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"He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich...The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich." (Proverbs 10:4; 13:4)

"The free enterprise system is the engine of American exceptionalism and the pistons of that engine are entrepreneurs and small business people." – Dave





Recently Barack Obama once again showed his socialist leanings

on the scale of telling Joe the Plumber the redistribution of wealth is a good thing. On July 13th in Roanoke, VA said:

"There are a lot of wealthy, successful Americans who agree with me because they want to give something back," the president said. "If you've been successful, you didn't get there on your own. You didn't get there on your own. I'm always struck by people who think, well, it must be because I was just so smart. There are a lot of smart people out there. It must be because I worked harder than everybody else. Let me tell you something -- there are a whole bunch of hardworking people out there." (FOXNews.com)

Mr. Obama has handed his opponent a sword to metaphorically stab him with for the rest of the campaign. The outrage from small business owners and entrepreneurs

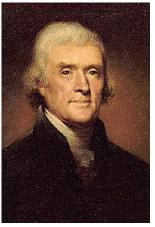
is deafening and the Obama Campaign is in the damage control mode, to little avail. He said one week later that the Romney campaign's outrage is "bogus" and that he is being taken out of context. He claimed he was talking only of "roads and bridges." You can read his <u>speech</u> and determine for yourself if he's being taking out of context.

But let's take Mr. Obama at his word. This would mean Henry Ford looked at the amazing roads and bridges WE the People, through our tax dollars and benevolent government, built and thought, "I need to invent some sort of vehicle to use these wonderful roads and bridges." And right away Henry went to work inventing the Model A.

Or in the 19th Century locomotive transportation was recommended by Colonel Stevens because the transcontinental railroad already existed.

Clearly, neither is the case.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The point of Barack Obama's class warfare is simply to continue the destructive Progressive practice of class envy. It is in his and all other Socialists' political DNA. Their founding document, The Communist Manifesto, begins with these words: "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." Our Founders would have outright rejected this manifesto had it been written 70 years earlier.

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence and our 3rd President of the United States

Property rights were and are key to a free society. Whether it be by land grabbing through the abusive use of imminent domain or heavy taxation, the quickest way to deny a freeman of his liberty is to chip away at his property.

And better yet is getting a freeman to believe he is incapable of fending for himself or making it on his own in a free market system of private enterprise. When a political party can get a majority of the voting public to become dependent upon government, then that party has a stranglehold on the governed. So is the motive and design of the Democrat Party. They want voters believing that small businessmen and entrepreneurs did not become successful through hard work and perseverance.

There is a biblical principle in play here with Progressives trying to share the wealth. Dr. Rod Martin, a close friend of mine, is the Founder and CEO of <u>The Martin Organization</u>, recently made this simple yet profound summation of the matter at hand:

In short, capitalism is the systematic keeping of the Golden Rule, while Socialism is the systematic breaking of the 10th Commandment.

That indeed sums up this battle for our economic freedom.

FROM THE PULPIT

"Friend, you cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. And what one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government can't give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody. And when half of the people get the idea they don't have to work because the other half's going to take care of them, and when the other half get the idea it does no good to work because somebody's going to get what I work for. That, dear friend, is about the end of any nation." Dr. Adrian Rogers, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN.

We have used this famous quote from Dr. Rogers in past editions of The Truth Newsletter. We will continue to use it as is appropriate because its teaching is timeless and telling.

As Dr. Martin stated, socialism thrives off of covetousness. A person who demands the earnings of another, no matter how rich the other person is, does so from a covetous heart. You must look at what the other person has, compare it to what you have, and desire to pilfer it. This theft is wrapped up in the idea of "fairness."

The Bible teaches us a simple principle on fairness when it comes to wealth and work:

"For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

The church most definitely needs to be at the forefront of meeting the needs of those who *cannot* work, but it must also stand up against those who *will* not work and expects someone else to meet their needs. The principle here is hunger is a great motivator.

Bryan Fischer, <u>Host</u> of Focal Point radio program on American Family Talk radio network recently tweeted this truth nugget:

Progressives do not want equality of opportunity but equality of outcome. The only way to get that is to punish achievers.

Any elected official or candidate who espouses the progressivism and social of which Dr. Rogers, Dr. Martin and Mr. Fischer speak out against are unworthy of our vote.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People must reject a government that insists on "equality of outcome." Any elected official or candidate who will not defend the citizens' right to private property and who uses class warfare is someone who should never hold public office. Here are some suggestions of how to counter class warfare:

- 1. If a person thinks it is okay to redistribute wealth from the makers to the takers, ask them why it is okay. Rarely does a progressive have a good reason for this belief. If someone cannot defend their position, then you might have a chance at showing them the foolishness of it.
- 2. <u>Send</u> a note to Barack Obama and condemn him for his class warfare. It is conduct unbecoming for a president; even an illegitimate one such as Obama.
- 3. If you or someone you know are receiving unemployment benefits and cannot find work, then go volunteer to work somewhere, anywhere. In fact, if you have a potential employer in mind, then go to him or her and tell them you would like to work for them free of charge. Explain to the employer that you are receiving unemployment benefits and desire to work for your earnings. Tell them no task is too menial for you. Eventually that employer just might hire you. If the employer is not interested, you will be able to find some non-profit organization that would gladly accept your offer. If nothing else, do some chores around your neighborhood to help others out.
- 4. If you or someone you know is unemployed and cannot find work in your career field, then perhaps you need to be retrained. The Department of Labor is one cabinet position I would like to see eliminated, but as long as it is taking our tax dollars, I recommend you make good use of some of their services. One such service is the Employment & Training Administration that help adults prepare for a new career. You can visit their website at this link.

WE the People must reject all class warfare and teach our fellow Americans who have bought into class envy a more perfect way.

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