

From the Chairman,

By George McClellan... Capitalism vs. Socialism

"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered"... Thomas Jefferson, 1802 (Are we there yet?...George McClellan)

Former President Jimmy Carter, happily a one term president, casts a long shadow, that shadow being Barrak Obama. That Jimmy, after so many years out of office is still alive, is surely a tribute to his good genes. But, I suspect his longevity can be directly attributed to the Lord who occasionally enjoys a good joke and who has seen fit to save Jimmy to stand as a pitiful example as to what depths he has helped the Democrat Party, and America, sink in its single-minded drive to make all Americans equal in our country and our country equal in the world.

We are in perilous times. The inmates are clearly running the institution, except poor Jimmy Carter, who wished he were. Because the inmates are in charge we are soon to become the victims of supreme intellectual tampering with histories greatest experiment in governmental success and its unintended consequences of equal misery for all

We are now engaged in a great struggle between two contending ideas, Capitalism and Socialism. Socialism has left us an indelible record of failure after failure after failure and not one single instance of success. Capitalism, as practiced in those western countries that have embraced it, has succeed beyond all expectations giving its citizens prosperity and the highest living standards in the world and is now under assault by the 'left' because it denies, they claim, equal success for all. There are too many poor people under capitalism who have been ignored by industry and it is governments job to change that. The poor, they say, must share in the rewards of the producers.

Well, Capitalism wasn't designed to help the poor! Capitalism is the unequal distribution of wealth. But, it provides anybody, even the poor, an equal opportunity to succeed, not simply because they are there, but because the value they have as an employee is marketable through training, experience and education, the three main steps of success through personal responsibility, a great American trait.

Socialism, on the other hand is the equal distribution of poverty except, of course, for the ruling class, those supreme intellectuals who want us to think they know better then we do on how to live our lives. The world is full of good examples of this form of poverty from Zimbabwe to Mexico.

America was founded on Christian principles and helping the poor, as well as ones self and family, is a Christian responsibility and here lies the first point of difference. Some may complain that as an individual they don't feel personally obligated to help the poor,

but, they say, somebody should. So. they are willing to stick a gun in our ribs (read government) and make us pay. They feel better about it then. However, as a Christian and a producer, but not a Capitalist, it is my responsibility what I do with my money and not theirs. I contend it is my right not to help others who do not bother to help themselves. It is up to the individual to decide to help or not. Americans in every walk of life are found selflessly giving of themselves, their funds, their time and their labor in helping others to survive storm, pestilence, famine and war. Who says that government, any government, can do it better? I certainly resist the idea of those liberal do-gooders who choose to generously help others with my money and I seriously object to the using of government to do it. Why do we not challenge those liberals who strike a superior pose when being generous with other peoples money. Those funds have been obtained by confiscation (taxes) of their hard earned wages? By permitting them to do so we have acquiesced to the claims they have imposed upon us. It is time to change that!

An argument was advanced by our community organizer president recently when he commented to an interviewer: “**How do we balance our freedom with our need to look after one another?**” A noble thought indeed and on the surface of it, who could deny not doing something to help the “less fortunate?” But, if the government requires us to look after one another then we have lost our freedom to choose who to help, choose how to help, and choose when to help. We will be required to help, but to ease the pain, through confiscation of our earnings, the government will gladly do it for us. Another loss of one of our freedoms. It’s as though the government (Liberal/Socialist) that’s coming believes Americans won’t voluntarily help the poor so the government must do it for them (this is a vote getter too).

I’m old enough to remember when a Democratic congress required the father, in a family on welfare, to contribute to his families economic status. Whoa! The law of unintended consequences then kicked in. The fathers left! So, for the last fifty plus years, we have seen inner-city single mother families grow and grow and the streets fill with hopeless young men and boys with no prospects and missing any opportunity to share in the American dream of individual achievement and success. Government did it, not private charities or individuals! The answer to Obama’s question is, of course, that ‘freedom’ should always be first and that charity must come from the private sector in the Christian community, as it always has, and not from the government.

Be sure you attend the GOP and TEA party meetings. These are happening events where you, as a voter, can meet the people who want to represent you and express your disdain for the onerous taxes the Liberals want to foist on you. Get involved, but don’t just do nothing. Go to. gilmergop.org and www.gilmernews.net for further information.

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