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INDEPENDENCE DAY! REALLY?



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By Gale Palmer

What "independence" will we really celebrate this July 4th? Independence from what? Mind you, I love liberty, but, as enumerated in our Bill of Rights, it is missing these days! We need a "license" to even gather publicly to celebrate! We live in a socialistically engineered politically correct world! A child can swear, discuss sex, and "act out" in class, he can hit the teacher or throw a tantrum, but let him make a "finger gun" and see what happens. In a number of such cases, the first grader has been suspended from school, his parents counseled, and etc. Let a child pray or read a Bible in class and the "establishment" comes unglued! Do I sound jaded? A bit angry? No, No, No! You've totally misread me. I'm foaming-at-the-mouth FURIOUS!

I'm sick and tired of an Executive Branch, whose responsibility is to enforce Constitutional law, criminalizing those who obey the Constitution while totally disregarding it themselves! I'm sick and tired of a



Judicial Branch, whose responsibility is to determine if laws passed by Congress are Constitutional, rewriting the Constitution! I'm sick and tired of an elitist Congress, whose job is to REPRESENT "the people" and protect the Constitution, but who in truth conspire with the evil corporations who pay millions in campaign contributions and the like, voting themselves into the world's "Billionaire Club" while trampling underfoot the faith, rights, and liberty of "the people!" The Constitution Party supports and defends Constitutional Government and is officially listed* on the Government's potential terrorist list as an anti-government group.

I'm sick and tired of mobster government! (Did I say I was sick and tired?) Yes, I'm sick and tired of:

- Lying politicians:
- Policeman that act like Rambo on steroids:

- Un-constitutional bureaucratic meddling in families and business:
- Un-constitutional agencies deciding how much they are going to steal from you:
- Private banks counterfeiting paper and calling it "legal" tender:



- Mouthy minorities with money who determine how congress votes:
- Foreign nations deciding what we will do in our own sovereign nation while residing rent-free on our soil.



Don't get me started!

"INDEPENDENCE?" Try a little target practice on your own land and see how independent you are! Build an addition on your own home with your own money! Fly a United States flag on

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your house! Pray in public school! Talk about politics from your church pulpit! Try renting a public building for a church service. Independent? Wow! You got me started!

Ask yourselves "Why?" and "How?" did it get this far. I blame (myself included) all those who call themselves "Christians!" Yes, you read correctly! CHRISTIANS! Christ said the "gates of Hell could not prevail" against His Church, but it seems "His Church" has accepted Hell's invitation to join!



Thomas Jefferson wrote in his *Notes on the State of Virginia, Query XVIII, p. 237,*

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that

His justice cannot sleep forever: That a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become probable by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event."

God's Word says in II Chronicles 7:14, *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

You want liberty again? Constitutional Government of the people, by the people? Remember this: *"...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* (2 Corinthians 3:17b) Real independence begins in the individual heart with the acknowledgement that without God, we are but beasts!

**Following Info Provided by Don Shrader, CP of Ohio Chairman & Gale Joy - Secretary.*

From a Government Paper entitled, "ACTIVE PATRIOT GROUPS in the United States in 2013."

THE INTELLIGENCE PROJECT IDENTIFIED 1,096 ANTIGOVERNMENT "PATRIOT" GROUPS THAT WERE ACTIVE IN 2013. Of these groups, 240 (Ohio 30) were militias, marked with an asterisk, and the remainder includes "common-law" courts, publishers, ministries and citizens' groups. "Generally, Patriot groups define themselves as opposed to the 'New World Order,' engage in groundless conspiracy theorizing, or advocate or adhere to extreme antigovernment

doctrines. Listing here does not imply that the groups themselves advocate or engage in violence or other criminal activities, or are racist. The list was compiled from field reports, Patriot publications, the Internet, law enforcement sources and news reports. Groups are identified by the city, county or region where they are located."

