

PI2025 #0540 – (BA) Is That Better or Worse? ASK A HORSE

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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* Wednesday, May14th, 2025

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Is That Better or Worse?

Less than 1 in 4 Democrats under 30 say they're proud to be an American

<u>BETH ANN</u> MAY 12





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I was inspired today by an article written by one of my favorite conservative writers and consultants Victor Davis Hanson. In fact, when I had him on the air with me several years ago, I was so star struck, I'm pretty sure I made a fool of myself. I want to invite him back... we shall see....

His article this morning was titled, "The Decivilizing of America."

REGRESSING TO PRECIVILIZATION

The left governs on emotions, and they have weird, preconceived notions and reimagined ideals of what is right, what is offensive and what is "wrong." Governing on emotions is taking our nation away from freedom and independence and leading us down a path of socialism or communism. While they claim globalism, that is nothing more than worldwide communism. The chaos of the LEFT, and the crazy antics of the democrats, is spiraling out of control and taking America downward.

Whether you believe yourself to be on the right or the left, where is the common sense of it all?

America was built on commonsense, Christian values, and on ingenuity with entrepreneurs who had a vision of a better world, not just for themselves, but for the entire nation.

According to Victor Davis Hanson, we're going backwards as a nation, socially and structurally, instead of forward.

Where once a nation took pride in their cities, keeping them clean, safe, and inviting for tourists, today many of our cities are neither clean nor safe. With homeless people defecating and shooting up on the streets, tourists avoid them. Many of America's cities are so infested with crime and filth, tourists avoid them like the plague (pun intended).

What happened America?

We grew from beating the laundry on the rocks to get them clean, to scrubbing them clean on a scrub board in a tub or stream, to washing them on a gas-powered agitator, to washing our clothes in electric washing machines; agitator or tumbler, your choice. Laundry got easier.

Is That Better or Worse?

I'll stay with the laundry examples, as I have had some experience there!

We went from hanging the laundry over a rope strung from a couple of trees in the backyard, to later pinning the laundry up on a line strung from poles cemented in the dirt in the backyard. Now we just toss the wet clothes in an electric dryer. No longer, or in very few backyards, do we see those clothes lines with clothes blowing dry in the breeze. Because we have electric dryers, those awesome clothes clips are now used for closing our potato chip bags. Today we (or me) complain when the garment says "*Dry Clean*" or "*Line Dry Only*" on the tag.

Is That Better or Worse?

Progress is a beautiful thing, but America, are we now regressing? Have we, figuratively speaking, reached the pinnacle of greatness and now we're sliding back down because there's no more progress to be made? OR...

Are some of our leaders pushing us backwards for a purpose; the purpose of control? Socialism is like that, you know; survival of the richest and serfdom to the poor and the less educated. The elite believe in control; they will control your travel, your food (roasted roaches anyone?), your healthcare, your education, the number of children you're allowed to have, and even caring for the elderly; population control! Socialism is like this; the people are the slaves and serfs, while the upper crust, the wealthy elites, make all the rules.

Is That Better or Worse?

I refuse this concept of governing, don't you? You don't want government control, do you? We are the government; however, we have failed to take charge, and **Calvin Coolidge** warned us...

"Unless the people, through **unified action**, **arise** and **take charge** of their government, they will find that their government has taken charge of them. **Independence and liberty will be gone** and the general public will find itself in a condition of servitude to an aggregation of organized and selfish interest."

I encourage you to read, "The Decivilizing of America."

Has hell frozen over? I was actually encouraged by the words of Bill Mahr, as he was lecturing the LEFT on their craziness. If Bill Mahr can see the lack of common sense, there is hope for America to restore its Constitutional Republic. I have a feeling he was fed some common sense during his dinner meeting with President Trump.

Recently Bill Mahr said the following:

Using statistics he read on "The Daily Caller," Bill Mahr began by stating that only 23% of Democrats under 30 say they're proud to be American — while a shocking 54% say they're *"embarrassed"* by it; *"Seriously, this is a serious problem for Democrats,"* Maher said during his Friday monologue. *"Less than 1 in 4 Democrats under 30 say they're proud to be an American. 54% say they're embarrassed by it."*

"Embarrassed? Like America is your mom picking you up at school? **You're embarrassed to be an American?** Well guess what — the feeling's mutual, because you have no perspective."

"Is America perfect? No, of course not. No country is," he continued. "But the US is leagues ahead of the rest of the world on most of the progressive issues that are important to young people. America has 14-million women-owned businesses. Seventeen percent of black women are starting businesses, which is faster than white women or white men. Gay Americans are free to marry and 49% of them own property. Yes, in America gays buy buildings. In other places, they get thrown off them."

"And we proudly live in a land where every TV commercial features a mix-raced couple, including the ones where it makes no sense. Mom's black, dad's white, and the kid's Asian."

