

Wake Up, Sleepy Giant!

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Foreword

I am like the character Holden Caulfield in J D Salinger's 1951 novel, *Catcher in the Rye*. He wants to save all of the children who are running and playing innocently and happily in the rye grass, unaware of vicious dangers hidden there. I visualize them running toward a cliff that they may fall over without ever suspecting its presence.

I don't know for certain what Salinger intended, but to me that beautiful rye grass is the country we live in, the United States of America, giving us happiness that comes from freedom, protection and sustenance. The cliff is socialism, aka Communism. This can be personified by imagining a kindly old man pretending to be a caring Uncle Sam, getting the children to love, trust and depend on him; but really he sees telling the truth as being a weakness. He's willing to lie and do anything it takes to get what he wants. He's just waiting for the opportunity to push the children over the edge of the cliff so he can replace the rye grass with a barren wasteland for the next generations of children to "play" in, while he and his compatriots bask in the wealth they have stolen. That uncle is the personification of Socialist, aka. Communist, tactics.

Some of the "children" do see through the uncle's trickery and are being careful, but I don't know how many of them *don't* see the danger. They are the ones I worry about. The "children" must recognize the danger and join with all others who are resisting the evil that lurks.

To me, the American citizens are those "children." We go about our daily lives thinking life will go on forever as it has in the past, unable to even fathom what life would be like without the freedoms and the degree of wealth that we enjoy.

We have to quit being children, recognize the threat in time to nip it in the bud, grow up and stand tall to protect the rights and happiness of current and future children! As Ronald Reagan pointed out, *"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."*

No governmental system is better than ours! It's the best ever devised in the history of mankind! We are the sleepy giants, under-estimating our power to control our own destiny! We just have to fix things where they are broken to make it better -- not jump off a socialist cliff to death for us and for generations to come!!!

It is said that the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. I can't just sit and do nothing when I see a powerful internal enemy empowered by external forces threatening family life, our country, our lives and the lives of future generations. We are in the middle of a second revolutionary war to preserve our Constitution and the republic form of democracy that has blessed us for generations! The "children" (our citizenry) must gain a greater perspective, and despite our problems and complaints, realize how good we really have it and that we owe it all to that Constitution and those who have preserved it for us thus far, and stop the stampede over the cliff into socialism and totalitarianism. It's up to us "children" to be the quality of citizens that gave us this great heritage and made our good lives possible. We fought World War II to preserve these rights! They understood the danger Hitler posed. Is this going to be the generation that gives it all away? We can't afford to be the children. We must be the adults and preserve our heritage for our children and for future generations._

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." – Alice Walker. WAKE UP, SLEEPY GIANT!! Don't underestimate the power we have over our government, over our lives, over the future! It's because of our Constitution that limits government's power over us. Don't throw that away! Together, we are giants against the evils stalking us. We'd better WAKE UP!

I love the USA! As a retired teacher of American history and the U.S. Constitution and as a citizen doing my duty, I have an historical perspective and a viewpoint that I must share. It is both a refresher course on government and economics and an opinion piece. I ask that you respect my right to speak, read it thoughtfully and carefully consider what I have to say.

“Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We don't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. The only way they can inherit the freedom we have known is if we fight for it, protect it, defend it and then hand it to them with well fought lessons how they in their lifetime must do the same, and if you and I don't do this, then you and I may well spend our sunset years telling our children what it was once like in America when men were free.” – (Ronald Reagan 1961.)