America First Party of Ohio Cleveland

American Patriot Party Statewide

Constitution Party Delaware - Eaton

Don't Tread on Me Cleveland

Eagle Forum Statewide

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide

John Birch Society Statewide

Oath Keepers Statewide - Willoughby

Note: It is interesting that being pro-Constitution is considered to be "antigovernment."

Download Entire List:

<http://www.cpofohio.org/PDF/ActivePatriotGroups-2014.pdf>



A Celebration of Dependence

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On July 4th, as a nation we will celebrate the 238th anniversary of "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, announcing our declaration of independence from Great Britain. Concerning the signing of this great document, John Adams declared:

"It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, guns,

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Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward and forevermore.”

Many of us will celebrate by flaunting current laws that have been instituted to protect us from ourselves by making most fireworks in the hands of individual citizens illegal. Some will build bonfires in their yards in violation of current state laws regulating the size and conditions of “recreational camp fires” without a permit, thereby protecting the environment as well as us from ourselves. One must wonder what John Adams, among other Founding Fathers, would think of our present restrictions and other governmental regulations and “protections” imposed upon us.

The Declaration of Independence is not just a declaration of our nation’s independence from Great Britain; more importantly it is a declaration of independence for the right of each individual citizen to be free from an oppressive, tyrannical, despotic, or other governmental system that usurps the rights, freedoms, and liberties of any person. The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence opens with “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these

are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” What is described herein are not corporate rights but is a declaration of the rights of each individual endowed to each person by our Creator. The document immediately continues by declaring that the purpose of governments is to secure these rights for the individual by “deriving their just Powers from the consent of the Governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right (and duty) of the People to alter or to abolish it.” Benjamin Franklin said of the Declaration, “[I]t is a common observation here that our cause is the cause of all mankind, and that we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own....” Thomas Jefferson wrote, “The Declaration of Independence...[is the] declaratory charter of our rights and the rights of man.”



Our forefathers admonished us time and again to forcefully and deliberately

guard these freedoms, liberties, and independence from encroachment by our governments. But, sadly, by and large, we did not listen to, nor heed, their warnings. This, nonetheless, is the history of mankind from the beginning – giving up liberty, freedom, and independence for government provided security. Under God’s Promise to Abraham, his heirs had tremendous freedom and independence. But in Exodus 18 we find that the people could not handle freedom and independence and therefore ended up in numerous disputes with their neighbors (verses 13-18) such that the job of mediator was overly burdensome for Moses, as well as for the Israelites themselves. They then willingly gave up much of their freedom, liberty, and independence for the constraints of The Law. As declared in Romans 3 by the Apostle Paul regarding the Law, “Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.” Then in I Samuel 8, we see the Israelites further willingly giving up their freedoms, liberty, and independence for security and provisions provided by a central government. We read that “all the elders” came to Samuel to demand that Samuel “appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” How many times regarding various

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social issues do the liberals/progressives and others compare us to the other nations such as the European universal health care system? Sounds familiar, does it not! Samuel objects but God notes, "Listen to all that the people are saying to you, it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me (their Creator God) as their king."

Even after the people are further warned regarding all the abuses that a king will inflict upon them, I Samuel 8:39 tells us, "But the people refused to listen to Samuel. No! they said. We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and go out before us and fight our battles." In other words, we do want to be self-sufficient and provide for our own security and take personal responsibility for our life and our needs, we want the government to do that for us, whatever the cost.



It was the spirit of rugged individualism in America that created its great wealth. These pioneers were

independent free men, free to pursue their dreams and happiness, free from the bonds of dependency except for their dependence upon their Creator God. Fueled by the right of property, the right to keep the financial rewards of one's creativeness, diligence, investment of resources, and overall hard work, the nation's economy boomed alongside technical advancements far beyond the technological innovations of any prior nation, culture, or civilization in recorded history. Probably the closest rival was the Roman culture when it was a republic and its citizens were able to keep the financial rewards of their labor and creativity. As described in books and pamphlets like *The 5,000 Year Leap*, our nation, within a couple hundred years, transformed from a typical culture of hand tools and mule drawn plows to one of powered vehicles and major manufacturing industries. Never before was there a transformation as occurred in the United States of America. Hundreds of thousands of legal immigrants flocked to this country in the hope beyond hope that they too could share in the freedom of independence girded by self-reliance and personal responsibility.

