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**THE GAZETTE: WITH THE SAME
PRESIDENTIAL PROPAGANDA AS ALWAYS, BY
MIKE MORRIS**

In a totally lame President's Day piece last month by *The Gazette's* editorial board titled "The President defines the country" (see: gazette.com/article/1597262) we're told "*it has become a time to honor the office, our nation's history and patriotism.*" Contra *The Gazette*, there's nothing honorific about the Presidency, as anyone should see why upon the advent of Trump.

Of first mention, others around the country were protesting "Not My President's Day." This sounds good, but sadly the participants, that is, those who oppose *Donald Trump*, don't oppose the *Presidency* or the system on principle; rather they oppose only the *current* President. They didn't get "their guy" into office, so now oppose it. They would be content, of course, if the establishment choice, Hillary Clinton, had taken the post.

In fact, I'd argue that if you believe in the system, period, e.g., you identify as a democratic-socialist, then *you're* a Trump supporter. Funny enough, these people adopt the insane logic that "if you don't vote, you can't complain." Disagreeing with the system myself, however, Trump won according to the rules. Their only comeback was to question the electoral college; something that wouldn't have been done, if say, Bernie Sanders had taken the electors though lost the popular vote.

A collection of essays compiled into a huge book, "*Reassessing the Presidency*", published by the Mises Institute, might offer renewed hope for how the people should view the Presidency: as a dangerous rise in executive power, away from the original intentions of the executive branch of government, that has come at the expense of liberty.

After the typical run-down of George Washington, we're given by *The Gazette* a rosy picture of Lincoln as being a President who leaves behind a great legacy; Republicans today, too, are very much favorable of Lincoln as they are Ronald Reagan, another big-government President despite rhetoric otherwise. The article says of the latter, that he "*changed the world more than many presidents.*"

Never mind that Lincoln was a complete statist and perhaps one of the worse Presidents, having suspended the writ of Habeas Corpus; being a President that believed in political centralization of power; nationalization of the money and banking

system; state-subsidized railroads; high-tariffs; and had hundreds of thousands of men slaughtered in the name of "keeping the Union together."

Lincoln didn't "save the Union", as popular acceptance goes; if anything he *ended* the Union as a voluntary association of states that were free to leave at any time.

And as American abolitionist Lysander Spooner puts it:

"Still another of the frauds of these men is, that they are now establishing, and that the war was designed to establish, 'a government of consent.' The only idea they have ever manifested as to what is a government of consent, is this -- that it is one to which everybody must consent, or be shot."

So much for a "voluntary government" that allegedly has the "consent of the governed." If the government ever did, then certainly it doesn't today. No present, living men have agreed to be bound by the scribblings on paper of past-men; only "social contract" theorists, forever excusing anything the government does to us, would dissent from this. Another argument made is there would be endless war between the States. But isn't it that we've been collectivized under one government today that there's essentially a civil war brewing? Since decentralization of power weakens states, among other things there's no reason to accept the thesis that what "we" would have been left with is two warring States forever. In fact, what we need today is a separation. The insane belief should really be the one that 320 million people should all be ruled by the same central, Federal government that makes our laws.

For a more accurate portrait of Lincoln, readers might turn to Tom DiLorenzo's "*The Real Lincoln*", who makes all the aforementioned arguments that Lincoln is not the hero most think he is.

Propagated by *The Gazette* here are the enduring myths of past Presidents that unfortunately don't die with them. Any "democratic socialist" friends would agree with the following assessment as presented by our knowledgeable local paper that keeps us Presidentially informed.

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ABOUT US:

We're inhabitants of the geographical region of the Rocky Mountains known as the Front Range, and here to source local libertarians, economists, philosophers, and liberty lovers everywhere to dispel the myths and fallacies emanating from the government and the media. We're here to inspire and support the liberty movement to bring about a change in public opinion; the duping in which the idea and existence of statism ultimately rests upon. We hope for this paper to exist as a forum and a voice for the more radical ideas of liberty. The battle is an ideological one, and we're here to stand behind the principles of liberty:

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A WORLD AT WAR, A COLUMN BY WILL PORTER

MAINTAINING THE SWAMP

In a key foreign policy speech on the campaign trail, Donald Trump vowed that war and aggression would not be his first instincts as president. While that drew measured praise from many non-interventionists, the new administration has already begun to crush any hope for a more restrained foreign policy.

