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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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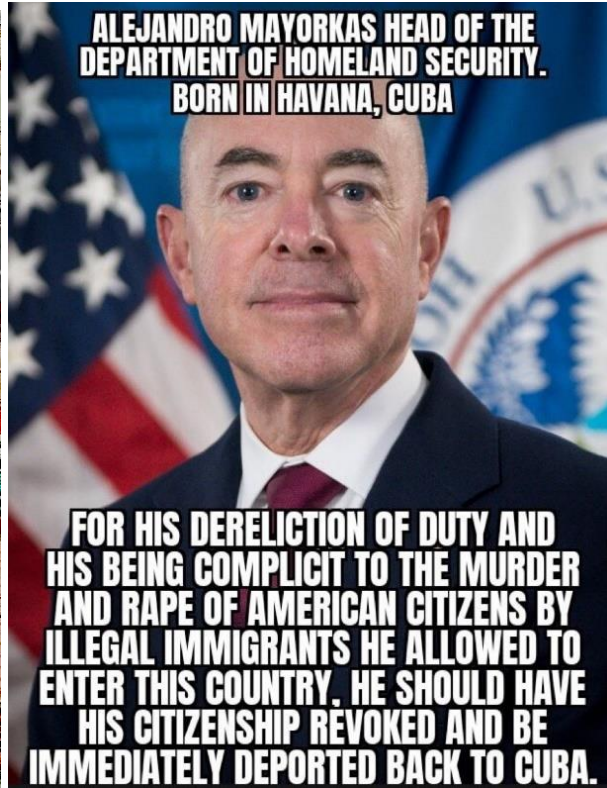
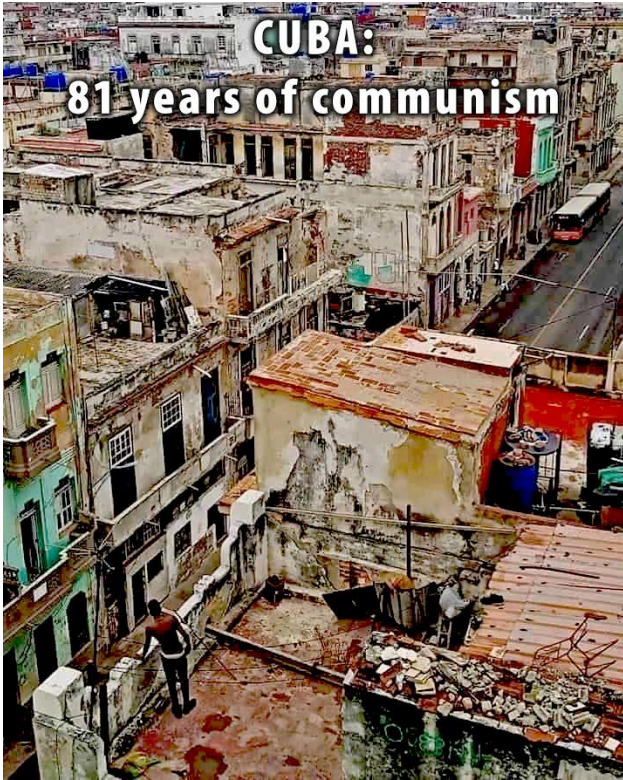
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~ *President Taft*

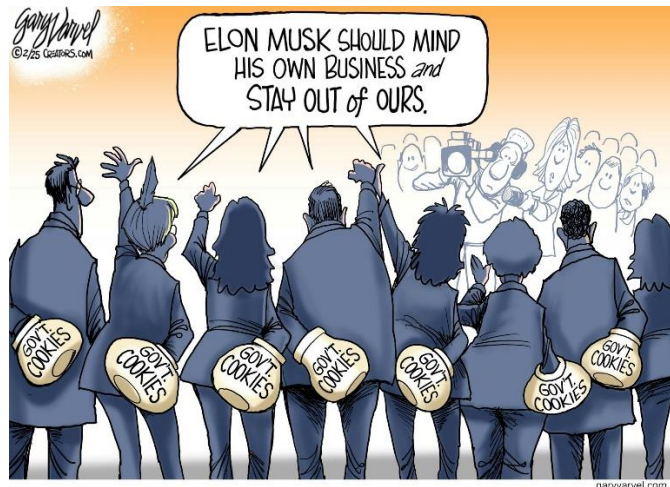
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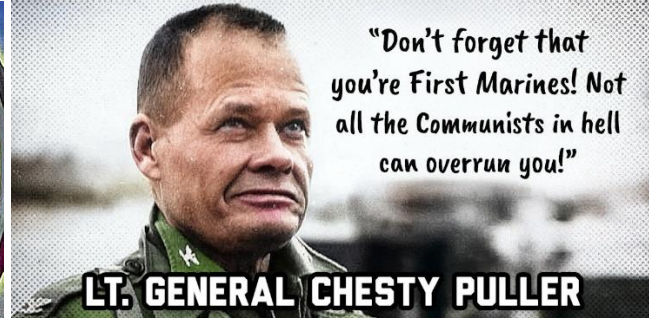
"Mommy will you please read me the story of how the mainstream media tricked the world into believing Barry Obama wasn't gay, Michelle aka Michael was a woman and the 2 kids they bought were their real children"