So what happened to that spirit of independence and rugged individualism whereby we willingly and

longingly took responsibility for our own destiny and the consequences thereof?



How did we become such a nation of dependents desirous of the Government or others to provide for our security and ensure our happiness? Karl Marx, the father of modern day Communism, proposed that capitalism and a democratic form of government would ultimately end in Communistic socialism, which he regarded as a higher form of responsible government. I remember when I was in high school, the leading Communists stated (as they had been saying years before) that they would take over America without firing a shot; that America would self-destruct from within. Of course, people like Bill Ayers, a leading proponent of Communism in America and one of Obama's primary mentors, worked with others of like mind for many years to make that happen – along with an occasional bombing here and there.

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In spite of the warnings of our forefathers, we have become a nation of dependents rather than independents. It has been said that the Cycle of Democracy has been summarized as:

- From bondage to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From great courage to liberty (independence under the rule of law);
- From liberty to abundance;
- From abundance to complacency;
- From complacency to apathy;
- From apathy to dependence;
- From dependence to bondage (the rule of men)

Our founding fathers tried to break this cycle by creating a Constitutional Democratic Republic, based upon the rule of law, rather than a democracy that is based upon the rule of the majority. But, alas, we have morphed into a democracy, thinking it best that the people have the control rather

than representative statesmen under the rule of law. For instance, look at the protection of states' rights carefully crafted by our founding fathers but then totally undermined and given up by passage of the 17th amendment, electing Senators by popular vote rather than by the State Legislatures. The liberal educators of society convinced us that democracy was the best form of government and



therefore it was more appropriate to elect Senators by popular vote rather than for them to be elected/appointed by the State Legislatures as originally provided, established specifically to protect states' rights. So, where are we as a society now in the Cycle of Democracy?

There is a rather well known quotation that says, "A democracy cannot exist

as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits with the result the democracy collapses because of the loose fiscal policy ensuing, always to be followed by a dictatorship, then a monarchy."

The quotation, or portions thereof, has been attributed to a variety of well-known people from Franklin to Jefferson to de Tocqueville. In fact, they may have said similar things without making this exact statement. The actual quote may be from an obscure author but that makes it no less true. And while the actual author may be unknown, it is known that this saying has been around for 150 to 200 years or more. Plus, we do

know that every democratic type of government in history has failed because of similar occurrences. Our founding fathers, as profound students of history, particularly political history, knew this as well. I am certain that is why when asked, "What type of government did you give us Mr. Franklin?" he replied, "A Republic ma'am, if you can keep it!"

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By and large, we as a body of citizens have failed to keep it. Of course, we are now well beyond just the financial security that "big brother" can provide for us. In the last decade we have allowed the Federal Government to totally destroy any remaining vestige of independence we had when we allowed President Bush and the Republicans to protect us by passing The Patriot Act and creating the Department of Homeland Security and subsequently the TSA (Transportation Security Administration), all under the guise of protecting us from terrorists. Openly object to any TSA agent regarding the fact that they are destroying our freedoms and liberties and they will likely respond that they are doing this for our safety. (I have done it and that has been their reply repeatedly.) Remember, it was the Federal Government protecting us that instructed all airline passengers not to confront any airplane hijackers but just let them go wherever they plan to go and let the government there handle the problem. This advice from our Federal Government cost us over 3,000 American lives in a matter of a few hours on 9/11/2001, and has now not only cost us our personal rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution but also cost us untold billions of dollars foolishly spent reconstructing airports and other facility secure areas and structures

along with "creating" over 250,000 Federal jobs for the Department of Homeland Security (to include the 100,000 in the TSA) along with untold local requirements for additional staffing to ensure our security at the local level.



