

Yankee Steve's Column

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That Bunch on Wall Street

The first thing that you ask when you observe protesters is, "What do they want?" Is that what you thought when you first heard of the "Occupy Wall Street" protest? If you are like most Americans you might have thought that the occupiers were camping out on the sidewalk near the Stock Exchange because they want some of the same things we do.

Wouldn't you like to give the fat cats and flunkies on Wall Street a piece of your mind - those evil geniuses who took down the economy and never had to face recriminations?

Yes, I know that I would. You recognize as well as I do that heads should have rolled. But instead of a legal charges on a grand scale on the front page news, those financial executives in companies with names separated by hyphens were held in high esteem. They took home bonuses that would have made wealthy King Croesus swoon.

We have a name for the corporate bail-out. We call it Socialism.

The Socialist unlike the Capitalist can call on the government when the economy takes a downturn or their riskless dealings catch up with them. He can rely on programs like the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). When Wall Street bankers needed a bail-out, the bullish Congress said, "Well doggie, I thought you'd never ask, how much boys?" Do I have to tell you that when these same bigwigs make a profit, they respond typically, "Hey, you in the Congress, bug off, man. Yeah, hands off; the profits are mine, and the taxpayers must bear the losses."

I can see Karl Marx smiling in the shadows. Finally after so many years - America the hold-out - has caved. Socialism had tried to climb in through the window but now it is knocking on our front door. In addition to TARP we have Obama-care (the takeover of the health insurance industry), and we even have Obama-car, the seizure of the all-powerful automakers, Chrysler and General Motors.

Fifty-one percent of the American economy is now owned by the federal government. That is Socialism. I am not saying that Marx would have approved of this interventionism; he was too much in a hurry for control, but nevertheless he would have to look on it as progress in right direction.

Now if this is what the “OWS” crowd is angry about then I agree and they should be protesting not only at Wall Street but also on Pennsylvania Avenue. Congress, Presidents George W. Bush, and Barack Obama are at fault. The Wall Street powerbrokers were only doing what any self-respecting opportunist would if his government is indulgent and half-witted. Duh!

Now since the OWS crowd has set up their tents on Wall Street it makes me think that either they are stupid, or they are using unemployment figures and the fact that recessions rarely if ever affect the richest Americans to vent their unresolved hostility toward the wealthy. In other words these tent-dwellers may in fact be Socialists in the true sense of the word, meaning that they have always had it in for those who have more than they do.

This is a diverse mob but they seem to agree on their hostility toward the top one percent. Those who have done well in life are evil and as such they should be punished.

Why not take what they have and redistribute it?

A Word to the Wise

Engaging in effective protest requires skill. A good protester leaves nothing to doubt about what has galled him and he always makes certain that no one is able to co-opt his demonstration. The OWS crowd is so foolish that a many Americans do not know that they really want, and a lot of nuts have taken the edge off any OWS message.

This brings me to the Communist Saul Alinsky who knew how to turn a protest or a political meeting to his advantage. For example, when Bush 41 was running for President, Alinsky suggested that his followers attend one of his meetings dressed as white-sheeted Klansman.

That would give people the impression that Bush stood for the same things as the Klu Klux Klan even if that were not the case. If that seems unethical, remember that Alinsky, a Communist, had no ethics, only an agenda.

Now then, if I wanted OWS to fail, so that they would appear in a bad light, I would do nothing. If they proceed as they have sloganeering and refusing to wash and work, then it will become obvious that they are nothing more than a throw-back to all those previous sloths and degenerates who have wanted to do away with Capitalism.

I have only one question for the OWS gang. If you want to replace Capitalism with something else, what will that be? If it is Socialism then I can assure you that you will have to keep on protesting because it is an entrenched Socialism that brought you here to begin with.

Ever yours,

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