



## Voting

### *Dangerous trends*

***A democracy can only exist until voters discover they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by an increasingly authoritarian government.***

In a free country, voting is an awesome responsibility. Who the voters elect will determine the destiny of the nation. A lot of people don't vote, or constantly swing from one candidate to another because politics is just too confusing and complicated. AFTER READING THIS PAGE, POLITICS WILL MAKE SENSE AND YOU CAN VOTE WITH CONFIDENCE.

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### **Life in America before Big Government and Big Taxes**

For the first 190 years in America, you were responsible for your destiny. It's called freedom. Freedom to be responsible or irresponsible. The Founding Fathers goal was to create a self reliant society by combining freedom with personal and social responsibility (see Foundations of America). Early Americans didn't expect the government to take care of them. They banded together and helped each other out. **The 1800s produced the most incredible birth of private charitable and fraternal organizations ever seen in world history.**



De Tocqueville

Frenchman Alexis De Tocqueville, who toured America in 1831, stated: "Nothing is more striking to a European traveller in the United states than the absence of what we term the government." De Tocqueville was amazed at the "art of associating together." "In the United States, associations are established to promote the public safety, commerce, industry, morality, and religion.' De Tocqueville was in awe at "...the combined power of individuals united into a society." [1]



"That is the key to history. Terrific energy is expended - civilizations are built up - excellent institutions devised; but each time something goes wrong. Some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides back into misery and ruin." CS Lewis [11]

If you were struck by unfortunate circumstances, you were helped by family, friends, the church, or one of the many civic organizations. These organizations kept everyone honest. If you were unemployed, you were helped until the next job came along - or else you would no longer be helped. These organizations played a critical role in American life before the modern welfare state.

As the population of America grew and America became more industrial, there were increasing calls for government assistance. When the depression hit in 1929, private organizations were overwhelmed. The depression necessitated large increases in government intervention in society. A lasting effect of the depression was a change in the mind set of many Americans who now believed the government had primary responsibility to fix society.

## Turning America into a Welfare state

The mortal damage to our society occurred due to Lyndon Johnson's "War" on poverty in 1965, when Johnson promised to eliminate poverty in America with an initial \$1 billion appropriation. A half a century and TRILLIONS later, the problems are worse than ever. Because there are different definitions for poverty spending, the amount spent varies by who is doing the counting. However, it is in the trillions and it's obvious that this money has not produced the desired results.

Before Johnson, 95% of the American people were responsible and looked after each other. Since Johnson, everything became society's fault - and responsibility to "fix." The political left sent Americans on a collective guilt trip. Why should most of society be living in their cozy house while others were living in the gutter? Freedom to succeed or fail was replaced by an increasingly all powerful federal government determined to create desired outcomes rather than expand opportunities. Now, if someone makes bad choices, society ends up paying for it. The reason America was so successful in the past was because it was NOT the government's job to fix something. If something needed done - you did it, or you formed a group to do it. **You didn't sit back and wait for the government to raise taxes and appropriate money, create a bureaucracy and then watch the bureaucracy make the problem worse because bureaucrats want more 'clients' so they can keep their nice government jobs for life. The government will then run ads on radio and television encouraging people to apply to see if they qualify. If they qualify - presto, liberal politicians have just bought more voters and the taxpayers have more people to support.**

**The fact is the war on poverty was being won before Johnson's "war" on poverty.** In 1950, the poverty rate was 32.2 percent, fell to 22.2% by 1960, 17.3% in 1965 and 12.6% by 1970. The rate has never been lower than 11.1% in 1973.[2] The final 11% are the people who are largely unemployable (druggies, bums, etc.) Johnson's "war" on poverty only went into effect in 1965, and there is little evidence that LBJ's programs had anything to do with the poverty rate falling from 17.3% in 1965 to 11.1% in 1973.