Just a few weeks into his presidency, Trump has already shown great willingness to recklessly exert American military force abroad. As one of his first acts in office, Trump ordered a failed military operation in Yemen, where for the last two years the US government has assisted a Saudi-led coalition in a war that has slaughtered thousands of civilians and non-combatants. In line with prior US involvement in the country, the botched raid resulted in additional civilian casualties and failed to advance American interests in any conceivable way.

Continued aid to the Saudis, a long-standing US policy, betrays a glaring hypocrisy in the president's agenda. In his inaugural address, Trump promised to "unite the civilized world against Radical Islamic Terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth." It is impossible to square that claim with America's bosom-buddy relationship with Saudi Arabia, arguably the greatest booster of "Radical Islamic Terrorism" in the world.

Hawks abound in Trump's cabinet, especially when it comes to Iran. During its second week in office the administration made a scandal out of a fully legal, run-of-the-mill Iranian ballistic missile test, claiming it violated the JCPOA nuclear deal. Michael Flynn, then Trump's National Security Adviser, said Iran was "on notice" at a press briefing, but failed to specify what that actually meant. Flynn has since resigned after becoming embroiled in a diplomatic scandal.

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PRIVATIZE THE BATHROOMS,

MIKE MORRIS

You know the politicization of society has gone too far once there's a need for the separation of State-and-bathroom, an issue still being debated across the country at present.

Really, this "problem" is simple: businesses should be free to discriminate against whoever they want to for any reason, as they should be able to with any of their services; it's their property, not a "public accommodation" as all property is made out to be by those with no concern for actual, negative rights of property owners.

Laws against discrimination are not progress toward freedom, as the activists for these "labor protections" might claim, but another regression that takes away individual rights in the name of this mysterious entity, "the public." Bathroom freedom is just another thing that shouldn't be a political issue, as seemingly everything has become: simply allow the owners of bathrooms to decide who gets to enter them. That's debate-over for me. We don't need "bathrooms bills" from a legislature.

(CONT. FROM P. 2) According to *The Gazette*, we're supposed to believe that the near-fascist Franklin D. Roosevelt, who put Japanese-Americans into internment camps because they looked like the enemy, mind you, was one of the "great men", as they refer to them, who saved the country. In *Reassessing the Presidency*, Thomas DiLorenzo, an economics professor at Loyola University Maryland, teaches us the opposite—and the truth: "The biggest economic myth of the twentieth century is the notion that President Franklin D. Roosevelt's unprecedented peacetime economic interventions "got us out of the Great Depression"

So, again, contrary to *The Gazette's* reporting, which tells us that "Franklin Roosevelt fostered the national government and agencies that still serve Americans today", DiLorenzo also has this to say:

"FDR's economic policies made the Great Depression much worse; caused it to last much longer than it otherwise would have; and established interventionist precedents that have been a drag on economic prosperity and a threat to liberty to this day."

Perhaps their editorial board attended the government-schools? Because "virtually every U.S. history book repeats this falsehood, despite readily-available evidence to the contrary." (DiLorenzo)

The Depression didn't end until after the War. There was the "Roosevelt Recession" of 1938, for instance. And "there were more than ten million unemployed Americans in 1938, compared to eight million in 1931, the year before Roosevelt's election." (DiLorenzo)

Deliberately or not, these falsehoods are repeated by the second largest paper in Colorado; an unfortunate thought seeing that it's where tens of thousands of people receive their news and regurgitate it to their children.

The President-worship continues. Not to our surprise, moreover, the rulers are also referred to as "our leaders." And even more ignorant of reality, among the disgraces against liberty perpetrated by the government, that of "the free world."

So, no, *Gazette*, Donald Trump doesn't define me. He doesn't represent me; no President does. The Presidency is a joke and it always has been. For anyone to be surprised that Trump is "at the helm of the ship of state", as they put it, only shows how short the public memory is to forget about the unashamed clown that was George W. Bush; not to mention the political Left is near-silent when the guy (Obama) who does the bombing calls himself a "Democrat" instead.

Take any future "President's Day" to honor yourself, as the owner of your body and your life, rather than to bow and look to those who wish to own *you* and control your property as people whom one should emulate. Forget mainstream papers.

WHAT IS VOLUNTARYISM?

[Voluntaryism is a political philosophy which states that the initiation of violence against people or property, i.e. aggression, is never morally justified, and recognizes that such aggression is the very foundation of the State. In each issue we will look to the philosophy's adherents to answer the question "What is Voluntaryism?"]

