

MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

SUBJECT: Will a Return to Fundamentals Save Our Republic from the Current Sinking Ship of the Administrative State? Part 4

At a Glance:

- There are three groups of people. There are rich who are never satisfied because their wealth is never enough for them—these citizens are totally useless for the city. Then there are the poor who, because their daily bread is never enough, are dangerous because they are deceived by the tongues of crooked politicians and by their own envy and so they aim the arrows of their hatred towards the rich. And then, between these two, there is a third.... It's there to keep the order, it's there to keep the city safe.
Euripides, *Suppliants*
- 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 interests.
Calvin Coolidge

The Middle Class Citizen is Important in a Republic

Victor Davis Hanson, in *The Dying Citizen*, subtitled *How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of America*, points out that just over three and one-half billion souls, out of a world population of about seven billion, are citizens of “fully consensual governments.” Hanson further posits that of these consensual governments, essentially all exist in the west—or at least in areas that have been “westernized.”

Finally, Hanson notes that of the world’s “true democracies” (seemingly rare) only twenty-two have been in existence for fifty years or more. At that, democracies are shrinking, not growing. Have we not observed such shrinking first hand on our own continent vis-à-vis Canada, not to mention our own alleged “constitutional Republic”?

We often hear pompous politicians bloviate about how democracy is “messy”. Frankly, little, if anything at all, concerning democracies can be accounted as messy, only their operators. Those who govern are all-too-often soiled, filthy and begrimed from their privileged positions, including the spoils that come their way predominantly through their wrongful manipulation of power and information that “We the People” do not enjoy. Right, Madam Speaker?

As Hanson argues in his Hillsdale lectures on “American Citizenship and Its Decline”, the ancient concept of citizenship rested upon a middle class. The Greeks surmised their city-states

required a strong, independent and self-sufficient *mesoi*, or middle ones. Their rationale was not only genius, but utilitarian, as well.

The early Greeks concluded the wealthy were too-far removed from community concerns to be useful. They worried the rich might corrupt government towards their own self-interests rather than directing their riches to the common welfare. The poor, it seems, were of little use. They relied solely on others, e.g., the state, for their sustenance. Indeed, the middle class filled the seats in the assembly, filled the phalanx when called to war, and owned and farmed their own land. Sounds very much like our early Revolutionary “parents”, doesn’t it?

A middle-class, then, works against Marxist philosophy, notes Hanson. Marx held that history is replete with class conflict: rich vs. poor; oppressor vs. oppressed. CRT, anyone? Clearly, a strong middle class, particularly among the so-called blue-collar workers, proves Marx to be the liar he was. Consider the “Golden State” as a cautionary tale. In the 1960s, California possessed the largest middle class in the United States. What happened?

Unlike Idaho, California has no constitutional requirement to balance its annual budget. Today, following the Left taking over after Reagan’s last curtain call as governor, California bears the largest aggregate tax load in the United States. Wonder why the Treasure Valley is growing? Wonder no more. Welcome to the New World Order of “Build Back Better”!

The Middle Class Citizen is Susceptible to Propaganda

Because a divided citizenry does not trust the central government’s information, meaning those on the Left do not trust center-right governments and vice versa, the citizenry is susceptible to propaganda (psyops, information operations, psychological warfare). The main-stream media knows this. Since the Clinton Administration, when the curtain on “Advocacy Journalism” was pulled back for all to see corporate news media moguls manipulating and spinning their information product that heavily favored Leftists, alternative means of communication soon began popping up. Conservative-talk radio and Newsmax television serve as two examples.

Today, America has more media choice than ever in our history. Accordingly, we know that conservatives consume conservative media and liberals, liberal media. Over sixty years ago, psychologist Leon Festinger, in his Theory of Cognitive Dissonance, posited that humans are predisposed to avoid information conflicting with their pre-existing beliefs. The Apostle Paul, writing to his “true child in faith”, Timothy, put it a little differently, but with the same result. “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching...and turn away from listening to

the truth and wander into myths.” (2 Tim 4: 3-4.) Anyone for another round of Russian Collusion?
Turn off the TV and read one of the classics—each week.