorable" no longer can be an expected gift from the public to the representatives without them having earned the title. It is the legislators, executives, and justices themselves who should strip themselves of the title immediately and be done with it. It is nonsense and should be ceased immediately. If the people in unison choose to honor somebody, let it be a one-time gift as the honors which we all temporarily receive.

Additional Thoughts

Those once in office but no longer in office, who still get a kick out of being called the "honorable," can receive a replacement title if it is that important to them, from the body from which they retired. Ex-presidents and ex-Governors and Ex-Mayors can request the title from an ad-hoc committee respectively made up of ex-Presidents, ex-Governors, and ex-Mayors.

A suitable respectable title that does not imply honor can be created, such as "public servant" or the "friend of the people," and this can be used in etiquette from henceforth rather than force a vote about honor for each public official above a certain level of office.

A different term for judges than "Your Honor," should be instituted and while in session. Judges would be greeted as "Your Judgeship," while presiding officially in a courtroom. This is proper since "judgeship" accurately reflects the high respect needed for the position of judge, not the person behind the robes.

In all social events other than those purely political in nature and sponsored by politicians or friends of politicians, all of our duly elected servants should not be greeted as "the Honorable" or by their official title. In a democracy, if these people are of the people, and they are—or should be, they should be addressed as all of the people in their constituency are addressed.

If we think about it, we are all pretending about the elected being honorable anyway and that is just silly. It's actually pretty stupid besides. It is pure puffery at its best and in this day and age, in which the constituency is questioning the loyalty of its representatives, considering ones-self as "the honorable," is not the side of the puff on which a representative should want to find himself.

Others have checked out the notion of the "honorable so and so from such and such," and they have found it most often does not fit and it is too much to give to a public servant.

For example, Mary K. Mewborn, writing in the November 19, 1999 edition of Washington Life Magazine, in an article aptly titled "Too Many Honorables?" has done most of my work for me in forming valid conclusions and recommendations.

The solution remains the stoppage of haphazardly bestowing the title of "Honorable" - period. Ms. Mewborn notes the asininity involved in granting such a title in her first examples. Here are three priceless misuses of the title from Ms. Mewborn:

- "A socialite in Wesley Heights thinks it adds personal distinction to her many listings on fundraising invitations."
- "A former ambassador living at the Watergate uses it to remind others of his long-ago diplomatic posting to a small Caribbean nation."

- "Appointees to even the most minor Presidential commissions are apt to believe it bestows instant social cachet- with invitations to A-list parties sure to follow."

It all has to do with self-aggrandizement and those who love it most are narcissists. Mewborn points out in this article that it is illegal to take the title "honorable," although she acknowledges that which cannot be gained legally can be gained by political process. In other words, the politicians can do what they want once they run the country—and they do—and they have—and quite frankly that's why she and I and you are upset!

Let us now test the reasonableness of no longer conferring the title honorable on our representatives by reading the following several paragraphs, again taken from Mary K. Mewborn's timeless article about "Too Many Honorables." Before the paragraphs, there is the URL of the article, Mewborn wrote, available online for your surfing.

It's a fun read.

<http://www.washingtonlife.com/backissues/archives/99nov/honorables.htm>

Whether it is the roster of the Board of Governors of the Smithsonian Institution or the benefit committee of a typical Washington charity gala, there are always a number of names preceded by "Honorable," instead of the usual Mr., Mrs., Miss or Ms. How this came about in a country whose Constitution expressly forbids the granting of titles amuses some and irritates others. At the very least its widespread usage raises some eyebrows.

Traditionally the British use the "Hon." (originally abbreviated from "The Right Honorable Magnificence of Nobles"), to identify certain family members of hereditary barons and earls, i.e., their daughters, younger sons and the younger sons' wives. In America, however, such inherited titles were rare among the early colonists, and after independence there was no king to grant new ones.

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Political primacy is now well-established in matters of protocol and etiquette and is, according to the U.S. Government, a matter of procedure and form. Consequently, it would be very improper indeed to refer to the "Hon. Bill Gates," even though he may [be the richest man in the world] have billions in the bank and pay his taxes, or to the "Hon. Cindy Crawford," although what man wouldn't hope to flatter her? Nobel Prizes and great humanitarian deeds won't make you Honorable either, though getting elected Mayor of Bladensburg, Md. definitely will.