There is no more persistent and influential faith in the world today than the faith in government spending. The world is full of so-called economists who in turn are full of schemes for getting something for nothing. These scheming economists tell us the government can spend and spend and continue to pile up debt without ever paying it off. Here I am afraid I must point out that such pleasant dreams in the past in other countries has always been shattered by national insolvency or runaway inflation.  
*Henry Hazlitt*[12]

Fact is, the poverty rate would have continued to decline from 1965 to 1973 for the same reason it declined from 1950 to 1965 - an expanding American economy, good paying jobs, cheap energy, affordable land, affordable housing, a graduated income tax where low income people paid little if any tax and a superb public educational system that liberals hadn't yet destroyed. With virtually no social programs available, millions of working poor eventually made it to the middle class based on their work ethic.

The collapse of morals and the work ethic (thanks to the U.S. government) turned nice low income neighborhoods, where people could live for cheap, into ghettos with rampant crime. Excessive union demands, an unfriendly business climate, unfair trade laws, the sky high cost of energy, land, housing and a flood of illegal aliens would soon cause a never ending decline in good paying jobs and millions of jobs being shipped out of the country.

**In 2004, the poverty rate was 12.7%[2] and in 2011 was 15.0 percent.[3] Wouldn't it have made more sense to have spent TRILLIONS expanding opportunities in the private sector, creating better paying jobs and lowering the cost of living?**

Today in America there are nearly twice as many people working for the government (22.5 million) than in all of manufacturing (11.5 million). This is an almost exact reversal of the situation in 1960, when there were 15 million workers in manufacturing and 8.7 million collecting a paycheck from the government.[4] America was rich in 1960.

Another lasting effect of the ever expanding American welfare state is the demise of most of the fraternal organizations that at one time played such an important role in American society.

## You Get What You Vote For



One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results. [13]  
Milton Friedman

### • *Where do you want to live?*

Cities and states with the highest taxes and most social programs have the most economic and social problems. These places have been run by liberals - mostly democrats - for decades. **Without exception, every city and state in serious financial trouble got there because of massive over spending and high taxation by liberals (usually democrats).** Since the 1960's and 70's, working people have fled liberal controlled areas and gone to areas run by the Republicans for decades. These areas have lower taxes, a moral social climate, less crime, don't promote a dependency class (welfare, etc.) and living is easier. Logically, this means vote for the conservative - usually Republican.

### • *Let's play Santa Claus!*

The reason areas that once were prosperous became lousy places to live is because liberal politicians play Santa Claus when running for office. "Vote for me and I will give you....." You name it. Since we all like something for nothing, Santa wins by promising more than their conservative opponent. The problem is, nothing is free. Sooner or later, the bills must be paid. **Remember, high taxes does NOT produce economic prosperity. No city or state has ever destroyed their economy with low taxes.**[5][6]

### • *Refusal to rethink voting preferences.*

A dangerous problem with people who flee liberal areas is that these liberals refuse to reevaluate their voting preferences and vote for the same type of liberals who destroyed the economies of the areas they fled from. **Not very smart.**

### • *Liberal reform = raise taxes.*

When liberals talk about reforming something, like education, what they really mean is we must spend more money. Even though all these programs have been "reformed" many times in the past, we just have to spend still more money. We hear this same scam every election. **The problem with Liberal politicians (usually democrats) is they NEVER have enough money.** They always want more. Any politician who wants to raise your taxes does NOT know how to manage money and should be voted out of office. Only candidates who take a no new tax pledge is worthy of your vote.

### • *The guilt trip over helping the needy.*

There is no substitute for personal responsibility and ethics. **This is why you do NOT reward the needy for staying poor.** Yet thanks to liberals, millions of Americans refuse to better themselves because they don't want to lose their government (taxpayers) freebees. LBJ's war on poverty did nothing but gradually transform Americans from being largely self reliant for 200 years into a country with an ever growing poverty industry, an ever expanding dependency class of people and massive social ills due to a new national culture of dependency and victimhood.