Mahr continued explaining that the problem for Democrats is that young people not only dislike their own civilization, but they think <u>Hamas</u> is a liberation movement, and they chant for the <u>Houthis</u>.

We should ask these young people, "Is That Better or Worse?"

As I was listening to Bill Mahr, I thought to myself, "Perhaps the Democrats went a little overboard on their teaching the children and the youth to hate all things America; for now their children are out of control with their hate!" While I do not agree with the "progressive" movement Bill spoke about, I do believe in America.

I believe Victor Davis Hanson is correct about the "progressives" causing America to regress into a society that will soon be below the third world status.

I do not understand the hate but there is a difference between Trump's administration and Biden's. When Biden's administration was facing a broken supply chain his Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg made the statement, "We don't want a permanent solution to a temporary problem." Today's Secretary of Transportation, Sean Duffy, is making the way to make sure a temporary problem doesn't become a permanent one and Americans are safe along the way.

I also know that "Liberty is always in the hands of the people..." but we must do as former President Calvin Coolidge states; we must take **unified action**, **arise and take charge of our government.** I think that started with electing President Donald J. Trump. He's doing a great job, but he is under a lot of pressure; the swamp creatures have their talons and claws out for the kill. **We the People** must have his back, after all, he took a bullet for us!

We the People, for better and not for worse, can and must Bring America Home©



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"[The public school system:] Usually a twelve year sentence of mind control. Crushing creativity, smashing individualism, encouraging collectivism and compromise, destroying the exercise of intellectual inquiry, twisting it instead into meek subservience to authority."

~ Walter Karp



<u>Media Inform "Us, the American People</u>" Pennsylvania Commonwealth Governor Josh Shapiro will have nothing to do with removing Pennsylvania's U.S. Senator John Fetterman for Senator Fetterman's reported erratic behavior. Suffice it to say Senator Fetterman's alleged erratic behavior does not rise levels warranting removal from his elected office. Senator Fetterman answers to his constituents.

"This is one of the paradoxes of the democratic movement — that it loves a crowd and fears the individuals who compose it — that the religion of humanity should have no faith in human beings." ~ *Walter Lippmann*



"When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it." ~ Frederick Bastiat

BILL MAHER: DEMOCRATS WENT FROM 'MEN CAN HAVE BABIES' TO 'WE LIKE THE TERRORISTS'



"The recognition of the fact that Congress has no resources of its own forces us to acknowledge that the only way Congress can give one American one dollar is to first, through intimidation, threats, and coercion, confiscate that dollar from some other American." ~ Walter Williams

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<u>We, the American People</u>" would be smart to disallow elected officials from being removed from office - for any reason barring criminality – by other elected officials or appointed officials, or anyone other than those American citizens who voted them in office. It is an intractable affront to self-government principles, including a sovereign citizenry's franchise to choose their government representatives

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""<u>Our, the American People's</u>" government is vulnerable to all manner of corruption when elected officials have power to remove elected officials from office. Passing contrary laws, or establishing contrary parliamentary procedures, or other arbitrary rules of compliance is nothing short of conspiracy to deny choice. Senator Fetterman may not fit a typical Congressional legislator image. He need not.

"I keep what I earn and you keep what you earn. Do you disagree? Well then tell me how much of what I earn *belongs* to you - and why?"

~ Walter Williams



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called a racist today because I was honest about my preference to not date outside of my race. I'm sorry I want my kids to look like me. 😔



Ahmed has 3 lunch boxes. He gives one to Mohammad, and another to Hassan.



Calculate the radius of the explosion.

BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT.

Here is an actual photo of that beautiful gorgeous Lady on Facebook who asks you for a Friend's request and says she likes your Profile



<u>We, A Sovereign Citizenry, Are At Liberty</u> to protest, howl, demonstrate, demand for a government official (or officials) to be removed from office. We may not, if we stand by self-government, self-determination, suppressing tyranny in all its forms, call upon elected official to remove other elected officials from office. It is our, not elected officials, option to recall elected officials we deem errant.

"The compelling issue to both conservatives and liberals is not whether it is legitimate for government to confiscate one's property to give to another, the debate is over the disposition of the pillage."

~ Walter Williams



People Serious About Living In Liberty do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to prompt public (government) schools to delve into their children's attitudes, values, or beliefs. They raise their children to be independent thinkers.

"Powerful government tends to draw into it people with bloated egos, people who think they know more than everyone else and have little hesitance in coercing their fellow man. Or as Nobel Laureate Friedrich Hayek said, 'in government, the scum rises to the top'."