***“Our, the American People’s”*** Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), given media-reported assessment by attorney/professor Alan Dershowitz is on point, will render a divided decision on Trump v U.S. Judiciary squabble on deportation. Such being so, whatever SCOTUS decides, then, will be for America’s citizens to endure. Unless America’s sovereign citizenry vetoes SCOTUS pronouncement.

"No matter how disastrously some policy has turned out, anyone who criticizes it can expect to hear: 'But what would you replace it with?' When you put out a fire, what do you replace it with?"

~ **Thomas Sowell**



**WE ARE SEEING A DISTINCT PATTERN HERE!!!**

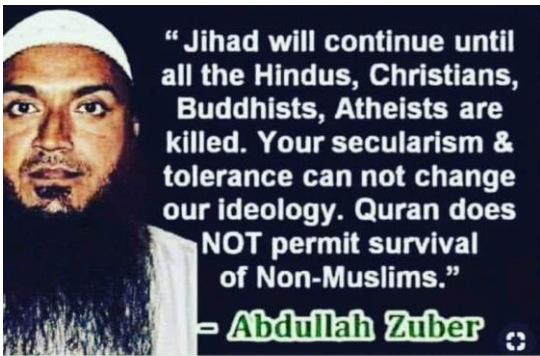
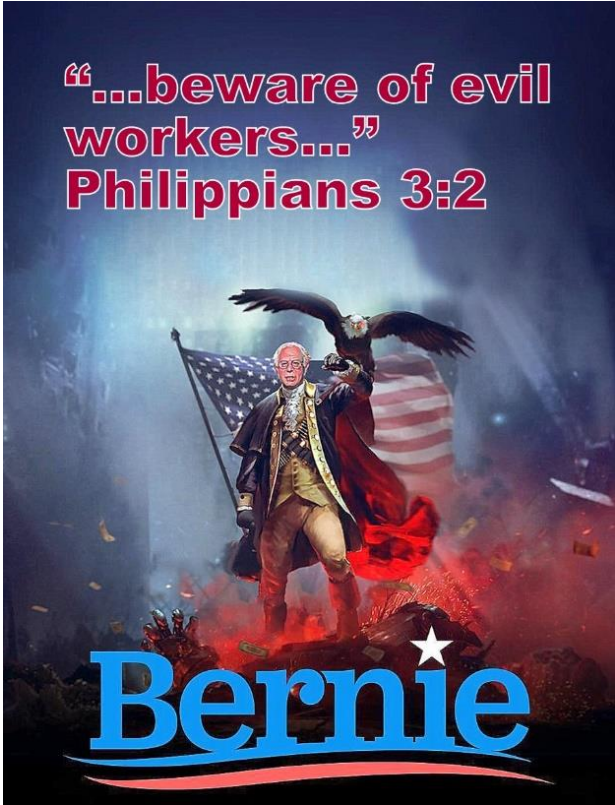
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**Democrats want you to believe that two billionaires decided to get into politics to steal your money. When actually, two billionaires got into politics to stop Democrats from stealing your money.**

"We, the American People," if America's commonwealth, federal (U.S./National), and state Constitutions empower anyone with final authority, it is America's sovereign citizenry. All government acts are by our consent, be our consent active, be our consent passive. One thing is all but certain. When our consent is passive, government will; expend lawful control without limit.