**The real question is how do you help the needy and working poor without corrupting them? The answer is that all government help must be based on their own efforts. A unique program would be for the government to match pay for one year. The more they make, the more they get. This would give people in difficult circumstances a chance to climb out of their financial hole by rewarding work rather than encouraging dependency.**

Despite the record of failure of existing poverty programs, slick talking politicians, playing on our guilt, are **STILL** getting elected promising to fix our social problems with still MORE social spending. Obama supports these terrible social policies because expanding the dependency class adds voters to his voter base.[7]

### • *Immigration*

The number of Americans out of work is at an all time high under Obama. Yet Obama continues to invite immigrants into our country but refuses to deport most illegals. Illegals continue to steal jobs from Americans because they will work for less pay. Some say illegals do jobs Americans won't do. Not True. Americans used to do these jobs until it became easier to be a deadbeat.

### • *Energy*

America became an industrial powerhouse because of cheap energy. Most liberals (especially Obama) want high energy prices to curb use.[8] This is not rational thinking. The high cost of energy is a huge burden on Americans. It is slowing down our economy and is a contributing factor to America's high unemployment and our massive budget deficit. **DOES THIS MAKE SENSE??** High energy costs are 100% the fault of the Democrats. We don't have to destroy the economy while changing to alternative energy. While we're making the change, we still need energy as cheaply as possible. **We have huge oil fields in Alaska that democrats have prevented us from getting for over a decade.**[9] Obama has again cancelled the Keystone pipeline that would have brought oil to the U.S. from Canada.

## Two competing philosophies in governing America

### Limited Government philosophy

• **Limited Government promotes self reliance and responsibility. In a free country, your choices determine your fate.** That's what freedom is all about. Government programs should be aimed at people who work - Social Security, Medicare, unemployment, all of which workers pay into. Charitable and religious organizations are a low cost way - and a much more effective way - to force people to deal with their shortcomings instead of making them perpetual wards of the state. **Should working people allow the government to bankrupt the country trying to help people who mostly want a free ride?**

**All government help must be based on their effort. Tax policy should ensure that people have the ability to support themselves and their family.** Prosperity comes from an expanding private sector, better paying jobs and decreased cost of living. Laws must be changed to create a positive climate for American business so jobs come back to our country. This won't happen under Obama. Obama has done great harm to American business and is wrecking our economy with massive deficit spending.[10] By raising the standard of living we can reduce poverty spending.

AMERICA WOULD BE A WEALTHY COUNTRY AGAIN IF AMERICANS WERE SELF RELIANT LIKE WE USED TO BE!!! Social welfare programs are what is bankrupting America.

### Liberal Government philosophy

• **American Liberalism promotes dependency.** Liberals believe that government should be all powerful in our society with the government taking care of people. Big Government Liberals are Control Freaks. Under liberalism, **the expansion of government is never ending.** Despite the maze of social programs already in place, liberals will always find something else to "fix." The reality is this: **The liberal method of "attacking" poverty is a failure because it rewards failure.** The more opportunity government makes for people to become dependent on government, the more people will become dependent on government. **Creating a culture of dependency on the government is by design!** Liberal politicians want as many people as possible dependant on THEM, so you will vote for THEM. **This is simply a vote buying scheme disguised as compassion.** There is no incentive to end these programs because once people get used to it, it's nearly impossible to end. It's almost like a drug addiction. Many Americans would rather be taken care of then be free to pursue their dreams. It's simpler to be dependent than independent. Does that mean Americans have changed? No - the government has changed and it's this phoney compassion that is wrecking our economy and our society by constantly increasing the number of people dependent on the taxpayer for their survival.

**If you do what's right, are careful with your finances, you get nothing from the government but a tax bill. If you complain about your taxes, liberals will call you selfish!**

## We MUST Pay attention to voting records

**Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.** If politicians are against high taxes and deficits, why do we have high taxes and deficits? **THIS IS WHY WE MUST LOOK AT VOTING RECORDS.** How our representative votes (NOT what they say) should determine how we vote.

**EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD VOTE, AND VOTE INTELLIGENTLY!!**

**WHAT WE DON'T KNOW CAN AND WILL HURT US!!**

**Remember, if we don't want to vote for the "lesser" of two evils, we will get the greater of two evils - Obama!**

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