



SPOTLIGHT

Betrayed By Uncle Sam... Again

It may be the greatest betrayal of Americans by their own government in U.S. history, right up there with Congress raiding the Social Security "lockbox" to pay current expenses. In that latter instance, the \$2.8 trillion surplus that the Social Security Administration amassed from the mid-1980s through 2020 has been invested in interest-bearing Treasury securities. In other words, by investing in T-bills, the SSA has loaned the federal government money for its general operating budget, money that will have to be repaid to cover future benefits by borrowing even more money (with interest) down the road.

Got it?

As a result of that "rob Peter now to pay Paul later" mentality, Social Security is expected to deplete its trust fund by 2037, after which benefits will have to be reduced by approximately 25% for the program to remain solvent. That means that a government program that was built upon the shoulders of Baby Boomers in the workforce is projected to collapse when those same Boomers are fully retired.

Sounds like a Ponzi scheme on steroids to me.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

There is a reason why the First Amendment is first. Simply put, it is because all our other constitutional rights flow directly from it.

The right to worship God - or to pretend He doesn't exist - as we see fit. The right to speak freely, expressing our views whether they are popular and politically correct or not. The right to publish or broadcast those same views without the fear of being censored, fined, or imprisoned. And the right to gather together with other like-minded citizens to protest the actions of our government.

Look around you, my friend, and you will notice that quite a few of those precious and inalienable rights are being infringed upon. Gradually, perhaps, but inexorably and with increasing speed. And the #1 perpetrator is the very entity that is supposed to protect those rights: the government of the United States of America.

Don't believe me? Try to hold church services during the pandemic and you were sure to be on Uncle Sam's ever-present and far-reaching radar. That's exactly what happened to a

pastor in Florida, a relatively conservative state, and here was the rationale...

"Last night I made the decision to seek an arrest warrant for the pastor of a local church who intentionally and repeatedly chose to disregard the orders set in place by our president, our governor, the CDC and the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group," Sheriff Chad Chronister told reporters. "His reckless disregard for human life put hundreds of people from his congregation at risk and thousands of residents who may interact with them this week."

The same thing happened to a gym owner in New Jersey who refused to submit to Gov. Phil Murphy's draconian pandemic policies. He was slammed with 80 different criminal charges and forced to pay fines totaling \$165,000... only to be vindicated four years later when a judge dropped all the charges.

Was it wise to conduct indoor services or open a gym during the height of the pandemic? Quite frankly, that's not for you, me, or Uncle Sam to decide. Under the free assembly clause, the authority to open the church or gym doors rested solely on the pastor (and the church leadership) and the gym owner. Likewise, the church's congregation and the gym members had the right to attend and/or patronize those establishments as they pleased without any government interference.

OK, Dale, what about the freedom of

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fault for a lack of foresight and political courage when it comes to Social Security, the blame for the more recent betrayal that is the subject of this article lays squarely at the feet of the Democratic Party. Under the Biden-Harris administration and its open border policy, money in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's annual budget that should have been earmarked for disaster relief has instead been allocated to house and feed illegal immigrants, providing them with free cell phones and debit cards while hardworking Americans foot the bill.

Now, in the devastating wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we have been told by DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas that FEMA is out of money. Luxury hotels for illegals, but no disaster relief funds for the victims of Helene and Milton who have lost their homes, their possessions, and their loved ones.

Well, I shouldn't say "no" disaster relief funds because Vice President Kamala Harris recently assured

taxpayers in North Carolina and other affected areas that they are eligible for \$750 in federal monies (some reports are that these are actually loans, not direct payments. In either case, it is downright insulting.)

Hmmm... just imagine what a person who has lost his home or business and all its contents can do with a whopping \$750?

Even worse, FEMA is now in no position to assist American citizens devastated by Milton because it mismanaged its \$33 billion budget, only \$20 billion of which is actually designated for major disaster relief. How incompetent, unconscionable, and unforgiveable is that?

By comparison, Samaritan's Purse operates on a \$1 billion annual budget and provides far more emergency relief in a far more effective manner. According to Christianity Today, "the organization's 160,000-square-foot warehouse and offices in North Wilkesboro, NC employ 385 people who buy, repair, maintain and retrofit millions of dollars' worth of medical equipment, generators and water filtration systems, much of them donated. The warehouse has six emergency field

hospitals ready to ship, four with tents, hospital beds, anesthesiology equipment, X-ray machines, and surgical suites - all engineered to fold into a plane's fuselage. There are also miles of plastic tarps, mountains of clothing and boxes full of small brown teddy bears with the Samaritan's Purse logo - a cross inside a circle."

Speaking of Samaritan's Purse founder and CEO Franklin Graham, retired public relations executive Mark DeMoss said, "Franklin always liked the challenge of getting on the ground fast and cutting through red tape and bureaucracy. He wants to go where others can't go, get set up quicker than others and show (people) you're on the ground."

Sounds like exactly what the folks in Asheville, Maggie Valley, and Chimney Rock need now... as well as the folks in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Ft. Myers.