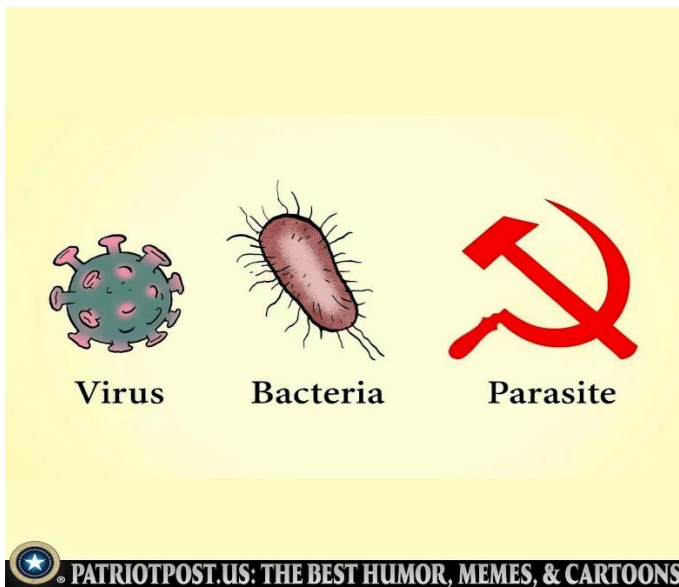
"What is ominous is the ease with which some people go from saying that they don't like something to saying that the government should forbid it. When you go down that road, don't expect freedom to survive very long."

~ *Thomas Sowell*



Randy McDaniels December 21, 2018 at 5:33 AM

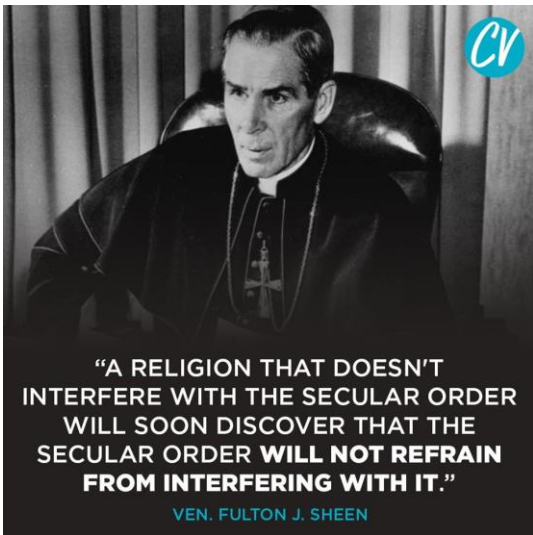
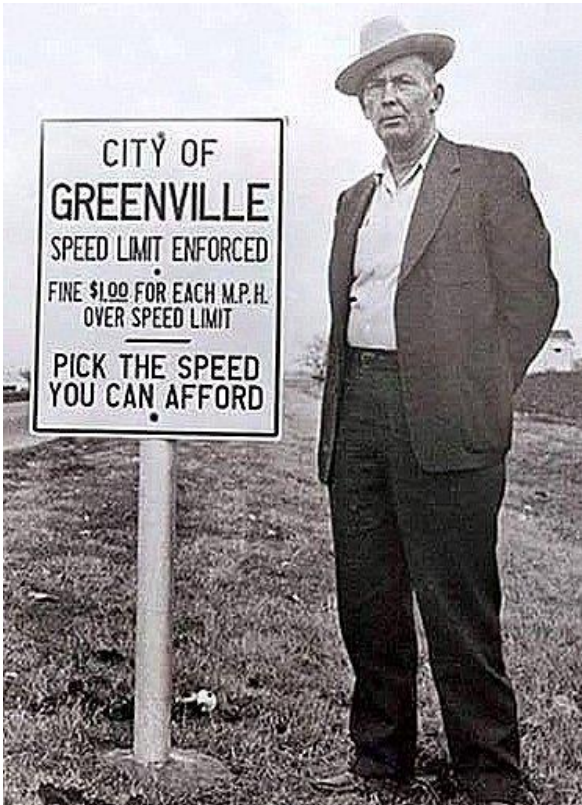
Keep this in mind as new members of Congress who are Muslim are sworn into office on this book of death and inequality.



**Government Action Is, Arguably,** born of public official personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB). Government has no incontrovertible standards/edicts to rely on when legislating, executing, or, adjudicating. All laws, all executive orders, all judicial opinions are rooted in predecessor PAVB, be those predecessor PAVB be from days ago, or, from millennia ago. No sign it will change, ever.

"The most basic question is not what is best, but who shall decide what is best."