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PART I: America Is Under Attack

Chapter 1. *The Warning, the Danger and the Enemy*

The Warning: My economics teacher in college years ago warned, "You can vote to *END* democracy, but you will never be able to vote it back in." There will never be another fair election. As a college student, I thought, "Why would anyone ever vote it out once we had it?" Now I understand. *We don't vote it out on purpose! We're tricked into believing lies!* Our schools fail to teach about our government and the Constitution that protects our freedoms and property rights from government overreach and our responsibilities as citizens. Our traditional news source and some web services tell us lies and call it news and we don't even catch on! We don't pay attention; we don't vote. Our constitutional system can't protect us from ourselves and our own ignorance of having the best form of government ever devised by mankind. We know it's making mistakes, but we don't realize that in a democracy, we only get the quality of government we deserve and work for. ***"We have met the enemy and he is us!"*** *We are ripe for takeover, and the enemies are at our door!*

If we ever do vote democracy out, we will be like animals lured into a cage for some treasure, unaware of the gate that will crash down behind us and trap us in a new treacherous and permanent reality -- like fish biting on an artificial lure. "Those who have known freedom, and lost it, have never known it again." (Ronald Reagan) In this election, 2026, we are dangerously close to losing it!

The Danger

Dangers from across the oceans stare us in the face! They want to destroy our form of government that protects us and take away our freedoms and our wealth. They are here inside our boundaries, have grabbed hold of one of our major political parties and are running candidates under its banner in the 2026 Congressional election while eyeing the 2028 Presidential/Congressional election. Meanwhile, they are obstructing Congress from passing legislation and using the lower courts to put politics over truth and justice.

If elected, they will move forward with steps to dismantle our current democratic republican form of government and strengthen their control over it and us and strip us of our property rights that has given most of us riches beyond that of past kings and take over our economy – strip us of our personal and property rights. That is their intent!

We'd better get smart quick, stand up and become good citizens!

Danger from Enemy #1: Socialism, aka Communism

Let's not quibble over any difference in meaning between the words socialism and communism. You will hear both words used in the news. Communism is a form of socialism, both of which will take away your freedoms and your possessions. Socialists like to call themselves "Democrat" Socialists, not Communists.

The term, "Democrat Socialist" in itself is a lie. Yes, if the people vote for them and put them in office, then they call it democratic. But that doesn't mean the people will share in the wealth, have freedoms and have any say in the government. Socialism in all forms is actually an economic system that requires a dictatorial government so they can take over the entire economy, own and control everything. At first you are enticed by freebies that sound great, but their cost is your freedom, your wealth and your happiness. You start depending on them for everything, but what they offer doesn't add up to the quality of what you have now. Longer waits at doctor's offices, fewer doctors, less quality. European nations are already experiencing this, and in Canada if you're 80 and over, you will have more trouble getting medical help, but they allow assisted suicide for you. Individual life doesn't mean much. They want you to see government as God and discourage religion.

Some of us may think things are bad now! It's gravy compared to what has been and is being endured by those living under despotic rule! Take a look at history! Socialism (aka Communism) has always failed and brought misery, death, even starvation to the people while the rulers are wealthy. Freebies offered now to entice your support are lies. Their cost is your freedom and poverty – not just for this generation but for all generations to come.

Europeans visiting here for the World Cup activities marveled at our openness, happiness, friendliness and degree of wealth we share under our free enterprise economic system. They have liberal government leaders, are experiencing doctor shortage and poorer government services as Communism strengthens its hold over them. They too are experiencing the uncontrolled influx of immigrants with beliefs and ways not in tune with democracy and the Christian religion, just as we had during the Biden administration.

Socialism doesn't share! Their aim is to own everything and have complete control over our lives. We become slaves just working for the government. Not at first of course! They have to get and solidify their control over our government first, and that means getting elected to state and federal offices! That is their aim now, starting with the 2016 election.

They're like the seemingly kind uncle in the Foreword of this paper. They don't care about you! They will lie, cheat and steal to get what they want! Once in power, you can't vote it out! Elections are just for show with no choices. The poisonous snake has already bitten you! What they want is to destroy our system of government and gain control over you! *Permanent Control!!* Over *all* of us, over our children, and our children's children! Don't underestimate the danger!

Socialism has it's big foot in our door toward destroying our democratic republic, taking away our rights, our wealth and our freedoms! It's here! It's real! We **MUST** wake up and nip it in the bud! Future generations are depending on us!