DOUG FREEMAN SAYS:

"Voluntaryists are advocates of non-political, non-violent strategies to achieve a free society. We reject electoral politics, in theory and in practice, as incompatible with libertarian principles. Governments must cloak their actions in an aura of moral legitimacy in order to sustain their power, and political methods invariably strengthen that legitimacy. Voluntaryists seek instead to delegitimize the State through education, and we advocate withdrawal of the cooperation and tacit consent on which State power ultimately depends."

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(CONTINUED FROM P. 3) On a brighter note, statements from Trump and Secretary of Defense James Mattis suggest the administration will respect the JCPOA. If the cold war status quo with Iran goes hot, however, maintenance of the nuclear deal will become somewhat of a moot point.

Aside from Iran, Yemen, Syria, Israel, North Korea and a number of other important foreign policy areas, there is at least *one* issue that draws optimism from peaceniks: Russia.

During the presidential race Trump took much flak for his talk of detente with the Russians, a position long anathema in the corridors of power. Yet even here, optimism is souring.

In her first appearance at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on Feb. 2, US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, castigated Russia for its continued presence in Crimea, claiming the territory still belongs to Ukraine.

Haley apparently was not briefed on this issue, as Russia has kept its Black Sea Fleet at a naval base in Crimea since 1783, and will likely to continue to do so for some time to come. Though Russia did annex the territory in 2014, Crimeans within days voted to separate from Ukraine and join the Russian Federation in a free and fair referendum (Gallup and Pew later conducted surveys which confirmed that the results reflected public opinion).

Crimeans wanted no part in the American-backed coup that was then taking place in Kiev, especially as the post-coup government launched a war on Russian-speaking separatists from Ukraine's eastern Donbas region. Haley, meanwhile, presents Crimeans as victims of "Russian aggression."

Haley is picking up right where her hawkish predecessor, Samantha Power, left off. She joins a chorus of Russophobic hysteria emanating from top GOP hacks, such as John McCain and Lindsey Graham, as well as from members of the liberal "R2P" ("Responsibility to Protect") camp.

One can only speculate on the origins of Haley's talking points, but they are clearly at odds with the president's avowed position on Russia. According to anonymous sources in a report from CNN, the National Security Council approved of Haley's remarks, but they were not choreographed by the White House.

President Trump has inherited the foreign policies of his immediate predecessors and appears poised to continue them. Despite his professed desire to "drain the swamp" in Washington and to reverse various policy disasters, so far Trump has shown no sign that he will make good on his promises. Just this week, in fact, Trump announced plans for a \$54 billion hike in military spending, added to a budget which already outstrips the world's next seven largest militaries combined. The hike alone represents 80 percent of Russia's entire military budget. In spite of such dismal prospects, however, non-interventionists should be prepared to encourage and praise any and all productive moves from Trump on the foreign policy front, especially those involving Russia. The imperial press is on bullshit overdrive and powerful forces are lining up to prevent rapprochement from taking place; it is more vital than ever to emphasize the importance of peace with our nuclear-armed rivals. War with Russia must be taken off the table for good. *[Will Porter is an independent journalist and a contributor at Antiwar.com]*



**FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A MILITARY
VETERAN, BY CHRISTOPHER CHASE RACHELS**

I know from first hand experience that the "troops" are overly romanticized and glorified. The vast majority are not disciplined and stoic defenders of liberty and virtue. They are not hardworking, competent, and efficient. In fact they are infantilized and coddled. They are given "free" health-care, dental care, housing, and food. They are even provided interest free loans when they accrue overwhelming financial debt (despite having all their necessities paid for and being overpaid).

They see the world in black and white: enemy or ally, within regulations or outside of them, complicit with orders or insubordination, higher ranking or lower ranking...etc.

Most troops are simply bureaucrats in a system wrought with moral hazard. At the end of every financial term there's a race to spend whatever section's entire budget, lest they let on that they can perform the same job more cheaply and have their budget cut accordingly.

Troops go to base wide or wing meetings where their blood lust is inflamed with videos of AC-130s utterly destroying humans arbitrarily deemed "terrorist" with its cannons. The room roars with cheers and patriotic fervor. They are told that the higher the value of a given "target" the more collateral damage is acceptable, which is euphemistically measured by the quantity of "little pink bodies". They are told to run over women and children in the street on the off chance that they may be ambushed if the convoy is stopped.

Then of course the public condemns those who aren't filled with righteous indignation at the sight of a veteran amputee, who don't harbor a deep sense of admiration for this troop who "admirably sacrificed himself for the country" (whatever the hell this means), and whose hatred for these "terrorists" simply seeking to repel an aggressive foreign military occupation is not evoked.

