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PI2025 #0232 – Not Under Taxpayer Control

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"Whenever they burn books they will also, in the end, burn human beings."

~ *Heinrich Heine*

Thursday,

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"Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear. "

~ *Harry Truman*

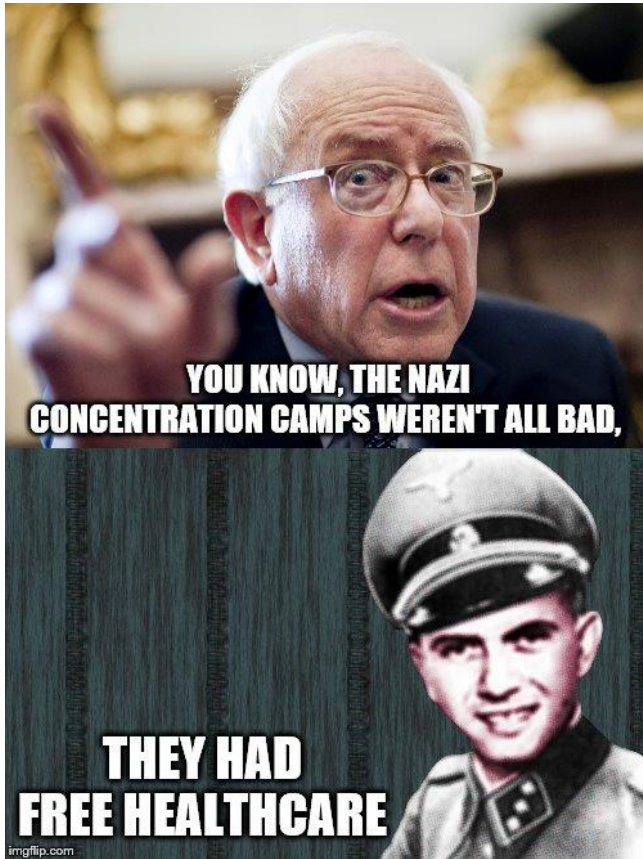


President Donald J. Trump Is, according to a writer for a media magazine, working fervently to set himself up as Dictator-in- Chief. Writer likens President Donald J.'s effort to be America's dictator to

England's King James I's escapades, particularly by ruling without parliament. Magazine writer points to President Donald J's attempt to extinguish independent federal agency autonomy. If there are any.

"Those who begin by burning books will end by burning people."

~ *Heinrich Heine*



"We, the American People" would be smart to regard any autonomous government entity as operating with power to act without scrutiny, apart from results of such an agency's operation. There is a long list of independent federal agencies. They are agencies, references referenced accurate, set up in Americas' federal executive branch not under Presidential control. If so, not under taxpayer control.

"A war, even the most successful one, is a national misfortune."

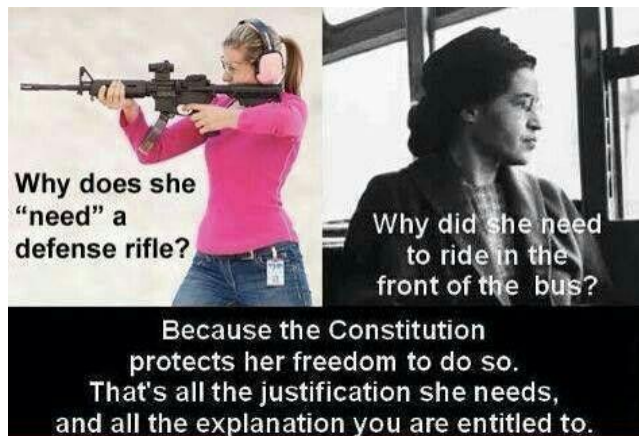
~ *Helmuth James*



Writer Claiming President Donald J. Trump's move to remove independent agency autonomy could be generalizing a mite, in terms of President Donald J.'s bid to be a dictator. Agencies in question, should those of "Us, the American People" curious enough to check them out, might have a bit of a chore rationalizing how it is such agencies should not be subject to presidential supervisory review.

"The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom -- they are the pillars of society."