~ Walter Williams

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~ *W.K. Clifford* Wednesday,

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"We must remember that the principal instrument of government is coercion and that our government officials are no more moral, omnipotent, nor omniscient than are any of the rest of us. "

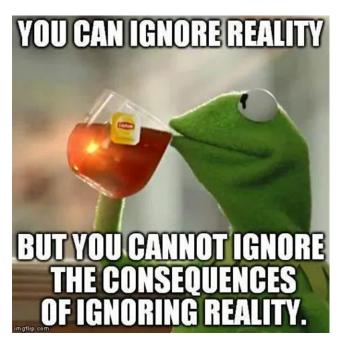
~ W.C. Mullendore

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Media Report To "Us, the American People" tariff (trade tax) revenue is up, adding to America's government surplus. Surplus. It would not be smart for us to take comfort in learning tariff (trade tax) revenue contributed to a government surplus. Federal deficit, fiscal year 2025 is on order of \$1.3T, 15% over previous year. Revenue increases 3%, spending increased 7%. Tariff (trade tax) not enough.

"One of the most insidious consequences of the present burden of personal income tax is that it strips many middle class families of financial reserves and seems to lend support to campaigns for socialized medicine, socialized housing, socialized food, socialized everything."

~ W. H. Chamberlin



<u>Sooner Or Later, "We, the American People</u>" will come to grips with why we keep increasing America's nations debt. We've known how it happens a while. Deficit spending. No serios lender would allow a borrower more loaned money with an income increase of 3% and a spending increase of 7. Income to debt ration doesn't lie. Not, does an income increase to spending increase ratio,

"One of the most insidious consequences of the present burden of personal income tax is that it strips many middle-class families of financial reserves. [It] has made the individual vastly more dependent on the State."

~ W.H. Chamberlin



"<u>Our, the American People's</u>" financial security is at risk when we permit government officials to borrow money or our future dimes. With trends as they are, out future dimes will go to pay off public debt, rather than to boost our net worth and rainy-day preparedness. Anyone who allows someone else to mount debt we are legally obliged to pay is nuts. We are abject fools to let government indenture us.

"The shallow consider liberty a release from all law, from every constraint. The wise see in it, on the contrary, the potent Law of Laws."

~ Walt Whitman



<u>President Donald J. Trump's Tariff</u> (trade tax) scheme is, media reports accurate, generating revenue increases. There is no guarantee tariffs (trade taxes) will generate enough revenue to pay off America's national debt, let alone serve as an income tax substitute. We will come to grips with spending beyond our means consequence at some point. We can't rely on a tariff (trade tax) fix, without spending cuts.

"A democratic despotism is like a theocracy: it assumes its own correctness."

~ Walter Bagehot



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recall elected leaders who put them at risk.

"The next revolution will be when those who work refuse to support those who don't."

~ Walter Hickel

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"A great many laws in a country, like many physicians, is a sign of malady."

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"In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other."

Voltaire

Thomas Jefferson: "We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. "

Our Rulers:

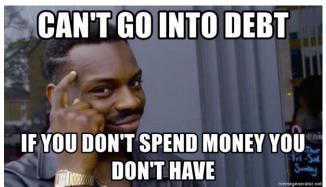


"We, the American People," as a sovereign citizenry, Constitutionally speaking, have no reason to fear government. Legally speaking, we could be at risk, if we violate laws. Constitutional or unConstitutional laws. A media article floating around says increasing numbers of judges are warning

we, as American citizens, could end up facing deportation from President Donald J. Trump's initiative.

"If you have two religions in your land, the two will cut each other's throats; but if you have thirty religions, they will dwell in peace."

Voltaire



"Our, the American People's" commonwealth, federal (U.S./National), and state Constitutions, though they, in theory, guard against harm from government, can not guarantee government will not interpret lawful Constitutional as authority to use law however government sees fit, regardless Constitutional precepts and protections. Politicians-legislators interpret Constitutionality and law as they deem apt.

"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

~ Voltaire



Student Loan Forgiveness Is An Example of how government can use law as a means to further political goals. Donald J. Trump's predecessor worked to have student loans forgiven; President Donald J.'s Administration is looking garnishing wages if student loan holders default. It is a tough order for "Us, the American People" to force government action over student loan forgiveness.

"So long as the people do not care to exercise their freedom, those who wish to tyrannize will do so; for tyrants are active and ardent, and will devote themselves in the name of any number of gods, religious and otherwise, to put shackles upon sleeping men."

~ Voltairine de Cleyre



Our American Government/Justice system is far from cut-and-dry. Reason is officials in our three, co-equal, branch governing system make governmental decisions based on their personal attitude, values, and beliefs (PAVB). PAVB, thus, come into play whenever laws are made, enforced, or adjudicated. Student loan forgiveness matter, in any case, can not alter reality. Someone must pay.

"Make no laws whatever concerning speech, and speech will be free; so soon as you make a declaration on paper that speech shall be free, you will have a hundred lawyers proving that "freedom does not mean abuse, nor liberty license," and they will define freedom out of existence."

~ Voltarine de Cleyre



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"There are two good things in life -- freedom of thought and freedom of action."

~ W. Somerset Maugham

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