Do not support the troops, in their capacity as troops. If you care about these men and women then please help illuminate the lies they've been told to secure their loyalty.

Show them that instead of defending our liberties they are endangering them by blindly following the orders of that imperialist institution that presents the greatest threat to them: the U.S government (or the State).

There is nothing honorable about being a "troop". Honor is found in peace, liberty, and respect for the property of your fellow man. These are the fundamental values which breed cooperation, empathy, and compassion for one another.

**CANNABIS COLUMN, PATRICK ZIMMER
COLORADO SENATE APPROVES ANIMAL FEED
BILL**

Today Colorado Senate Bill 17-109 was given unanimous approval by Colorado's senate. What this bill will do if passed is conduct a study on the viability of the integration of hemp feed products into the local agricultural markets. The bill's next stop will be the House of Representatives. If passed it will then head to Governor John Hickenlooper for the final decision.

This is a great bill for Colorado residents. If this bill passes and the study is conducted leading to the implementation of hemp derived animal feeds, this will create strong economic opportunities for individuals who either own land or have access to land. With said access to land, capital requirements to get into this market will be relatively minimal. The demand for these types of feed is high, and this introduction of hemp feeds will create an entirely new spectrum of high quality products for animals at a reasonable price. Anything that Colorado can do to provide low capital entrepreneurs with opportunity, as well as create economic opportunity in general, is always a win for the people of Colorado.

This study will have extremely minimal costs to conduct. The citizens of Colorado have nothing to lose by allowing this data to be collected for the potential economic benefit of every citizen looking for a hemp based economic activity. This data will provide the necessary foundational answers to questions regulators will be asking should the passage of a bill allowing hemp feed go through putting hemp derived animal feed products in the Colorado markets. The full text of the bill can be read here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/SB17-109>

We urge you to contact your representatives and tell them to pass this bill. This is a foundational step to creating more jobs right here in Colorado. Let's show our cannabis farmers that we support them. Besides who doesn't want more hemp products?

NON-AGGRESSIVE PARENTING, A COLUMN BY MELISSA RAJKOVICH

I am an anarchist, abolitionist and voluntaryist. My children are the reason why I have faith that the human species will evolve past the ridiculous notion that State is necessary.

My children are individuals that own themselves and I raise them as such. My role is to be their fierce mama lioness protector and nurturing guide. I am not the authority, because I teach them to question authority. Authority is unnecessary, my role is to instruct them on how to survive until they are of an age they are equipped to do that on their own. Other than that, my role as the nurturer is to recognize that they are fully capable of making their own decisions in who they choose to be and how they choose to interact.

To channelise these young ones on this journey of life is to live by my principles and teach by example. I raise them to have integrity, to believe in themselves and that they are capable of anything they could ever imagine.

Raising them to believe in themselves, their self ownership, or as my daughter calls it her “self ownerspace”, is to live by my first principle that, I do not condone the acts of an institution, the State, that can only function through violent coercion. The State is nothing more than a fear that was seeded in most at an early age, to compel others to believe blindly in it's authority.

Children are honest, wise and full of love, it's their nature. I can only encourage this and more importantly learn from it. Given their capacity to be authentic in themselves, they are most willing to extend love to another and trust in the other's intentions. Human interaction can exist in love authentically, without the necessity of authority to oversee it. That's not to say that danger isn't a real threat, it most certainly is. I teach them about self defense, to be aware, alert to anyone that would aggress against them and others. Common sense is the anchor in their ability to make an assessment their interactions.

Resistance is fertile, an idea cannot be destroyed. And if I've done my job, then I've nurtured the next generation to take part in ending the archaic idea, that we need someone else to validate that what we are doing is right. As parents, we anarchists are more than influential as to the shaping of the world. Statism starts at home, but if we teach the next generation to question authority, we are helping to eradicate the State by striking at the root. *Vacate the State!*

MANITOU SPRINGS AND THE POLICE STATE, ARTICLE BY PAOTIE DAWSON

On a recent Tuesday night at the Manitou Springs City Chambers, half the city's police department pleaded with the city council for an end to an ill-advised zero tolerance policy imposed on the downtown area last summer. Officers noted department morale had sunk, issuing citations to tourists had a negative effect on the city's economy, and most important, the policy had pushed the city towards a “police state.”

The council voted to end the zero tolerance policy. And this leads to a simple revelation: the council and mayor seem not at all interested in learning different, dissenting ideas and viewpoints. More importantly, why does the council only seem to respond to allegations made by city employees and bureaucrats while ignoring the general public's similar complaints about other city employees and/or bureaucrats?