~ *Thomas Sowell*

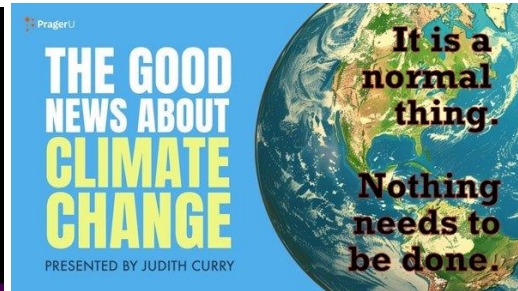


Given Government Action Is Subject to PAVB whim, it is incumbent on "Us, the American People," if we are to carry on in a state of self-government, to be proactive as a sovereign citizenry to keep government from morphing into a state of lawful tyranny. Not tyranny aimed at usurping people's Liberty. Instead government usurping people's Liberty through unnecessary, despotic legalism.

"There is nothing so bad that politics cannot make it worse."  
~ *Thomas Sowell*



If you work for the Dept. of Education and are posting on Twitter about how angry you are about losing your job, please realize only 27% of school-aged children between 4th and 12th grade will be able to read it.



*People Resolved To Live In Liberty* do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to enact legislation or regulations requiring any private business to accept collective bargaining organizations. They stand by free markets and limited government.

"The welfare state is the oldest con game in the world. First you take people's money away quietly, and then you give some of it back to them flamboyantly."

~ *Thomas Sowell*

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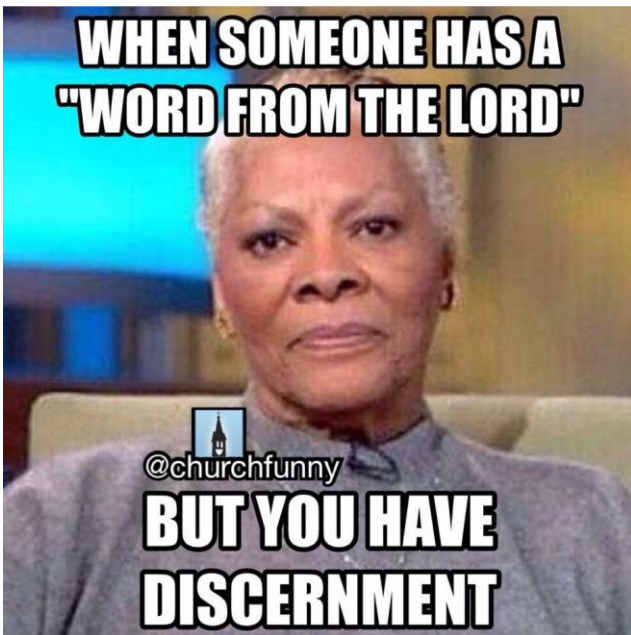




"Our, the American People's" legislators can't help themselves. Some of them, at any rate. They are so desperate to upstage each other, they reveal their true colors at every turn where camera or microphone takes note. There is one reason above all others. When they reveal their true colors, they do so to try gaining an advantage over their competing or rival legislators to manipulate outcomes.

"Need we any other proof of their wretched management, than the excess of debts and taxes with which every nation groans, and the quarrels into which they have precipitated the world?"

~ *Thomas Paine*

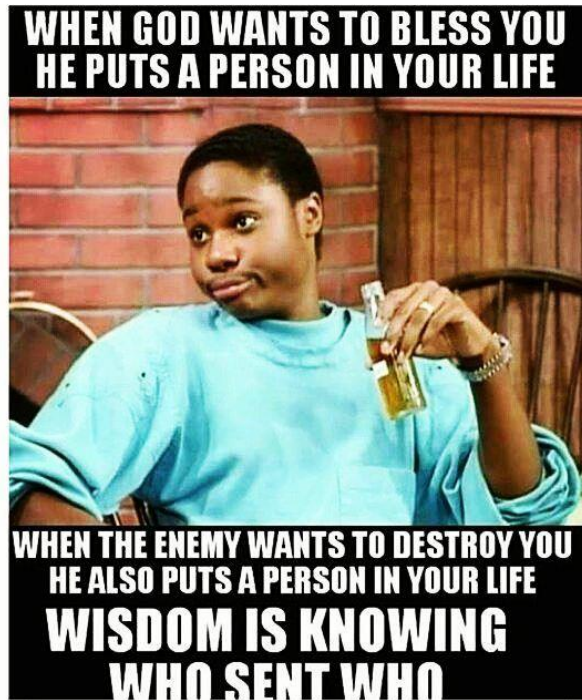


America's Media Loses Few Opportunities to take note and make note when legislators take each other to task. One opportunity came up when two legislators were trading verbal barbs over testimony

at a hearing on bias in media. Anyone who is an astute bias practitioner would want to learn how it is said practitioner is perceived to be, so bias practitioner can hone concealment skills when exerting bias.

"Every age and generation must be as free to act for itself, in all cases, as the ages and generations which preceded it."