Danger from Enemy Number 2: *Extreme Islam.*

Extreme Islamists believe it is their sacred duty to kill all infidels. That includes everyone everywhere that is not an extreme Islamist, including moderate Muslims. The country of Israel is their number 1 target for destruction– the “Little Satan” and then America, the “Big Satan.” For over 40 years the leaders of the country of Iran have been working on a nuclear bomb and the ability to strike the United States with it. We are currently in a war with Iran ending their nearly completed ability to do it.

But building the bomb isn't their only activity toward destroying us. There are two more ways they are threatening our American heritage: (1) King Numbers and (2) getting elected into our state and federal positions of power. King Numbers: Historically, the reason English is the main language of the United States is that more English speaking immigrants settled America than Spanish, French or Portuguese. They established the common culture and our self-rule government.

The more Islamic people live in America now, the more they will change our culture. They know we believe in religious freedom which makes for soft American acceptance. Islams now represent a very significant per cent of the population of Dallas as an example and are trying to establish as many mosques as they can. Most are not assimilating into our society. They want to build their own separate communities. Sharia law doesn't recognize American law. Some came here for a better life and some even voted for Donald Trump in the last election. But the Muslim Brotherhood and its associates, the **extreme** Islamists, are not just a religion but also a political movement intent on destroying us by taking over our government, one political office at a time, while using their own people – that is the ones they haven't already mass murdered - - to drive a wedge into our culture.

Danger and Enemy Number 3: *The Democrat Party!!!*

"Those who foolishly sought power by riding on the back of the tiger ended up inside." President John F Kennedy, Democrat.

JFK's warning has turned prophetic, and unheeded! He wouldn't be a Democrat in today's Democrat Party, just as Robert Kennedy Jr. isn't. Already with socialist leanings, the Democrat Party has welcomed in even greater extremism. It has been swallowed up by the tiger it was riding. Socialism and Extreme Islam have become the double heads of the snake that is now the Democrat Party. The DSA – the Democratic Socialists of America has candidate running for office on the Democrat Party ticket.

The DSA agenda this election calls for structural changes in our federal government, eliminating the people's right to vote in presidential elections (electoral college), leaving it up to the Senate to choose the President, then maybe eliminate the Senate, watering down Amendments One and Two, packing the Supreme Court, defunding ICE, resisting federal laws, etc. Thankfully, these changes would require Constitutional amendments, but they can disrupt the workings of our government along their way toward dismantling our government.

Start messing around with destroying the electoral college and you take away our right to vote for the office of President. Less-populated states will start seceding from the union. President Reagan, with peace through strength foreign policy, was successful in getting the Soviet Union to collapse and break up into separate nations. Will Socialism cause the collapse of the United States into several nations too? May God forbid!!

A vote for the Democrat Party this election is a vote to overthrow our government, end our freedoms and steal OUR wealth!

Government control of everything and everybody. The end of America as we have known it. That is Socialist/Islamist control. Once voted in, it can't be voted out! No fair elections with choices allowed!

Who in their right minds would vote for that!

Chapter 2: Machiavellian/ Marxian Methods for Overthrowing a Country --Direct from the Karl Marx's playbook that both Hitler (the right) and Stalin (the left) used to get complete control over their people in the past. The Democrat Party has been using these methods at least since the 2020 election campaign. We need to realize that we are being played by people who don't have our morals! They don't play fair! Lying is a tool for getting control! Look back and recognize the unrest, demonstrations, looting and burning of cities the Democrat Party supporters have orchestrated against us!

"America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good she will cease to be great." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"Liberty without virtue is tyranny." -John Adams

There is no virtue in those who are using the following techniques. They are today's Hitlers and Stalins. Most of these and a few others were listed in the Congressional Record on January 10, 1963 (Appendix, pp A34-A35 as Communist goals entered by A S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida) It seems that some of these have been in play against us ever since then when Krushchev banged his shoe on the table and declared *"We will bury you."* We need to be aware of these methods and recognize them, because they really are being used against us. The following have been paraphrased and updated. Unfortunately, they kind of describe today's America. Recognize them! Don't be played for a fool!