Two years ago, a Facebook page (long since taken down) was created to target the actions of a single parking enforcement employee. It quickly became controversial. This followed several months of harassment by the employee, whom targeted locals and business owners. And of course, targeted innocent tourists. The response from city officials to the Facebook page ranged from calling for an end the page to terming the page itself as “harassment” mixed in with charges the page should be “reported for abuse.” The page focused primarily on exposing the abuses forced onto tourists, locals and businesses. The zero tolerance policy was really a blanket policy and I actually talked to a musician who claims he was roughed up by the MSPD for sleeping in his van at a public park—all part of the zero tolerance policy. (CONT. P. 8)



(CONTINUED MANITOU SPRINGS)

So, to say it targeted loiters is not true; rather, the policy was basically enacted to force everyone else into compliance with the dreams of the bureaucrats. It was mostly locals and businesses that took the brunt of the policy, less so the transients or homeless folks.

The zero tolerance policy enacted last summer came following a series of controversial complaints regarding transients, homeless folks, and buskers all in the downtown area earlier in the spring. Some folks, such as myself, questioned some of the claims; others demanded immediate action by city officials. Town Hall meetings were called by the mayor; the first Town Hall resulted in the mayor yelling at audience members to, "SHUT UP! SHUT UP. SHUT UP, EVERYONE!"

A second Town Hall meeting was called, and again, more complaints were raised, though it seemed at times rudeness was equated to criminality, a thoroughly bizarre concept. More complaints followed at the second meeting with "aggressive harassment" being the key term of the night.

A short time following the second Town Hall meeting, a single city employee made an allegation of aggressive harassment at Soda Springs park pavilion. The mayor and city council immediately swung into action with an emergency meeting called; council voted and approved the zero tolerance policy. It's too bad because many of us had warned the mayor and council the policy would make things worse. Still, concerns and fears were ignored in favor of immediate action.

It took *half the police department* plead before before the council and mayor to finally listen to reason and reality, and end the zero tolerance policy.

This reveals the city administration lacks the grace to listen to opposing viewpoints and consider the merits of those same views. Many of us who opposed the zero tolerance policy for many reasons have been proven right, and so it behooves the administration to reassess their strategies with regards to how they handle public input, especially over controversial issues such as parking enforcement and the Brooke Street bridge, among others.

It's time for the Manitou Springs city administration to listen to those with dissenting views, especially residents and businesses. Still, kudos to the police department for more or less saying what I said last summer: zero tolerance policies are politics gone wrong. It was also good the police asked to stop being used as a political weapon. It was long overdue.

LIKE WU TANG LIBERTY IS FOR THE CHILDREN, A POEM BY JOEL AIGNER

Hey there fellow human, let me ask you this...Do you happen to be a human that cares about the kids?

If so, ponder on this, what kind of future do they have

As we keep voting for the lesser of two evils, while in the back the public continues to get stabbed whether the blade is in the Left or Right hand it matters not

If we live in the land of the Thieves where they've been feeding us fake news, and alternative facts, 7 since the JFK assassination plot

We're not taught how to connect dots by our federally mandated Prussian based education system

We're taught how to equate obedience with morality, show up on time and how to feel like disempowered victims.

So let me share with you a vision, it simply starts with this, teach our kids what we're already teaching them, as little kids. *(CONTINUED ON P. II)*

“BREAK UP THE USA!”

By LLEWELLYN H. ROCKWELL, JR. FEBRUARY 18,

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Some of our assumptions are so deeply embedded that we cannot perceive them ourselves.

Case in point: everyone takes for granted that it's normal for a country of 320 million to be dictated to by a single central authority. The only debate we're permitted to have is who should be selected to carry out this grotesque and inhumane function.

Here's the debate we should be having instead: what if we simply abandoned this quixotic mission, and went our separate ways? It's an idea that's gaining traction – much too late, to be sure, but better late than never.

For a long time it seemed as if the idea of secession was unlikely to take hold in modern America. Schoolchildren, after all, are told to associate secession with slavery and treason. American journalists treat the idea as if it were self-evidently ridiculous and contemptible (an attitude they curiously do not adopt when faced with US war propaganda, I might add).

And yet all it took was the election of Donald Trump for the alleged toxicity of secession to vanish entirely. The left's principled opposition to secession and devotion to the holy Union went promptly out the window on November 8, 2016. Today, about one in three Californians polled favors the Golden State's secession from the Union.

In other words, some people seem to be coming to the conclusion that the whole system is rotten and should be abandoned.