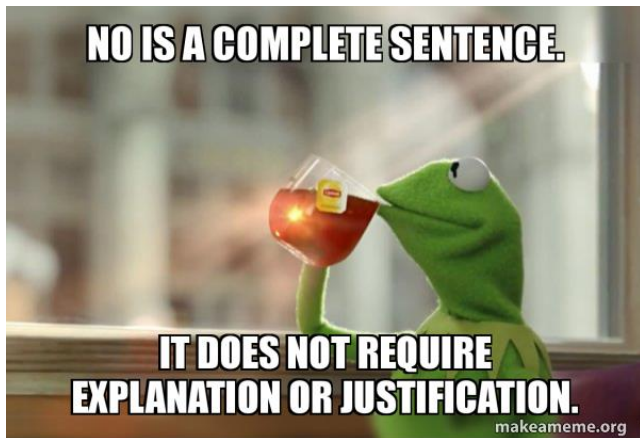
~ *Henrik Ibsen*



"Our, the American People's" government – at all levels – exists, and is funded by, taxpayer money. As such, it would be smart for us, as taxpayers and a sovereign citizenry, to be sure our tax dollars are used by said independent agencies to advance America's better interests. Given independent agencies are presidentially-established, it would be prudent stewardship for them to report as to their value.

"One of the qualities of liberty is that, as long as it is being striven after, it goes on expanding. Therefore, the man who stands in the midst of the struggle and says, 'I have it,' merely shows by doing so that he has just lost it."

~ *Henrik Ibsen*



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"You should never wear your best trousers when you go out to fight for freedom and liberty."

~ *Henrik Ibsen*



I don't embrace excuses, I
embrace solutions.

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"You can't give the government the power to do good without also giving it the power to do bad - in fact, to do anything it wants."

~ *Harry Browne*

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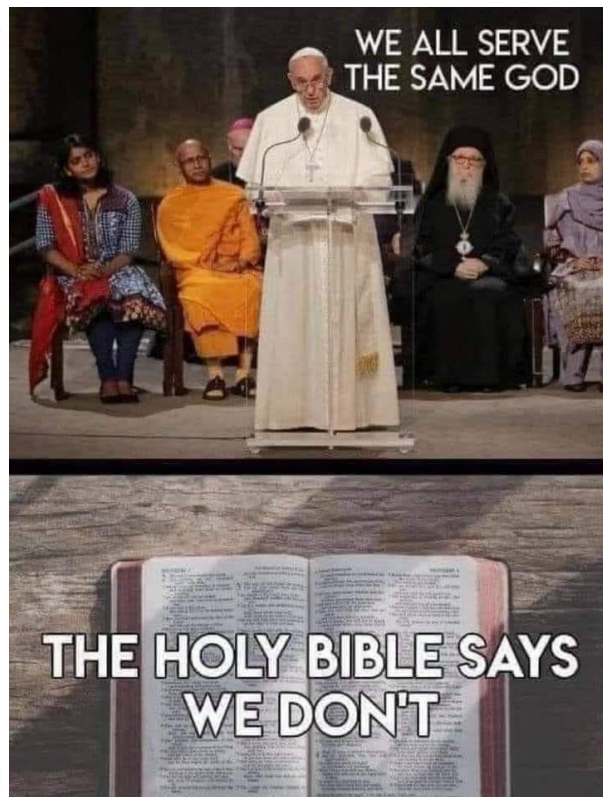
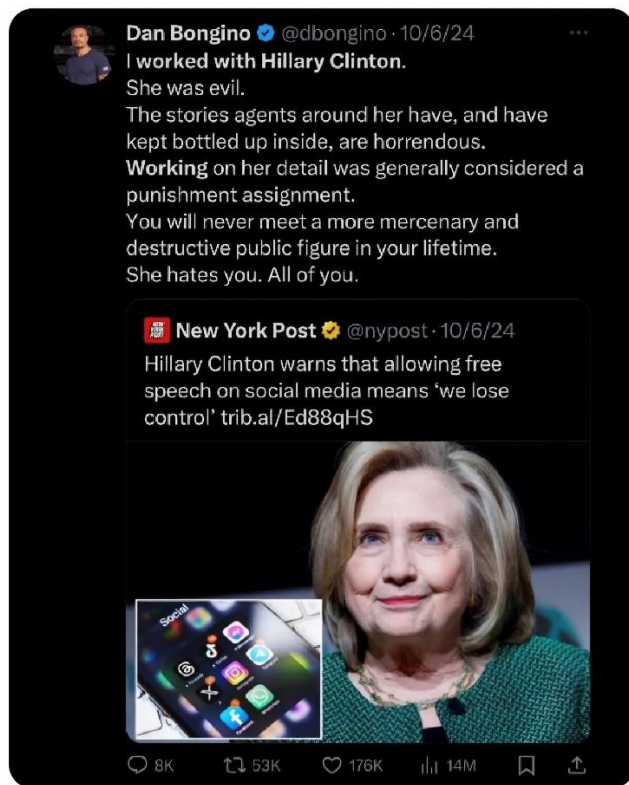
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If you are for the positives and against the negatives, we are with you. Please forward to as many as possible—anyone.