- Gain control of the schools and teachers unions. Indoctrinate the youth.
- Discredit family influence over the youth.
- Attack a nation's history, belittle and distort it as evil. Destroy its monuments.
- Get control of the media, internet, the movies and A I.
- Stir up hatred among different factions of the population to keep them separated and distracted from real threats.
- Create national emergencies and use them as an excuse to extend regulation over the lives of the people. Pain felt by the people makes them more dependent upon the government. (I don't know if covid was unleashed on us on purpose or not, but it was sure used get us used to more government control over our lives.
- Promote homosexuality, promiscuity and pornography. (And now sex change surgery.)
- Infiltrate the labor unions, big business, psychologists and other social services.

- Tell lies that are big enough and often enough that they become believed, and use them to create a national emergency as an excuse to increase government authority over the people. i.e. global warming. It may be happening, but the big lie is to declare it a national emergency and use it as an excuse to take more control over our economy, inferring that they know the whole science and know how to implement policies that combat it. While all of us favor taking care of our environment, putting the cart before the horse by attacking fossil fuels before technology exists to replace them harms our economy by robbing us of needed energy sources, increases inflation and proves their incompetence. *"Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agree on something or another, reach for your wallet, because you're being had. . . . The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with consensus."* (Michael Creighton Hitler's big lie was that Jews need to be eradicated in order to purify the race. Is that big lie dead? Or alive and well and twisted to brand all whites as racists and foster anti-Semitism! *Who are really the racists?* Big lies: There is no absolute truth. Government is God. Downplay and infiltrate church dogma.
- Create and promote violence, (anarchy) to scare people into accepting more control. Cry police brutality. Turn criminals loose. Don't prosecute them.
- Attack free speech while claiming to champion it. Use hate speech and scare tactics to frighten the people. Redefine keywords to new meanings to disguise true motives and advance control over the population.
- Use government law enforcement agencies that were intended to protect the safety and security of the people to attack non-conforming citizens. Weaponize the courts and use them against political enemies and hope people won't recognize the violations of their constitutional rights and unequal "justice."
- Compromise the integrity of elections.
- *Always, always accuse the opposition of being guilty of the very tactics being used against them. This throws the people off guard, confuses them and deflects from what they themselves are guilty of. Calling Donald Trump Hitler is a ploy to get the people to blame him for all the bad that they themselves are causing. Accusing him of destroying*

democracy is a blatant reversal of blame for the hate, division and violence that they themselves are creating.

Chapter 3. Snapshot of Today's World

Let's step aside and take a look at what the World looks like now:

"We must never remain silent in the face of bigotry. We must condemn those who seek to divide us. In all quarters and at all times, we must teach tolerance and denounce racism, anti-Semitism and all ethnic or religious bigotry wherever they exist as unacceptable evils. We have no place for haters in America – none, whatsoever. - Ronald Reagan

It seems America isn't listening to these words of wisdom from Ronald Reagan!

In America: Violence and Division: reminiscent of 1930's Germany during the rise of Hitler, echoing Hitler's hate for and extermination of Jews, and offering unmistakable proof that the nature of our American culture and value system is changing. Jews on their way to worship at their synagogue have been brutally beaten. Hate, division and intolerance rage supreme both on and off our campuses.

"It is not right to favor the guilty and keep the innocent from receiving justice." (Proverbs 18:5 Good News version of the Bible) Yet lower courts and local leaders in Democrat states do just that.

Make no mistake, not just Judaism but also Christianity (*and our country!*) struggles to survive amid growing societal changes that do not embrace the existence of any God nor of any absolute truths. These truths have been the foundation of our culture and self-government that places *limits* on that government's power. And it has become clear that our youth in many ivy league universities are being taught, not the principles of our Constitution, but to hate America! And that Hamas, who burned babies alive, is good! And the leaders of Iran murder their own people by the thousands and vow to build a nuclear bomb and use it on both Israel (the little satan) and America (the big satan!