It's true that most leftists have not come around to this way of thinking. Many have adopted the creepy slogan “not my president” – in other words, I may not want *this particular person* having the power to intervene in all aspects of life and holding in his hands the ability to destroy the entire earth, but I most certainly do want *someone else* to have those powers.

Not exactly a head-on challenge to the system, in other words. (That's what we libertarians are for.) The problem in their view is only that the wrong people are in charge.

Indeed, leftists who once said “small is beautiful” and “question authority” had little trouble embracing large federal bureaucracies in charge of education, health, housing, and pretty much every important thing. And *these authorities*, of course, you are not to question (unless they are headed by a Trump nominee, in which case they may be temporarily ignored).

Meanwhile, the right wing has been calling for the abolition of the Department of Education practically since its creation in 1979. That hasn't happened, as you may have noticed. Having the agency in Republican hands became the more urgent task.

Each side pours tremendous resources into trying to take control of the federal apparatus and lord it over the whole country.

How about we call it quits?

No more federal fiefdoms, no more forcing 320 million people into a single mold, no more dictating to everyone from the central state.

Radical, yes, and surely not a perspective we were exposed to as schoolchildren. But is it so unreasonable? Is it not in fact the very height of reason and good sense? And some people, we may reasonably hope, may be prepared to consider these simple and humane questions for the very first time.

Now can we imagine the left actually growing so unhappy as to favor secession as a genuine solution?

Here's what I know. On the one hand, the left made its long march through the institutions: universities, the media, popular culture. Their intention was to remake American society. The task involved an enormous amount of time and wealth. Secession would amount to abandoning this string of successes, and it's hard to imagine them giving up in this way after sinking all those resources into the long march.

At the same time, it's possible that the cultural elite have come to despise the American bourgeoisie so much that they're willing to treat all of that as a sunk cost, and simply get out.

Whatever the case may be, what we can and should do is encourage all decentralization and secession talk, such that these heretofore forbidden options become live once again.

I can already hear the objections from Beltway libertarians, who are not known for supporting political decentralization. To the contrary, they long for the day when libertarian judges and lawmakers will impose liberty on the entire country. And on a more basic level, they find talk of states' rights, nullification, and secession – about which they hold the most exquisitely conventional and p.c. views – to be sources of embarrassment.

How are they going to rub elbows with the Fed chairman if they're associated with ideas like these?

Of course we would like to see liberty flourish everywhere. But it's foolish not to accept more limited victories and finite goals when these are the only realistic options.

The great libertarians – from Felix Morley and Frank Chodorov to Murray Rothbard and Hans Hoppe – have always favored political decentralization; F.A. Hayek once said that in the future liberty was more likely to flourish in small states. This is surely the way forward for us today, if we want to see tangible changes in our lifetimes. (CONTINUED ON P. 10)

(CONTINUED FROM P. 9 **BREAK UP USA**) Thomas Sowell referred to two competing visions that lay at the heart of so much political debate: the constrained and the unconstrained. In the constrained vision, man's nature is not really malleable, his existence contains an element of tragedy, and there is little that politics can do by way of grandiose schemes to perfect society. In the unconstrained vision, the only limitation to how much society can be remade in the image of its political rulers is how much the rubes are willing to stomach at a given moment.

These competing visions are reaching an endgame vis-a-vis one another. As Angelo Codevilla observes, the left has overplayed its hand. The regular folks have reached the limits of their toleration of leftist intimidation and thought control, and are hitting back.

We can fight it out, or we can go our separate ways.

When I say go our separate ways, I don't mean "the left" goes one way and "the right" goes another. I mean the left goes one way and everyone else – rather a diverse group indeed – goes another. People who live for moral posturing, to broadcast their superiority over everyone else, and to steamroll differences in the name of "diversity," should go one way, and everyone who rolls his eyes at all this should go another.

"No people and no part of a people," said Ludwig von Mises nearly one hundred years ago, "shall be held against its will in a political association that it does not want." So much wisdom in that simple sentiment. And so much conflict and anguish could be avoided if only we'd heed it." - **LEW ROCKWELL**

[One of our contributors, Pete, adds to this thought: "320 million people, some of whose culture dates back thousands of years, some of whom - quite literally - arrived today, living in cities, suburbs, and small towns situated in forests, swamps, deserts, mountains, coastal regions, in northern tundra or on a tropical island, all told covering 3.8 million square miles...ultimately ruled by a single government, and that in turn dominated by less than 1,000 people drawn from two political parties. Insane. Risible."]