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"Whatever the issue, let freedom offer us a hundred choices, instead of having government force one answer on everyone."

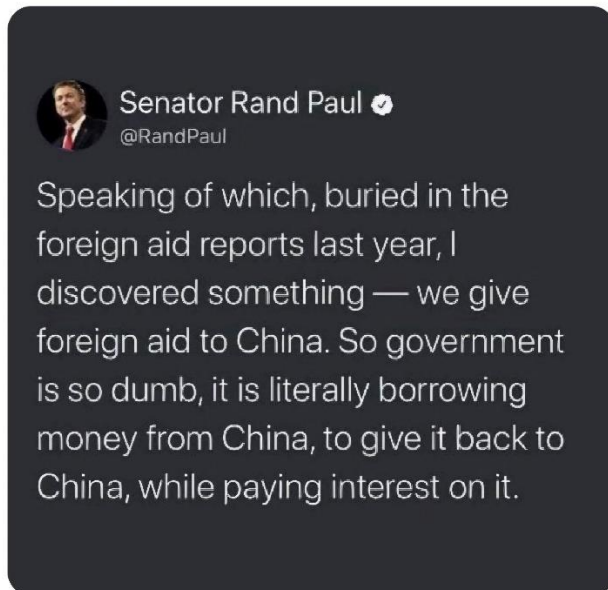
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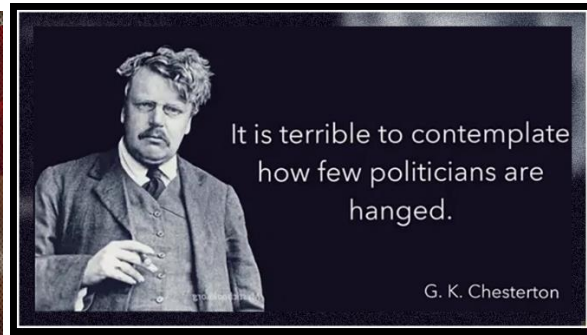
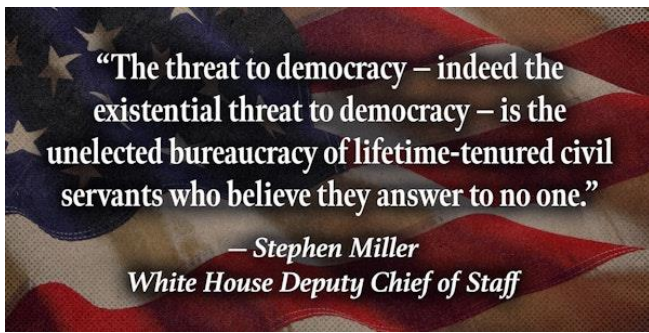




“Our, the American People’s” media is running a scathing article condemning President Donald J. Trump for betraying those very people who got him elected. Common, ordinary working people who struggle to make ends meet. Article writer lashes President Donald J. for surrounding himself with out-of-touch billionaires who are out for nothing but to enrich themselves at other people’s expense.

~ "The free market punishes irresponsibility. Government rewards it."
 ~ **Harry Browne**