The Biden administration ignored the laws it took an oath to enforce and opened our borders, welcoming illegals to flood into the U.S. This brought in murderers and rapist of women and children, housing shortages, overrun medical services, an increase in illegal voting, and death on the highways, not covered by the legacy press. "Sanctuary cities," protect, support and welcome

illegals' Democrat state and city governments openly defy and interfere with federal law enforcement, refusing to work with ICE. They need the illegals here to vote illegally and count in the census for more seats in the House of Representatives. It's a power grab!

The more affluent population is fleeing from Democrat rule to red states, especially to those states that don't have state income tax laws. This plus "millionaire taxes" and other increasing taxation in the blue states to pay for all of the "free" stuff, will also affect the make-up of Congress, as there are fewer Republicans left in the blue states to run for office.

Rampant fraud and theft of government funds allocated to various health services during Biden administration are coming to light and being stopped. Congress needs to address this open gate to fraud; but Congress doesn't seem to be taking a very aggressive role in governing right now!! It can't! The Democrats are obstructionists keeping it from functioning. **This is why this off year election is so important!** Our President can only do so much. Congress makes the laws, not the President! We need Congress to pass the "Save America" Act to reduce rampant voting fraud. We need legislation to quit sending federal funds to sanctuary cities, to prohibit universities from receiving foreign money and stop federal funds from going to universities that receive such funds. If the Democrats gain seats in Congress this election, it limits what our President can accomplish in the last 2 years of his presidency. He becomes a "lame duck" president. It allows rampant voter fraud to continue.

Christianity seems to be growing in America. But so also are satanic groups. (See *Pagan Threat* by Lucas Miles. It will make you sick! I couldn't keep reading!)

In Europe: Mass migration has been allowed to enter European countries, just as it did here during the Biden administration. Most are now run by leftist governments and are no longer basically Christian democratic nations. Will the people of Europe get fed up in time to reverse the power socialists are extending over them? We sent Marshall Plan aid to help rebuild Europe after World War II. Likely no Marshall Plan aid this time, but we are a member of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which pledges us and all other European nation to come to the defense of any nation attacked by Russia, which is testing the waters and making its border countries pretty nervous. But Europe keeps on buying Russian oil, thus helping the Russian's war on the Ukraine.

In the Middle East: The Iran War. Under President Trump our military has destroyed Iran's nearly completed quest for nuclear power with which to destroy Israel and the United States. The population of Iran can't rise up against

the currently alive Iranian regime until they are armed. China and maybe Russia may be helping Iran have the power to strike other Middle East countries and our troops stationed there. Our Communist foes are watching our strength and resolve to gauge how far they might push any aggressive movements on their part. Countries from Egypt east into the Middle East that were Christian are now Muslim.

The fighting between Hamas and Israel in the Gaza strip has stopped but peace with Israel isn't secured until Hamas disarms. The Russian Ukrainian War continues.

World wide: We are all coming into the age of A I, artificial intelligence. It's only beginning to change things! The jury is out on how it will affect us long term. Hitler believed whoever controls the Rhineland could control the world. That turned out not to be true. It has also been whoever controls the ocean, the airspace, the sources of energy, certain minerals can control the world; but now it's whoever controls A I. It's a wild card! Full of both benefits and threats!

Chapter 4: Anarchy

Anarchy is considered a form of government, but it's really the *absence* of the rule of law enforced and equally applied, resulting in violence, crime, unrest and danger to the public. It is both a Marxian method of overthrowing a government and a tell-tale sign that one form of government is replacing or at least trying to replace another. It rules many of our large cities' streets and our lower courts. The Democrats i.e. the Democrat Socialists of America are using it to instill fear and confusion and stir up the people. They suppress free speech for others while pretending they believe in it, i.e. the murder of Charlie Kirk. They push beyond what the Constitution says in the first Amendment ensuring out right to assemble "peacefully." Any gathering that turns violent is anarchy.