And so, I suggest the following: impeach Secretary Mayorkas for a second time and turn the rest of FEMA's annual operating budget over to Samaritan's Purse.

Obama Give Me a Phone

It is a sound bite that will live in infamy.

During the 2012 presidential campaign, a news reporter interviewed a woman in Bedford, OH who was participating in a sign-waving rally for President Obama. When the reporter asked why she was supporting Obama's re-election bid, the

lady said, "Obama give me a phone. Everybody in Cleveland and every minority's got a phone."

The woman then doubled down on her support for the sitting president by saying that all it took to get an "Obama phone" was to sign up for food stamps, Social Security, disability, or to have a low income.

The interview ended with the lady saying that Mitt Romney "sucks bad", apparently because he

wouldn't give her free handouts as readily as President Obama.

And that, my friend is one of the biggest problems in America. Ever since LBJ and the Great Society, an increasing number of Americans have become lazy, content to sit on their derrieres and collect government benefits instead of working. For them, sucking on Uncle Sam's teat has become a way of life...

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speech? Doesn't Facebook, Twitter, and other privately owned media outlets have the right to restrict their content? The answer is yes, but the federal government should not be pressuring them to do so, which is exactly what happened in the fall of 2020 when the Hunter Biden laptop story was suppressed and anything Covid-related that contradicted Dr. Anthony Fauci, the NIH, and the CDC was immediately removed from social media platforms.

Of course, vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz wouldn't have any problem with Uncle Sam arm-twisting newspaper editors and other opinion makers so that they toe the government's line. After all, the Progressive governor of Minnesota is on record as saying that there is "no guarantee to free speech on misinformation or hate speech, and especially around our democracy."

But who is to decide what is misinformation or hate speech, Tim? You? The swamp creatures that perpetually inhabit and infest Washington D.C.? The liberal elite on Martha's Vineyard or the reprobates in Hollywood?

The point is that when we start restricting speech because we deem it hateful or untrue, we have started down a very slippery slope towards totalitarianism. The same goes for stripping away our other First Amendments rights because of a pandemic, a natural disaster, or the personal whims of a government official, elected or not.

Raise your dissenting voices now, folks, because tomorrow those same voices - and that same dissent - may land you in court or in jail... at least if Tim Walz has his way.

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and a preferred one at that.

Democrats have long recognized - and exploited - this growing trend while Republicans, to their credit, still believe in the Protestant work ethic and the American dream. Here are just a few examples of how the Democratic Party has perpetuated the idea of a permanently dependent underclass who will vote for (and sell their souls to) whomever offers them the most freebies.

Despite being told multiple times by the courts that it was unconstitutional, President Biden has tried again and again to offer loan forgiveness to college students in one of the most transparent and egregious examples of buying votes with taxpayers' money in U.S. history.

What's next, Joe? Mortgage forgiveness? Car loan forgiveness? How about credit card and vacation home forgiveness?

The entire premise of Biden's student loan forgiveness plan is that poor unsuspecting college kids were too dumb or too immature to understand the terms of the loans they took out in order to get a bachelor's degree in art history, ethnic studies, fashion design, or film production. For the record, those degrees rank #3, #11, #12, and #13 on EDsmart's list of the 20 most useless college degrees.

And yet, the Democratic Party has floated the idea of lowering the voting age to 16. So, let me get this right. Eighteen-year-olds are too incompetent to comprehend the terms of their college loans, but 16-year-olds are fully capable of electing the next leader of the free world. Got it.

Then there is Vice President Kamala Harris, who has taken political pandering to a whole new level. In

a desperate attempt to buy votes, she is proposing to give first-time homebuyers \$25,000 towards a down payment. Hmmm... where is this money supposed to come from, Ms. Harris? Aren't we already \$35 trillion in debt, largely because of nonessential government spending and borrowing?

And isn't that unfair to homeowners who had to come up with their own down payments without any help from Uncle Sam... just like President Biden's student loan forgiveness plan slights people who paid off their own loans, didn't go to college, or chose a more practical major and/or a less expensive public university?

As her campaign flounders and her poll numbers in key battleground states continue to plummet, Ms. Harris now wants to give \$1 million fully forgivable loans to Black entrepreneurs. Can you imagine the outcry if a white presidential candidate proposed giving start-up loans to

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white-only entrepreneurs? Another key point of Harris's "Opportunity Agenda for Black Men" is to legalize recreational marijuana, presumably so black drug dealers can make a decent living without hav-

ing to worry about being arrested.

Folks, please don't take the bait. Biden and Harris are world-class political con artists who will say and do virtually anything to win election and stay in power... and Tim Walz is cut from the same un-seemly cloth.

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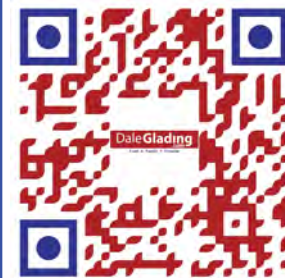
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