TRUMP, YOU'RE FIRED!, COLUMN BY JESSE WROE

COULD YOU BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

No True Anarchist would do it, but with Donald Trump's tiny hands grasping the presidency what's to stop an anarchist's reach from exceeding his?

Unfortunately, many people think a real anarchist is living in the White House. Before the election, I was told that Trump is the anarchist's pick, because he's a rabble-rouser fighting the status quo. But I believe in individual autonomy and non-hierarchical social order. How does an ethic of horizontal power take me to the Oval Office?

Anarchism isn't hard to understand, but few take it seriously enough to learn about it. If regular citizens have thought of anarchists at all in the last decade, it's because they heard current and former Democrat Senators like Elizabeth Warren and Harry Reid pontificate about them on the Senate Floor. They were describing so-called extremists in the Republican Party, not adherents to anti-statism.

Misconceptions like these are bad enough, but with the widespread demand for a solution to Trump and the political economy in general, the entire ideological spectrum is competing to be the supplier. It's not a matter of anarchists fighting over the best adjective, but of looking better than mainstream journalists, the Two Parties, the security state, and SNL. Anarchist's are burdened with offsetting false impressions and sending a message to the public that's distinct, evocative, and reasonable. Sounds like business as usual. Has anything changed for the anarchist? What's so special about the Cheeto-in-Chief?

Consider this. Francis Fukuyama, in his recent two-volume work on the origins of political order and decay, sees liberalism declining in the West. What he once viewed as humanity's fate has become vulnerable to the chaos of discontent. The salient example of this is the rise of right-wing populism in Europe, which brought Brexit, Marine Le Pen's ascendance in France, and nationalist uproar over the refugee crisis coming from the Middle East. In the US, leftist nativism made a comeback with Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign. Alt-right racists are covered on national news. Trump is just one signifier of instability, a bigly one.

If elite political scientists are worried, could this turmoil take a violent turn? We've seen an Arab Spring. Is Europe gonna party like it's 1848? Will the US have a Year of Revolution? Maybe not. Vested interests will reinforce themselves in those circumstances. Some checks and balances will prevail in restricting Trump. Congress could try to appear competent and fruitful rather than gridlocked. Revolutionary acts would be rebuffed by a motivated status quo. Already, the CIA has recovered from its history deceit and violence, thanks to the alleged interference in US elections by The Russians.

Anti-authoritarian sentiment shouldn't be discounted entirely. Independence movements are gaining popularity. California might take a Calexit. Pundits are debating the ethics of bashing fascists, thanks to the antifa attack on Milo Yiannopoulos's event at UC Berkeley and the viral sucker punch to Richard Spencer's skull. "Resistance" can be heard from the mouths of liberals. The opportunity for a libertarian radicalization of the United States has arrived.

As Trump contributes to the case for statelessness—the list of executive folly so far is impressive: a travel ban that explicitly violates the Constitution; regulatory reform that'll incentivize lawmakers to write new regulations that make up for the ones to be discarded; a lobbying ban for administration officials that includes loopholes, which (CONTINUED ON P. 11)

THE IRS IS THE SCAM, MIKE MORRIS

In a piece called “Don’t let IRS phone scammers panic you” by the Gazette’s Betty Sexton, we’re warned that scammers are calling around, posing as IRS agents, and asking people for money.

We must ask, though, what is special about an agent of the IRS? How do they, unlike private individuals who would be considered criminal for doing the same thing as them, have special rights over us?

While it’s what generally looks like a good consumer protection piece, the post is missing the point: The *real* scammers are the IRS. Or at least, they are *too*.

She’s right, however: “*bad guys are out there, trying to scare you into giving them cash.*” Yes, they sure are, and they call themselves “the Internal Revenue Service!”

Why doesn’t anyone give the callers money? Because who are they!? No one has a right to demand money from another; this runs contrary to the voluntarism we advocate.

She notifies us that “*you’ll never be harassed about a lawsuit, arrest, or the loss of your house or car*” over the phone. But while it may not be via phone, this is nonetheless the implications for not complying with the people in government: the cage or the gun barrel. “*All those claims have been made by these scam buckets*”, she says. Who, the people who work for government and honestly believe they have a superior right to our property?

Taxation is done under threats of violence against those who don’t pay up. There is no way to conceive of taxation as a voluntary payment, and we’ll consistently maintain here that it’s extortion and robbery, and not exempting “government.”