Chapter 5: Oligarchy: Rule by the Rich or Elite

"You'll own nothing and be happy." - 2016 World Economic Forum

Oligarchy is a form of totalitarian control wherein the rich or the elite become the rulers of the people. Who are those individuals who are suspect of pulling the strings causing disruptions in our peace, happiness and discord? Here are some suspects: Those who support the World Economic Forum. Under the leadership of Klaus Schwab and Yuval Harari, they envision a world where countries surrender their sovereign power to a world government and *"You Will Own Nothing."* (title of a book by Carol Roth). *A world government*

would mean world domination over the fate of the masses and control of the world's wealth by a few persons with one-size-fits-all rules and regulations.

Thankfully, not all of the extremely wealthy in America are in on this. Many are fed up with the DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) and ESG (environmental, social and governance) taking precedence over color blind, merit-based efficiency and sound business management, believe in democracy and oppose government interference with our economy and our country.

Now the Democrats say they are against oligarchs. That's a lie! They are only against the ones who aren't giving them money, and instead are helping support traditional American values and freedoms. The oligarchical influences over the Democrat Party are substantial, pushing for more government control over our economy. The media blames gas prices on the greediness of oil producers, and sometimes that happens; but the Biden administration's regulations limiting the supply of gas necessary for the delivery of goods was a much bigger cause of inflation that has carried into the Trump administration. The rate of inflation has reduced significantly but is still a burden on the economy.

Nevertheless, oligarchs do have a strong impact on government; and control of our government by oligarchs who are greedy with no sense of responsibility to the general public is a very real threat to our individual and property rights. Our Constitution doesn't prohibit oligarchs from being elected to office, but it does place restrictions on them that limits their control over our government. We never want to give up that control!!

Part II: What Do We Do About It?

Chapter 6: Recognize the Threat and its Sources and Take Steps to Remedy them!

The first duty of citizenship is to define the problem honestly: The Democratic Party has moved dangerously toward socialism, weak borders, election insecurity, hostility to religious and family values, and greater government control. Too many citizens, especially the younger generations, do not recognize this because they receive one-sided information from legacy media and were never taught enough about critical thinking, problem solving, the Constitution, economics, history and the duties of citizenship.

We also face a larger civic problem: America needs at least two major political parties that truly believe in constitutional self-government. At the moment, the Republicans are the only major-party option for voters who want to preserve the Constitution, free enterprise, private property, religious liberty,

and secure elections. That does not mean every Republican is wise or perfect. It means citizens must choose the available candidates most likely to preserve freedom.

Right now, and likely in 2028, that's the Republican Party. But don't get too comfortable there! Party leaderships change. So do their platforms.

I don't know how we will get back to having two or more parties with candidates who care about we the people and believe in our constitutional government and again gives us a choice of two or more candidates who care about America to run for each office, but we will. We must!

I hope we've learned that *voting based on old party allegiances can be voting against our own welfare and the future of our children and grandchildren.* Every election we must be engaged in the process, be aware of propaganda, and search for truth. Each and every one of us must do our part to *ensure the future for our children and grandchildren!*

Another problem is education. Young people cannot defend what they do not understand. Schools should teach the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, separation of powers, federalism, American history, economics, and the duties of citizenship. They should teach America's failures honestly, but also its achievements, principles, sacrifices, and unique protections for liberty. Congress needs to act to stop funding schools that teach socialism over freedom, accept foreign money, promote sex change and discourage family life. Funding should be limited to colleges and schools that engage professors and teachers who promote independent critical thinking, problem solving, free speech, and debate of differing viewpoints. That's the way it was when I was in school and when I was teaching!

Parents must devote more time to their children, teaching them right from wrong and monitoring their time and contacts online. They are watching what you do and don't do and will learn from it. Run for the school board!

Election integrity is also essential. A republic cannot survive if people lose confidence that elections are honest. Citizens should support voter identification, accurate voter rolls, secure ballots, transparent counting, and lawful voting by citizens only. Right now they aren't! Those persons opposing the Save Act are those who want to continue to cheat. We need it passed!