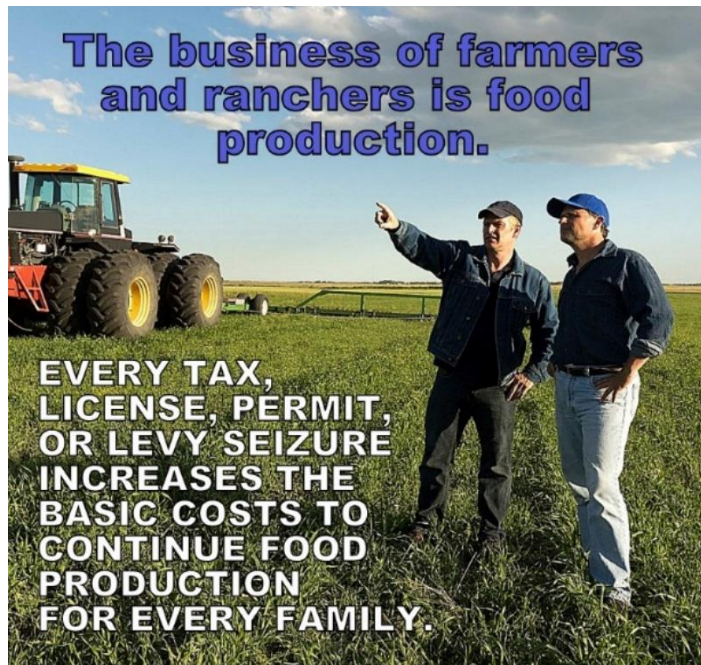
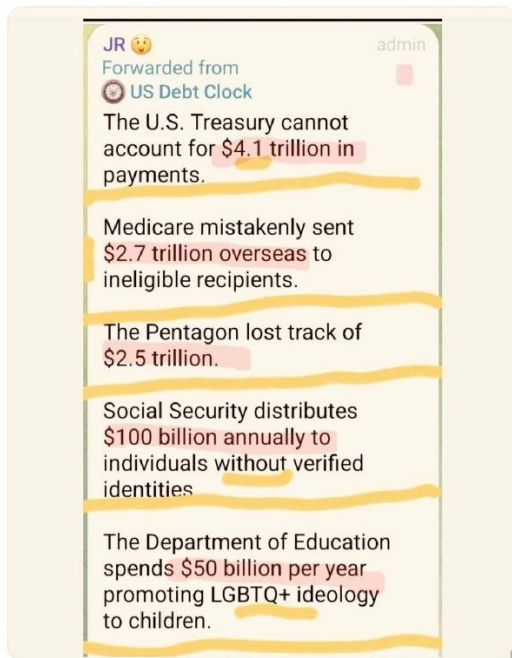


Article Writer Claims President Donald J. Trump has not only betrayed working-class people; President Donald J. is out to take down labor unions. President Donald J., claims article writer., is acting as though there is only one thing driving him – stealing from ordinary people to make himself and his cronies ever more rich. Writer says some legislators are taking steps to stop Trump onslaught.

"Government seems to operate on the principle that if even one individual is incapable of using his freedom competently, no one can be allowed to be free."

~ **Harry Browne**





“We, the American People” – who cast their Election 2024 votes presidential candidate Donald J. Trump’s way – would not be shocked to learn article damning President Donald J. is a congressional Senate legislator in minority standing’s work. Wouldn’t be a stretch to conclude said legislator’s political mission is to bring down Trump/MAGA/Musk organization and restore democrats to power.

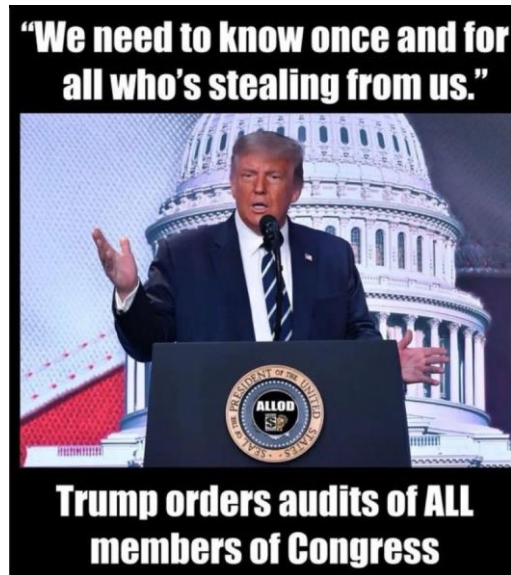
"For those looking for security, be forewarned that there's nothing more insecure than a political promise."