The real scam alert to the public should be that no one can make legitimate claims that you owe them your property (money) simply because they decree so. The only reason some people fell victim to the calling scam is because they pretended to be the IRS; and the IRS operates under the aura of legitimacy that pretends to have a right to steal your money. The people who give others money upon their demand do so, as anarchist Lysander Spooner stated it, for “*the fact [is] that the government...says to a man: your money, or your life. And...taxes are paid under the compulsion of that threat.*” If only we had the will to stand up against the taxman as we do the phone scammers.

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...Trump announced as he signed the executive order in front of the press; a raid in Yemen that killed thirty civilians, including another one of Anwar al-Awlaki’s kids; additional protections for militarized law enforcement; another task force for reducing the crime that’s been in decline; a creepy National Day of Patriotic Devotion; and pervasive ignorance of the power he has, like his ability to declassify evidence for his allegation that Obama had the Trump Tower wiretapped—anarchists should seize the moment and challenge conventional beliefs about political power.

(POEM CONTINUED FROM 8 **WU TANG**)

Don’t hit, don’t steal, don’t lie, don’t murder and don’t cheat, and don’t let others do it just because they happen to hold a seat, office, title, or wear a crown, uniform or other silly hat

Because Self-Ownership is Self-Ownership and it’s really about as simple as that. If you wouldn’t want it done to yourself, don’t do it to other people

To follow such a principal is truly how to make sure all of our rights are equal...So teach them the methods of the trivium and how to identify logical fallacies, red herrings and contradictions

To analyze a source, triangulate facts and separate them from fiction, let them be a source of friction for those that would be institutional, extortion funded, bullies...And bring cohesion and harmony to those that express the Golden Rule fully

Let the children integrate a principle of true non-aggression, not outsourcing their logic or morality to those that would issue commandments like Charlton Heston

So let’s learn our lessons as a race that’s human, and no longer let ourselves be conquered while divided.

Whether it’s Black Lives Matter or Bundy Ranch, we all want a life that amounts to more than just surviving. So we must analyze the lies, realize the Master of Puppets on the opposing sides of the paradigms often are one and the same. Let neither polarity of the Hegelian dialectic continue to play their game. You’re not a Slave, so please, stop clamoring to pick a master

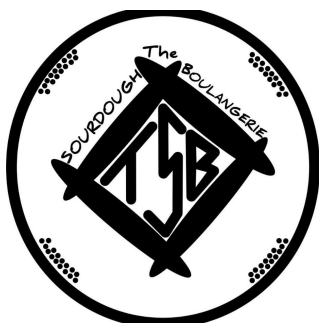
Because thus far such a manifestation of Stockholm Syndrome has led to nothing but disaster.

So yes it does matter when the policies of mentally diseased politicians are enforced by police

With a mentality of Comply or Die, so please, let’s set the children free

PETE'S CORNER, WISDOM FROM PETE

"What's curious about economic nationalism is that if you simply listed the associated policies many leftists would be on board. If you call it economic nationalism and make people wear uniforms, the right loves it, the left hates it. One could argue that the raft of policies enacted by FDR were not much different in character to those which Hitler and Mussolini put forth, before the era of concentration camps, gassing Ethiopians, etc."



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SPARKING A MOVEMENT

There is no shortage of political enthusiasm in the world; the entirety of society has become politicized, to the bakeries and the bathrooms. Politics is one of those things where everyone feels welcome to weigh-in with their opinion, no matter how philosophically they have thought of these issues or not. Economics, too, is seemingly only a matter of public opinion. Despite being vocal, the masses are largely without direction, especially if they're looking toward politicians for solution. Bernie Sanders and his ilk wish to "fight for democracy" or "fight for \$15", and are unable to see this as the very root of the problem in our politicized society: to hope for a "better politician next time", or to arbitrarily declare a new, nominal "minimum wage law" and call it good. They do not fight for the cause of *liberty*, and the two – democracy and freedom – have unfortunately been conflated. For most of them, it is no fault of their own. The whole purpose of government involvement in the schools, better defined as socialist indoctrination centers, is not to make schooling a right, but so that the statist-history and statist-economics can be taught so the children grow up apologetic to the State; an institution that fully rests on public opinion. Hence why democracy is synonymous with freedom to the average person. Liberty is not something that is easy to stand up and defend; there is an unrelenting slew of socialists being churned out who are intent on growing government for their own uses and ideas. Many might be surprised to know that there are contrarian-thinkers out there, and we're here to open the community to the ideas of liberty in hopes for a real movement: where people openly, adamantly, and unrelentingly denounce and delegitimize the State as the enemy of the people that it is. Only then may we see "change."

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