

Yankee Steve's Column
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To: Mr. Charlie Rose of Public Broadcasting

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This letter is about two interviews you conducted which to say the least I found disappointing. The first was with Gore Vidal in which you pandered to his sexual perversion. Have you no sense, no decency? The second was a recent interview with Dick Arme of FreedomWorks.org which of course was much more important.

I am wondering why in your interview with former Representative Arme you lost it. Is your tolerance only an act for television? Or is it that you are really and truly a Liberal, which has to mean that in the end you will explode if someone criticizes President Barack Obama or the idea of a "Living Constitution." I recall when interviewing Supreme Court Justice Antony Scalia that you took it upon yourself to promote the idea of a Living Constitution then also. This must be a hobby horse that you ride.

I noticed that in order to defend a Living Constitution you appealed to one or more justices on the High Court. Really and truly that is no defense! Ruth Bader Ginsburg sits on the High Court and she is indefensible.

From what I saw Rep. Arme managed to press the right button in you, and I think I know why. What set you off and running is that you think that anyone serving in government is patriotic. Well that depends on your understanding of what America is all about. Some people love America because of **what they will yet make of it**, while most of us love the America that I see slipping away from us.

Those of us who love America do so because of something that we find in and between the words of the U.S. Constitution; something that can certainly be articulated, but which also must be felt.

You must see that the difference between Arme and someone like Obama is that Obama looks out at America and he sees a mass of people, a commune of you like, while Arme looks out and sees a collection of individuals. Might I add that all those politicians in Congress, who are calling for a government option for health care and **mandating** the purchase of health insurance, are not Americans; like Obama they are communists and as such should be shipped off to Europe.

Arme had them in mind and others like them, when he said that they were not really American. They have drunk from a different well. No one can be an American and at the same time a European-style Socialist. Socialism runs contrary to both the spirit and the letter of the Constitution.

When will people like that understand that we are Yankees? We are fundamentally different from the Europeans. Above all we value personal freedom! We are federalists, not feudalists. We do not look to the lord of the manor, and we certainly do not want him looking over us.

How strange that those on the left demand privacy when it comes to abortion, but not when it comes to my right to do without mandated health insurance.

Leftists like to strong-arm people. I think they should be given a taste of their own medicine. If I was like them, and I am not, I would force them to read Friedrich von Hayek's *The Constitution of Liberty* where he distinguishes between liberty and coercion. Maybe they would learn something of the way the founders of our country thought.

Rep. Arney was not extreme in his views when he disparaged Obama who has been a terrible disappointment. Thomas Sowell is the best economist in America, and he is just as derogatory of Obama as Arney, no, more so! He knows that Obama is a radical. Sowell said,

President Obama's desire to do something "historic" by succeeding, where previous presidents had failed, was perfectly consistent for a man consumed with his own ego satisfaction, rather than the welfare of the country or even of his own political party.

Someone recently pointed out how much Barack Obama's style and strategies resemble those of Latin American charismatic despots - the takeover of industries by demagogues who never ran a business, the rousing rhetoric of resentment addressed to the masses and the personal cult of the leader promoted by the media. But do we want to become the world's largest banana republic?

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