~ **Harry Browne**





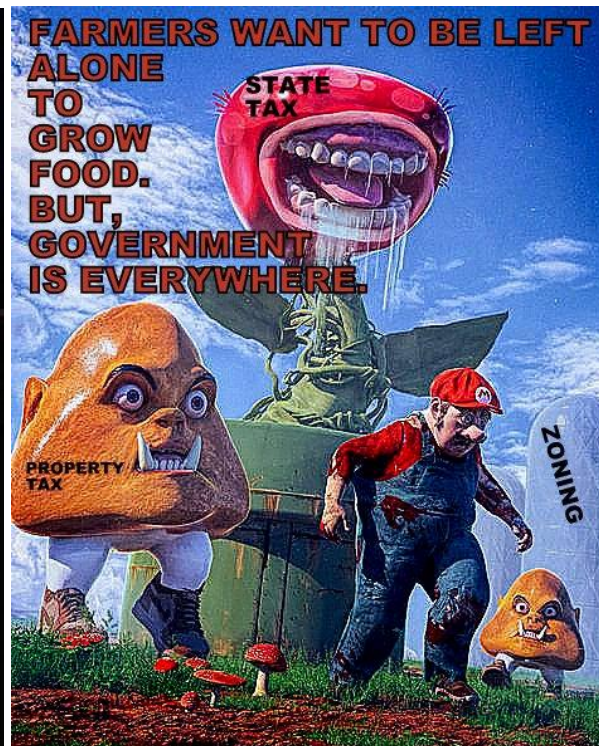
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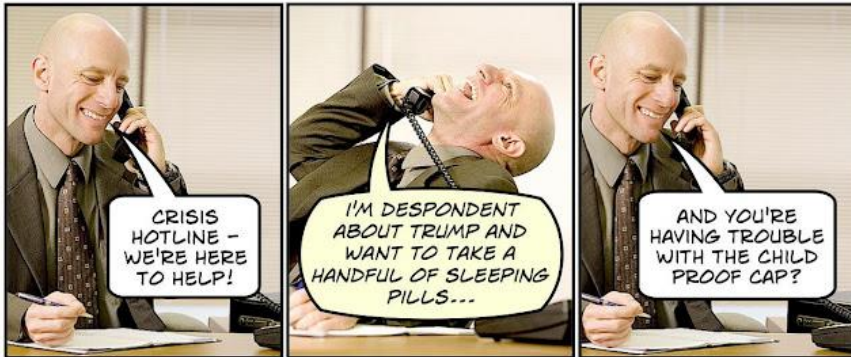


President Donald J. Trump's Policies, programs, and initiatives will, doubtless, come under opposition fire during President Donald J.'s tenure. If there is a rock for "Us, the American People" to stand on, as a sovereign citizenry, it is for us to rein in legislators who strive to make their personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) lawfully compulsory. Sound PAVB need no lawful coercion.

"Liberty is always dangerous, but it is the safest thing we have."

~ *Harry Hoiles*





People Determined To Live In Liberty do not allow legislators - or other public officials within These United States of America, to enter into contracts with collective bargaining units. They uphold citizen sovereignty to prevent government from imposing debt-laden defined benefit contracts.

"There is no such thing as a majority right. Only those who understand and act according to this principle can promote true freedom."

~ *Harry Hoiles*

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~ **Henry David Thoreau**

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"Beware how you trifle with your marvelous inheritance, this great land of ordered liberty, for if we stumble and fall, freedom and civilization everywhere will go down in ruin."

~ **Henry Cabot Lodge**

**Food was too expensive, so I went
with something cheaper for dinner**



1M Items Sold For \$0.99 each equal \$990,000. 1M Items sold for \$1.00 each equal \$1,000,000. \$1,000,000 minus \$990,000 equals \$10,000. \$10,000 is how much more must be paid for 1M items at \$0.99 if price per is upped one penny. Not hard to see how getting rid of "Our, the American People's" \$0.01 coin would cause inflation to go up. A media article on eliminating pennies is on this theme.

"Even voting for the right is doing nothing for it. It is only expressing to men feebly your desire that it should prevail. A wise man will not leave the right to the mercy of chance, nor wish it to prevail through the power of the majority. There is but little virtue in the action of masses of men."

~ **Henry David Thoreau**

Americans: Why does life
keep getting more expensive?

The Federal Reserve:



For Those Of “Us, the American People” who are frequent credit card users, getting rid of our smallest monetary unit would add to credit card debt. Ben Franklin observed pennies saved are pennies earned. Pennies not available can not be saved. Penny increases in purchase prices add to chipping away at our disposable income, ever so slightly. A penny here, a penny there, eventual dollars here and there.

"The fate of the country does not depend on how you vote at the polls — the worst man is as strong as the best at that game; it does not depend on what kind of paper you drop into the ballot-box once a year, but on what kind of man you drop from your chamber into the street every morning."

