MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

SUBJECT: Will a Return to Fundamentals Save Our Republic from the Current Sinking Ship of the Administrative State? Part 5 and Final

At a Glance:

- We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness [sic].
 - Continental Congress's Declaration of Independence; 4 July 1776
- I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. *Thomas Jefferson*
- Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

 John Adams to the Massachusetts Militia, 11 Oct 1798.
- The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.

Thomas Jefferson

Are Conservatives on a Fool's Errand to Restore the Republic?

Prior Memos on this topic addressed the efficacy of returning to fundamentals. In other words, what does the US Constitution declare to be the function of government, while leaving unclaimed matters to the states? Thomas Jefferson once opined, "The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. It does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods or no god. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg."

We have seen, however, in the last forty years through the mis-education of our children that certain words failing to conform to the ever-changing Neo-Marxist narrative (Wokism) apparently DO harm their delicate psyches. Hence, anyone expressing a contrary narrative ("Trump really won!") must be "cancelled."

Our Actions Define Us

Part I addressed the federal government's design of "grinding slowly, but fine", because states had the day-to-day duties of government for its citizens. The federal government had the mega-duty to keep us safe from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Okay...

Part II carried over Part I's theme: government must be limited. John Adams spoke out loud the reasoning behind this: our government was designed only for a moral and religious people. In the 1960's, the King James version of the Bible used to be on the Wisconsin Book List of about 100 or so books that high school seniors should read before entering college in order to succeed. The Good Book has a multitude of stories of what happened to whole nations rejecting the notion they would be answerable to a higher power. Limited governments can only operate on that philosophy. Otherwise, governments must micromanage our lives. Why? People have their own notions of what constitutes morality.

Part III established the necessity for the Bill of Rights (designed to keep the federal government off our backs unless there's a good reason: picking pockets or breaking legs). It also introduced us to interviews done by former KGB spy and defector to the West, Yuri Bezmenov, during the 1980s. He proclaimed how our institutions—schools, churches, media, banks and government—were infiltrated by KGB operatives. The fruit of their efforts? The Hate-America-First Woke nonsense of today.

Part IV established the importance of the Middle Class since the Republic of Rome. The Middle Class held Rome's Republic together. When Rome's Middle Class collapsed, so did its Republic. The dynamic we see going on worldwide today—supply chain issues from baby food to grain, pandemics stacking up, specific policies to make the US energy dependent—all are designed to squeeze out the Middle Class. Why? The Middle Class proves the lie of Marxism. We don't live in a bifurcated world of Oppressor vs. the Oppressed; the bourgeoisie, (capitalists) versus the proletariat, (workers)—unless Marxist-governments make it so. Only by eliminating the Middle Class can we be "happy" with owning nothing.

Leadership Now Versus Then

It became clear following the "Hanging Chad" election of 2000 that the United States of America had become the Divided States of America. One of the outcomes included the gullibility of the populace in being directed in its thinking, i.e., propaganda, from the main stream media. Remember what Jefferson said about newspapers?

So, how did the social fabric unravel so quickly? For one, it wasn't all that rapid. Beginning in the 19th century, a governmental system based on hating a Divine Creator became the "current thing." Hence, to adopt a Marxist or Communist form of government, meant "rights"

came from humans (not Nature's God) and could (and did) change quickly, depending on which authoritarian/totalitarian controlled.

In any federal administration of any political party where "Life" means so very little, "Liberty" always comes under their terms (we must obey), and the "Pursuit of Happiness" is found in Klaus Schwab's 21^{st} Century riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma (borrowing from Churchill), i.e., "By 2030 [we] will own nothing and be happy", THAT administration has lost its soul. As John Adams told us in so many words, whether conservatives are on a fool's errand or not, they better believe in miracles.