The Democrat Party wants illegals in the country and voting illegally so they can win elections. They also need them to be counted in the census every ten years to increase their population so they can get more representatives in the House of Representatives. They don't want voters to have to show I.D. so they can keep on getting by with it. They cheat with mail-in ballots, even with slow counting

so they can fabricate extra votes for candidates they want to win but are lagging behind. Voting fraud is much more rampant in the Democrat Party than in the Republican. And despite the removals by ICE, there's still lots more illegals the Biden administration moved in being allowed to vote. We need legislation to count illegals in the census but not toward determining the number of representatives that area will receive to the House of Representatives. I wonder if people will ever know whether Biden's election was really fair or the result of fraud. History would have been so different if he hadn't. We would have a different President now if Trump had won then. Lots of other things would be different too. ELECTIONS MATTER, AND FAIRNESS MATTERS!

If you are listening to mainstream media, STOP IT! No wonder you think Donald Trump is the enemy! Mainstream media is the voice of your actual enemy, spouting their party line! You've been hearing lies and misrepresentations and have no idea who the real enemy is. You are listening to Marxian propaganda, not truth. Let go of old alliances! Just because your parents voted Democrat doesn't mean you should! Think for yourself! This isn't the world your parents grew up in. Listen to some other news sources and decide for yourself! Without prejudice! Tune in to Fox or Newsmax. Recognize that political parties change and we need to understand just what ideas we are voting for! And DO VOTE!

Read Chapter 2 again and recognize what today's Democrat Party really stands for! Learn how our government is supposed to work!

Demand that our state governments and their constitutions require all schools to teach the Constitution, our form of government, a fair presentation of American history, and economics, as well as outlaw this sex change nonsense and attacks on family life.

We have the best form of government ever devised by mankind – our freedoms to think, speak, as we wish, to own property and share in the wealth according to our ability and ambition. Freedom allows person to move up in social status, to invent things, to find cures for illnesses, etc., etc. Socialism lets a few government cronies hog all of the wealth.

We get bad government when we become uninformed about our government and our economic system, when we don't pay attention and don't vote! Pay attention to the news! Get it from reliable sources! Realize it if you're being brainwashed. Vote! Pay attention to federal, state and local news! Get to know your local party leaders. Volunteer. Be a poll worker or a poll watcher! Maybe even run for office.

Chapter 7: The Duties of Citizenship

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." President John F Kennedy 1961

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
10th amendment of the US Constitution

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." Pope John II (1978-2005)

Winston Churchill once said that democracy is the worst form of government on earth, *except for all the others!* What did he mean? He meant that while far, far better than any form of dictatorial control, even a democracy can go astray and result in bad government. If the people become disengaged from politics, pay no attention, do not participate, become uninformed and ignorant of its framework and the protections it affords us, do not or cannot recognize government misuse of power nor distinguish between propaganda and truth, then democracy will result in bad government, and we will lose it. Young persons and anyone else who courts socialism has not been educated by the schools about our true history, about what socialism promises but actually does to you, not *for* you.

Citizenship is not passive. It requires attention and participation. Do not rely on one news source. Compare sources. Read beyond headlines. Notice what is being omitted as well as what is being reported. Learn to recognize emotional manipulation, selective reporting, and words taken out of context.

Vote in every election, not just presidential elections. Local offices, school boards, judges, state legislatures, and congressional races shape daily life and national direction.

Know your local party leaders. Attend meetings. Volunteer. Help good candidates. Serve as a poll worker or poll watcher. Encourage your family and friends to vote. Teach children and grandchildren why freedom requires responsibility.

Christians especially should not separate faith from civic duty. Our Constitution is based largely on Biblical principles. A good Christian has a responsibility to our form of government! It allows goodness! Despotism under any name does not! The Constitution protects religious liberty, but it also depends on a moral people who understand that rights come with obligations. A self-governing people must be capable of self-discipline,

honesty, courage, and respect for law. *"America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good she will cease to be great."* -Alexis de Tocqueville

Chapter 8. Know Your Government:

The Declaration of Independence states that our rights come from our Creator and that governments receive their just powers from the consent of the governed. The Constitution creates the structure that protects those rights.