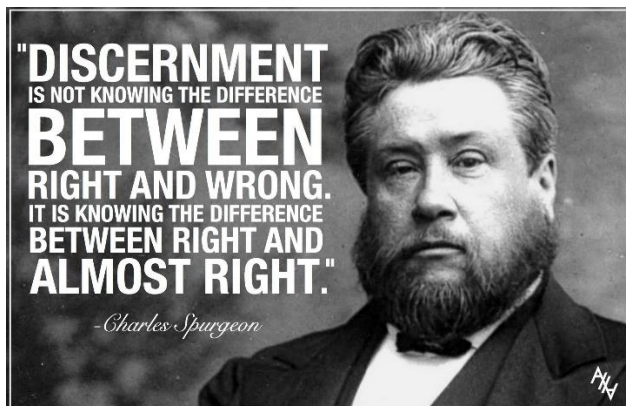
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"We, the American People" would be smart to not call on legislators to practice art of decorum when confronting public issues in legislative halls during hearings on matters bearing on America's lives. Better we encourage America's legislators to speak their minds in utter candor with no consideration for insult or egocentric injury. Better we are thoroughly informed and prepared on our way to vote.

"When men yield up the privilege of thinking, the last shadow of liberty quits the horizon."

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**Media Opportunity In Question Included Remarks** as one legislator accused a fellow legislator of wanting to suppress any opinions not in agreement with opinions held by accused legislator. It is from such expressions offered for “Us, the American People” to consider we can gain insight as to how some legislators are candid with their ability to read other legislators minds. And presume to know ours.

"The most fundamental fact about the ideas of the political left is that they do not work. Therefore we should not be surprised to find the left concentrated in institutions where ideas do not have to work in order to survive."

~ *Thomas Sowell*

## When attractive missionaries ask if there is anything they can do for you



**People Prepared To Live In Liberty** do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to define or limit their 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment powers beyond Constitutional constraint. They exercise self-government to preserve their liberty.

"Liberals seem to assume that, if you don't believe in their particular political solutions, then you don't really care about the people that they claim to want to help."

~ *Thomas Sowell*



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Saturday,  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Liberty Lovers,

**U.S.A. Debt Clock Tallies** (U.S. National Debt at \$\$\$ **29,235,092,939,567**. Read more at: <https://commodity.com/data/usa/debt-clock/>. Interest Payments Per Year \$ **227,417,880,760** /// Interest Payments Per Second \$7,211 /// National Debt Per Citizen **\$88,730** /// Debt as % of GDP **139.63%** /// GDP Of United States \$ **20,937,000,000,000** /// United States Population 329,484,123 Read more at: <https://commodity.com/data/usa/debt-clock/>. ([www.usdebtclock.org](http://www.usdebtclock.org) has National Debt @ \$\$ **36,625,252,008,352**. - Every American Taxpayer Now “Owes” The (federal) State” **\$323,048**; every citizen **\$107,123**.

"He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself."

~ *Thomas Paine*

When something should be  
very obvious



**“We, the American People”** have been advised by media Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) coverage Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch was a lone dissenter on a case involving federal financial trustee law. Now but one SCOTUS justice could stray from SCOTUS thinking could cause SCOTUS groups to wonder how such a thing could be. SCOTUS Justices are first, diverse people.

"The danger to which the success of revolutions is most exposed, is that of attempting them before the principles on which they proceed, and the advantages to result from them, are sufficiently seen and understood."

~ *Thomas Paine*

Thoughts of the universe  
waiting until the  
moment I go to bed to show up:



**Might Come As A Surprise To** some of “Us, the American People” diverse personalities think differently about matters of life’s travail. It can be worrisome when a celebrity departs from herd thinking – and, especially, herd behavior. Very important for us to know everyone will cooperate so no one gets out of line and causes other people to be stressed for fear there may not be groupthink.

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what I imagine people look  
like when they say they are  
sending thoughts and prayers



**“Our, the American People’s”** citizenry is a melting pot of extractions from Planet Earth’s every corner. Should be no surprise when we find ourselves confronted by differing personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) Should be no surprise when some of us are so strongly committed to our PAVB, we seek legislative office so we can make our PAVB lawfully compulsory. Fool’s errand.

"Society is produced by our wants, and government by our wickedness; the former promotes our happiness positively by uniting our affections, the latter negatively by restraining our vices."

~ *Thomas Paine*



**Takes Scant Effort To Learn** from history, lawfully compulsory PAVB have been responsible for millions-over lost lives. Between Pope and president (cleric and legislator) using positional authority