~ **Henry David Thoreau**

"A penny for your thoughts?"
Please, my thoughts cost
at least a dollar in this economy.



Penny Production Costs Vary by reference consulted. On order of a few cents is needed to make each penny coin. A useful accounting rule is not spending more money to correct errors than monetary value of errors corrected. Each penny produced costs a few times more than a penny's monetary worth. Taxpayer rebates for eliminating pennies would contribute to offsetting penny elimination cost hikes.

"If you see a man approaching you with the obvious intent of doing you good, you should run for your life."

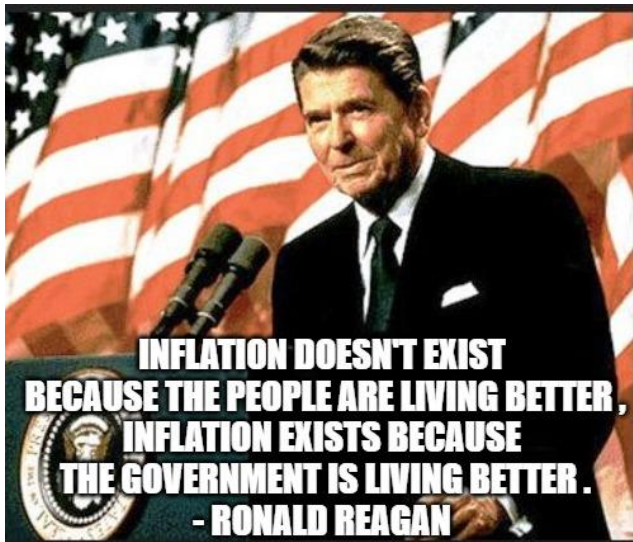
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"We, the American People" could, in terms of cost avoidance, avoid currency production costs (costs paid by tax dollars) by having a cashless economy. Cost of currency production could be considered a privacy cost. Cotton/linen notes cost well under their monetary value to produce. Price, we pay, value, we get, observed financial guru, Warren Buffett. One way or other, we'll have our burgers and beer.

"It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right. The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think right."

~ **Henry David Thoreau**



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"Law never made men a whit more just; and, by means of their respect for it, even the well-disposed are daily made the agents of injustice."

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PI2025 #0229 – (BA) To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question

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“As citizens, we all have an obligation to intervene and become involved - it’s the citizen who changes things.”

~ *Jose Saramago*

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AAH Reader (<bethannscstalkradio@substack.com>) **Circulates Periodic** perspectives under “*Beth Ann From Beyond the Microphone*.” Recent (*To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question*) below.

AAH Considers Beth Ann’s Observations on point in “Our, the American People’s” clash with those who would undermine Liberty.

Please Help Spread Beth Ann’s message far and wide.

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To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question

Whether it be nobler to tax the American citizens, or to charge foreign governments for the privilege of selling their goods to these United States of America

BETH ANN

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Disclaimer upfront here: I am no economist!

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Taxes have long been an argument of necessity (by government) throughout the history of this nation. The king taxed our Founding Fathers to help him pay for his wars and they rebelled in the way of “The Boston Tea Party.” Taxes remain a sore rub with **We the People**. We are taxed on nearly everything in our lives; income tax (fed & state in many places), sales tax, property taxes, gas tax, license and permits (yes those are a tax), and then the fines (also taxes) for not

complying; death tax, inheritance tax, real estate tax, gift tax, luxury tax, use tax, social security tax, services rendered tax, excise tax, progressive and regressive taxes too; utility taxes, capital gains tax... the list goes on. All that we are taxed make the “Boston Tea Party” seem like a useless dispute.

I know that list is not all inclusive of the taxation we must endure. Did you know that the IRS has over 800 forms and schedules to “figure out” what you owe to the government. The instruction booklet for filling out the main tax form, (known as the 1040) is over 113 pages long. Page 112 is a patriotic page titled: **“Your Rights as a Taxpayer.”**

See: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1.pdf>

Observe #9 on that list: *“The Right to Retain Representation Taxpayers have the right to retain an authorized representative of their choice to represent them in their dealings with the IRS. Taxpayers have the **right to seek assistance from a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic** if they cannot afford representation.”*

When we actually stop and think about it (we don’t because it’s too infuriatingly painful) **We the People** are not free at all. It’s almost as if we own nothing, even the income we make from our hard work is not ours; we simply rent out our lives to the US Government. The musical, **West Side Story**, had a song that captured the ugly truth of bureaucracy in America; *“Everything’s free in America, for a small fee in America.”*

We pay a lot of unnecessary taxes! We have suspected for years that our tax dollars were being misused. With the recent auditing being done by DOGE, we now have evidence that the D.C. Occupiers, and their bureaucratic branch of governing, treat our hard-earned money with indifference and disrespect.