By the rules of etiquette, ... Once you are made an Honorable, you stay that way for life, regardless of what an independent counsel or district attorney may subsequently uncover about any untoward activities. "In Washington, as Betty Beale, longtime social columnist and observer of the Washington social scene, bluntly puts it, "The title 'Honorable' has nothing to do either with honor or character."



Copious research work permitted Ms. Mewborn to uncover the fact that the title "honorable" is not and cannot be a conferred title and therefore it is a title that is improperly used to refer to the people's representatives merely because of their representation. The raw data from her research is not here for US to examine but there is enough in her article to suffice as data well collected.

Moreover, you and I have observed the notion of the "Honorable" in our daily lives and we have also seen the impact of such pomposity in the behavior of our elected officials. If you have looked at the same news accounts as I over many years, it is clear that our representatives have become so honorable that there is now so much honor, there is no longer any room for shame.

In the Federal Government, it is clear that Senators are further away from the people than members of the House of Representatives. They behave as Lords from old England and have a major disconnect with the people. Even when they commit a crime, they believe they are better than the represented.

Among just about every highlight reel from several years ago, is the story of a US Senator who said he would resign in the midst of scandal surrounding his arrest in a police sting targeting lewd behavior in a men's public restroom. But, then he flip-flopped believing his own admission of guilt was not enough to prove he was guilty.

Remember Republican Senator Larry Craig, 62 at the time, who had been arrested in June 2007 and then pleaded guilty in August to a lesser charge - disorderly conduct. He apparently paid the \$500 fine, and was given a 10-day suspended sentence and a year's probation. But, he was only kidding...Really?

Another class act is Democratic Congressman William "the Freezer" Jefferson of Louisiana from the Katrina days. Jefferson has been dubbed the "Freezer" though he has no major football skills. The "Freezer" stashed his sack with \$90,000 in a freezer in his home to cool them off a bit since they represented hot illegal tender. Yes folks, cash can freeze.

He's in jail now. He got 13 years for his role in the taking of roughly \$500,000 in bribes. But, he was seeking millions more in exchange for using his influence to broker business deals in Africa. Perhaps his defense was that his constituents had given him the cash from a number of lemonade sales they undertook to help him with his future defense.

OK, he simply was a thief. The cash he had hidden came from marked FBI bills. He received them from an FBI informant. Turns out the bills were still marked in the freezer and they were not frozen enough to keep Representative Jefferson out of the slammer.

There are others such as Republican Duke Cunningham, Republican Bob Ney, and Democrat Jim Traficant and probably hundreds more like them. It has become easy to presume guilt because the blamed politicians are usually guilty. As noted previously, "How can you tell if a politician is lying? He's moving his lips." That says it all and it helps to repeat it often to remember it.

Dr. Gerhard Falk, writing an article in blog form on <http://jbuff.com/c012705.htm> performed his research and collected data in order to shed some light on the subject of respect for politicians.

Whether you agree with all of what he says or not, Falk certainly catches the spirit of the great disdain with which our leaders are held. Not much has changed since his diatribe.

Mewborn and Falk and many others with whom we would probably agree, note that the "Honorable" have created an ironically dishonorable circumstance. Some is because of their conduct outside of office and some is simply because of their poor representation. The moniker of "Honorable" being used to describe those looked upon as of questionable repute does not help matters. Dr. Falk adds his own few words about the "Honorable" to the mix as he discusses the vile of politicians in his blog:

Politicians of all parties are evidently convinced that the whole world revolves only around them. They do not want to meet the voters, i.e. the ordinary taxpayers, for fear that they may be asked what they do all day and what happened to our money. They call themselves "the honorable" this and that...

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Politicians love to aggrandize themselves. Bill Clinton spent \$42 million on his second inauguration and George W. Bush spent \$40 million more. [Of course, Obama's 1st inauguration cost double that and his second double again]. These expensive theatrics are obscene and have no place in our democracy. Read the life of George Washington. He was sworn in for a second time as President of the United States on March 4, 1793. His speech was only 134 words and he then walked home alone. No parade. No speeches. No dances. No gross exhibition of ego.

Before he wrote this piece, Falk had not met Barack Obama, the first combination Sultan, King, Dictator, and President of the US. Because of the triple duty, Obama was forced to spend upwards of \$170 million for his inauguration. Was it inflation or excessive love? I think we know!

