

## Yankee Steve's Column

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### Exchanging Capitalism for Socialism

Childbirth is never easy but it has its rewards. It leads to hugs, kisses, birthdays, and precious memories. The birth of Capitalism or the free market, which took place during the last 250 years, was accompanied by a great deal of pain. It was as if this gifted child had been caught in the fallopian tube. (That is what happens sometimes when a woman tries to give birth after she has had an abortion.)

Even if the birth of Capitalism was difficult it has led to the best of times, not the worst of times. The free market, or what some call the "market," has improved much of mankind beyond the wildest dreams of those who realized early on that the newborn had a right to life and that it showed promise.

There has been an increase in prosperity throughout the entire world that can only be explained by one word, Capitalism, whose sibling is democracy. We cannot say the same thing about Socialism. If you travel through Eastern Europe where Socialism reigned without a rival, you will want to borrow the words of trash television host Maury Povich and say, "You are the father!" It wasn't Capitalism that made these nations backward; it was Socialism. There are 65 products and services through which you can determine the wealth and prosperity of a nation. In the U.S.S.R. heyday, when the central government had the power to change the calendar if it had a notion to do so, the Soviets could compete with the West in only one category, big trucks, and those they had to palm off on the Eastern Bloc nations.

I repeat the birth of Capitalism was not easy. The Socialists, from the time that Capitalism began to lift people above the poverty line, stood to oppose it. It is as if they stood by the midwife waiting for the child to be delivered so they could bag it and throw into the dumpster like those abortion ghoulies. Nevertheless the child was allowed to break through the matrix.

### **Surprise, Surprise!**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt (a best friend of Socialism) was forced one day to take long hard look at the prejudicial nature of Socialism. Socialists wouldn't even give Capitalism a fighting chance. Reacting to this FDR suggested that we should look askance at "A program whose basic thesis is, not that the system of free enterprise for profit, has failed in this generation, but that it has not been tried." The Socialists were worse than the old Spartans who would inspect a child before they threw it away. How do you explain the deep-seated prejudice of Socialism?

## Ideologues

The Socialist is an ideologue. He wants Socialism even if it does not work. That explains why he has never been willing to even give Capitalism an opportunity to succeed. When challenged about this he resorts to his favorite word, “disparity.” We simply cannot live in a world where some people have more than others. He forgets to mention of course that the greatest attack ever on disparity was launched by the Capitalists. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century and before Socialism began to enter the mainstream of American politics the standard of living enjoyed by the American worker moved upward on seven separate occasions. The living standard of the average worker only became static when the Socialists took over the economy.

What am I leading up to? Just this dear reader: This is generation has tested Capitalism like no other before it. And look at what happened? One-fourth of the world’s population in the last 30 years has been lifted above the poverty line. I confess this makes me as much an ideologue as any Socialist. I will never apologize for trying to promote the market.

Now if Capitalism has proven to be so effective I have to ask, “Why are some politicians trying to exchange Capitalism for Socialism?” Answer me Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, Harry Reid, Henry Waxman, and Howard Dean. Are you ideologically challenged, pig-headed or just plain stupid?

These people are worse than the Spartans. The Spartans exposed the malformed to the weather and the wolves because such a child could never be made fit for battle. But these politicians want to do away with a child after it has come to maturity and after it has acquitted itself honorably on the battlefield. Listen to Dean, who has on any number of occasions made us think that he’s taken a wrong turn,

**“Capitalism will have to come to terms with Socialism . . . the future will be a mix of Socialism and Capitalism”.**

Be advised Mr. Dean that Capitalism and Socialism are polar opposites. It is a case of the Capulets and the Montagues. Any attempt to marry Capitalism to Socialism will lead to a tragedy. Economics is like a horse, only one rider can hold the reins. We must choose - Adam Smith and the free market or Socialism and centralization. The attempt to mix the economy making it a combination of Socialism and Capitalism will turn out like those marriages in which an atheist marries a Christian. The home will not be Christian; it will be secular.

Dean would do well to read Frank Meyer [1909-72], political philosopher,

There is no middle ground in a modern industrial society between the separation of powers which capitalism has created and the road to centralization and tyranny which socialism envisages. A “mixed economy” adds economic power to the state, which already possesses political and military power. Strength breeds strength and the state is

strong enough without economic power of any kind. Add that to it, and it is bound to grow steadily at the expense of the privately owned sector of the economy until the “mixed economy” flowers a full-fledged socialist economy.

Europe has slowly over time transformed Capitalism into Socialism. And what is the result? The European Union is still 25 years behind America. Shall we back-track into its footsteps? We will if America continues to send to government men who think like Obama who not too long ago had the temerity to say “I am not an ideologue.” Of all the whoppers this man has spoken this is by far the biggest.

Please Mr. President, do not take us for fools. Anyone can see that Socialism has made great strides since you have come to office. No wonder House Speaker Pelosi, an avowed Socialist, adores you. I think she burns incense while chanting "Obaaaaaamaaaa." I'm guessing she will want you to be godfather to one of her grandchildren. That would seem appropriate since your administration acts like the Mafia. Bribery and Chicago-style tactics are now associated with your White House. Your bullying of the British Petroleum company has shown us again that you are a Mafia-like Socialist. You have no right to demand that BP turn over any of its assets which is what you are now trying to do in the name of equity. **BP does not stand for Barack Power!**

U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann [R-MN] said,

Private companies need to be held accountable but not necessarily to the executive branch . . . It seems to me there's a misreading of the Constitution and a misunderstanding of jurisdictional limits from this White House on what the extent of executive power is. They don't seem to understand that and it - now it seems that it's all about extortion - and that what they want to do is create a pot of money for themselves that they can control and that's not what the Executive is supposed to do. There is a real misreading of jurisdictional limits, and they continue to stretch those limits beyond all bounds.

Obama's administration to put it politely is authoritarian. Obama may know little about Harold Laski, but historians remember him as the “the Pied Piper of Socialism,” who taught at the London School of Economics. Laski believed that the state is “the fundamental instrument of society.” I am convinced that Obama shares the same ideology and that he is an ideologue. He will push for Socialism even if it does not work, but he will put his own Chicago-style twist on it.

## **Conclusion**

Listen up America, if Capitalism has worked so well why are we putting road blocks in its path? If Socialism has a failure rate that stands at one hundred percent, why are we so determined to turn America into a Socialist camp? Please learn from the mistakes of others. Socialism (or the

centralizing of power) is the oldest form of government. We gave it multiple chances. What we need to do now is not throw the Capitalist baby out with the Gulf's oily water!

**“I shall try to correct errors when shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views so fast as they shall appear to be true views.”** Abraham Lincoln

Ever yours,

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