While there have been only a few whispers of conversations regarding the discontinuation of income tax, I dare say, that is only a pittance of the taxes we are forced to pay to government. With all that American citizens do pay,

Congress has put us in such a debt, that it is completely unsustainable; and they are about to continue with the same insanity, come March 14.

Would you rather be taxed as we are, or could this nation actually function financially on tariffs?

Did you know:

*Before the Civil War, **tariffs represented some 90 percent of U.S. government revenue**. That share fell to about 50 percent with the advent of new taxes to pay for the war effort. Tariffs would become relatively insignificant as a source of government revenue after the introduction of the income tax in 1913, but they remained an important tool for protecting domestic producers from foreign competition.*

I used the following website to glean most of my information...

Visit: <https://www.history.com/news/what-is-a-tariff>

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, designates to Congress the **“Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States.”**

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What Is a Tariff?

Tariffs have been used to bring in revenue, protect domestic industries from foreign competition and cooperate or retaliate against other nations around the world.

Definition and Purpose of Tariffs

In simple terms, a tariff is a tax that a country’s government imposes on goods that are imported from other countries. The importing business pays the tariff

when the goods cross the border into the country, typically at a seaport or airport. The most common types of tariffs are “ad valorem” tariffs, which are set as a fixed percentage of the value of the imports, and “specific” tariffs, charged as a fixed amount on each unit of an imported good. In his book *Clashing Over Commerce: A History of U.S. Trade Policy*, Douglas Irwin explains there are three motivations for using tariffs. He breaks them down to what he refers to as the “three Rs”: **revenue, restriction and reciprocity**.

The three motivations for using tariffs are to **raise revenue** by taxing foreign countries on the imports; **restricting imports** to discourage foreign goods and encourage domestic production, and of course **reciprocity**; which President Trump has been talking about recently. **Reciprocity** or equal tariffs: if the importer country charges us a tariff of 25%, then we as the exporter will also charge 25%. As I learned in the article: if we have tariffs and other countries do too, we can negotiate to bring those down and promote trade, or if their markets are closed to us, we can raise tariffs against them to retaliate.

Taxes, as we are taxed, is a nation increasing its revenue through the citizens. We don't mind assisting with the maintenance of our infrastructure, our schools and other necessities. However, our tax dollars are being used to benefit other countries, before helping our own in need. Our tax dollars are being used for projects and agendas that are not to the betterment of our own. Because of the lack of respect for American citizens and our tax dollars, our nation now finds itself in a pickle of a debt; unsustainable.

Tariffs, on the other side of this situation, tax importers (other countries). Before the income tax began in 1913 our nation's economy was stable. That year our nation made a drastic turn downward; income tax was established, and **We the People** now paid a portion of our income to our government. 1913 was also the year that Congress decided to forgo its obligation to guard the purse of **We the People**. Congress turned America's economy over to the Federal Reserve. The most misunderstood fact is the belief that the Federal Reserve is part of the U.S., but they are not. While we might have representation in Jerome Powell, the

Chair of the Federal Reserve of the United States, the Federal Reserve is made up of outside world bankers, who make decisions regarding interest rates, and they manipulate markets.

Like I mentioned in the beginning, I am not an economist, nor do I pretend to understand all of the ins and outs or pros and cons of Taxes vs. Tariffs. What I do know, however, is that our own Congress continues to approve more and more spending. Our debt is now at \$32 Trillion and growing exponentially by the hour. The unconstitutionally created bureaucratic branch of government should have been audited long ago; in fact, there should be annual audits before the next fiscal budget is written and voted on in Congress.

Americans are excited to finally see an audit by DOGE, but we must stay vigilant. It's important to understand there were a lot of nonpartisan decisions made along the way to create the ever-increasing alphabet departments of bureaucracy. We must also realize that the one thing political parties always manage to unite together on... is spending our money! So, let's keep a closer eye on them varmints in Congress and **Bring America Home. ©**

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