Now, thanks to the clamoring of the general public to find ways for others to provide for their health care, we have The Patient Protection (underline mine) and Affordable Care Act otherwise known as "ObamaCare." (It probably should be known as "Pelosi-Reid Care" although it was ultimately upheld by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, even ones considered to be TEA Party conservatives.) My wife and I lived for many years without being able to afford health insurance for her because of pre-existing health conditions.

As a self-employed independent businessman, healthcare for my wife

was essentially unobtainable. So you would think I would welcome ObamaCare. After all, that is one of the primary tenets on which it has been sold (and sold us down the river of dependence). It is interesting that the same legislators that instituted ObamaCare over our objections are the same ones, by and large, that obstructed every proposal put forth to Congress that would have allowed me the opportunity to purchase affordable health care for my wife. But those proposals would have given me (and my wife) (and numerous other small independent businesses and businessmen) the freedom to choose outside of much of the control and oversight of the Federal Government over my healthcare choices and my life. Of course, those in power deemed me and millions of others too stupid to make intelligent choices over such matters, thus they had to create a system giving those in power more power over every aspect of our lives, which ObamaCare essentially does. I find it frustrating that it is against Federal Regulations under The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 for me to use my mobile phone while picking up prescriptions at my local pharmacy. I usually would not use it out of common courtesy for the pharmacist serving me (unless I needed to check on something with

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my wife who might be elsewhere while I am picking up the prescriptions for her – which is usually the case), but to be restricted by Federal Regulation supposedly protecting me, is an absolute usurpation of my freedoms.

Other vestiges of the Federal Government seeking control of our lives under the guise of helping and protecting us are such programs as the Bush/Republican sponsored “No Child Left Behind” which has now morphed into the “Common Core Curriculum” whereby the Federal Government has essentially taken over total control of our children’s education. Vladimir Lenin said, “Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted.” So how much more of an encroachment on the liberties and freedoms of future generations is it when we give our Government 12 or more years to sow the seeds of dependency?

This aura of dependency whereby we demand that the Government provide for our every need reaches down from the Federal level to the State level. Look at where we are in Ohio. Some years ago, under Governor Gilligan, Ohioans passed the State income tax to “solve” the school funding issue equitably across the state. It was sold as the answer to local funding issues, soaking the rich and the corporations in wealthy districts for the benefit of all, i.e. “free money” for the majority of school districts, thereby relieving individuals of the tax burden of local property taxes to pay for the schools.

Now progressive Republican Governor Kasich, under his education plan called “Achievement Everywhere,” wants to basically revitalize and revamp a failed plan of former liberal Republican Governor Taft; Kasich’s plan calls for “dollars to follow students into the classrooms based on their individual needs...,” i.e. take from the rich and give to those in need. So what is the difference between this and Obama’s income redistribution plan other than a matter of size? As stated earlier, Karl Marx

surmised that the ultimate end of democracy would be Communism and what is the difference between Kasich’s plan and Marx’s maxim, “From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs” other than scope? Nothing!

So as Earl Pitts, self-proclaimed American Redneck and one of a local radio personality’s on-air voices, used to say, “Wake up Amurika!!” My fear is that because of a general apathy, the vast majority of Americans will not wake up until the only thing left to celebrate will be our “Declaration of Dependence” for us and especially for our heritage. I would love to think, and I hope against hope, that we could skip that “bondage” phase of the Cycle of Democracy and move again to spiritual faith, great courage, and then to liberty and independence again under a revitalized constitutional republic. Certainly this can only be accomplished via dependence upon our Creator God, should the Lord tarry. Maranatha!



*Have A Blessed
and Safe July 4th !*