The problem of self-aggrandizement and the notion of self-importance are well documented and well observed even without deploying a scientific method. Will the inability to use the title "honorable" actually solve the problem of (1) inappropriate claiming of title and (2) the resultant lack of true representation of the people for the people and by the representatives of the people?

Unfortunately, we cannot pre-observe the results of the blocking of the use of the title, since there is no real data and no true table upon which to experiment. For conclusions based on the future, we might be able to conjure the spirit of Rod Serling or Alfred Hitchcock, but otherwise, we have only logic to use.

However, since this problem limits itself to part 1 of 2 above, the answer is logically clear that if the title "honorable" can no longer be used in a whimsical manner by any politician at any time, then the problem is solved by a proper conclusion based on the hypothesis. We can thus stage the data analysis to draw the conclusions outlined below.

Looking at what we have been discussing objectively, we can deduce some information directly and we can draw some fairly accurate conclusions. If politicians are no longer bestowed the title of honorable merely by gaining an office or an appointment, the problem of "too many Honorables" and not enough honor will be solved.

Once politicians can no longer use the title, "honorable," their egos will no longer be instantly stroked, and the people will have eliminated one major source of puffery for our duly elected representatives. Let honor be reserved for honorable deeds and not because politicians may be offended if there is not an aura of puff surrounding their entrance on the scene. So, we can say this conclusion that the use of honorable as a title for these charlatans should cease immediately if not sooner. I would suggest that we should say it loudly.

But is puffery really the problem?

Heavens no! But, puffery is a big problem since it is the arrogant, puffed-up politician who is more likely to choose to disrespect the will

of the people and go on his way to legislate for the good of special interests.

Politicians go out of their way to bring wonderful legislative gifts to the privileged class and the special interests. The current "honorable" have a hard time saying "no" to friends in high places. Most Americans feel the puffery is unwarranted.

I received a number of emails this year from cohorts who, like you are interested in this U.S. government succeeding. Most, like you and I find major fault with such a representation process that puts so many buffoons in office.

We all know intuitively that the notion of humor is the quality that appeals to a sense of the ludicrous or absurdly incongruous. For those schooled in high school geometry, it's like when CPCT (corresponding parts of congruent triangles) is not equal. When things do not add up and nobody is hurt, at least at the time of the adding, it sure can be funny and it can induce a big belly laugh.

The puffer that comes with political office and the buffoonery of many of the "Honorable," is what I will attribute to this email that I received from one of my friends. I have no idea of the original source of this email but it sure captures what I have been trying to say about the perception of character of our elected officials.

Subject: Haircut

One day a florist goes to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber goes to open his shop the next morning there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The cop

is happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The professor is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber opens his shop, there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen different books, such as "How to Improve Your Business" and Becoming More Successful."

"Then, a Congressman comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The Congressman is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the members of our Congress

This little email joke may not say it all but it sure says a lot about the breakdown in respect that the people have for the representatives of the people. The intent of this book is not to hammer our legislators, though clearly it is mostly their fault, and the people are at fault for putting them in office. Our intent of course is to help make Americans aware so that we do not get snookered again and again by politicians. Politicians love to make the people feel like chumps while making the politicians feel like royalty. That's how the game is played.

Therefore, the message for any former chump trying to learn more about America is that a set of rules, whether they be in a document known as the Articles of Confederation, or a better and more perfect document known as the Constitution are needed to protect Americans from being hoodwinked by politicians always looking out for themselves. It is a real concern and not just a matter of puff.

“Honorable” Summary

In this chapter, we talked a lot about whether there is a real problem with all of the fluff and puff that is associated with our political class. The use of the word "honorable" was the point that was debated in this chapter. Should our elected representatives be entitled to the title "honorable" merely by being elected? Certainly Not!

Using logic and lots of anecdotes and real facts, we concluded that the answer is “no.” We also concluded that the abuse of the system by politicians hurts our democratic system of representative egalitarian government to suggest that all men are not equal. Let me borrow and convolute for impact a phrase from Orwell’s *Animal Farm*:

“Some people are less equal than others—to the people they are known as politicians.” Would it not be nice on their own; if politicians would choose to improve? Then again, it would be nice if there really was a Tooth Ferry.

Now that we have reached the end of all our lessons in this book, I have one more thing for you to do. Go ahead and open all your windows and shout out at the top of your lungs: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

Me too!

Now, let's both go out and do something about it!

Amen!

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