Our system divides power so that no one person or branch can rule alone. Congress makes laws and controls spending. The President enforces laws, conducts foreign policy, commands the armed forces, and signs or vetoes legislation. The courts interpret the law and may strike down government actions that violate the Constitution.

The Bill of Rights protects freedom of speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly, the right to petition government, the right to bear arms, protection against unreasonable searches, due process, trial by jury, and other essential liberties.

The Tenth Amendment reserves powers not given to the federal government to the states or to the people. This is important because local and state governments are closer to citizens and harder for one centralized power to control. Our republic is not a pure democracy. It is representative self-government under a written Constitution. That difference matters. Majority rule alone can become tyranny if constitutional rights are not protected.

Chapter 9: Understand Our Economy

"Extreme taxation, excessive controls, oppressive government competition with business, frustrated minorities and forgotten Americans are not the product of free enterprise. They are the residue of centralized bureaucracy of government by the self-appointed elite." Ronald Reagan.

"If more government is the answer, then it was a really stupid question."
Ronald Reagan

I am appalled that some polls show some Americans think our economy will be better under the Democrats! Have they forgotten the rate of inflation

under Biden? Do they realize that President Reagan had the same time lag for bringing us out of the economic woes caused by Democrat President Carter's policies that President Trump has now reversing Biden policies! Democrats haven't proven themselves to know how to be good economists. We owe our depressions, recessions, high taxes, high inflation rates, government overspending and current fraud schemes all to them! If you think you want to trust them with our government, think again!!

Freedom and property are closely connected. Free enterprise allows people to own homes, start businesses, work, save, invest, invent, rise, and pass something on to their children. It is not perfect, and government has a proper role in protecting people from fraud, monopoly, abuse, and lawlessness. But government should protect free enterprise, not replace it.

Socialism replaces the decisions of millions of free people with centralized planning. Government decides what is produced, who receives it, what it costs, and who may own what. Over time, private property shrinks, dependence grows, innovation declines, and poverty spreads. The rulers do not become poor with everyone else. The people do.

Taxes matter because they affect work, investment, prices, savings, and opportunity. High taxes and heavy regulation weaken the economy. Lower taxes, reasonable regulation, and confidence in property rights encourage growth. Government spending also matters. When government spends money it does not have, citizens eventually pay through higher taxes, inflation, debt, or reduced opportunity.

Government services are sometimes necessary. Defense, courts, law enforcement, roads, and other common needs require public action. But every new dependency gives government more leverage over the people. Citizens should always ask whether a government program is necessary, constitutional, efficient, and respectful of liberty.

So do you still think the Democrats will allow you a better living standard than Republicans? Think again!!! As long as we have a democracy, we can choose which leadership we want. If we lose our ability to choose, then the new autocratic government will have unbridled power to tax us. Unbridled power to tax is the power to destroy. It seems we could get back to the taxation without representation cry of the colonists.

"When a business or an individual spends more than it makes, it goes bankrupt. When government does it, it sends you a bill. And when government does it for 40 years, the bill comes in two ways: higher taxes and inflation. Make no mistake about it, inflation is a tax and not by accident." -Ronald Reagan

Government overspending has been a problem for a long time. Maybe it tries to do too much and gets in our face a bit too much! Maybe the unelected agencies of the executive department need to be trimmed a bit – some services sent back to the states, and some just sent to the trash barrel.

Spending money we don't have means printing paper money, borrowing – inflation. While both parties are guilty, Democrats historically spend more. President Trump is bringing much more businesses into our country through tariff negotiations. More production over time is likely to decrease an ever growing national debt.

Chapter 10. Foreign Policy

"Peace for our time," boasted British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain on September 30, 1938 after having "appeased" Adolf Hitler with concessions at Munich. Hitler invaded Poland less than a year later and World War II began.

History teaches that appeasement does not stop aggressors. Joe Biden and Barack Obama forgot or never learned this foreign policy history lesson. By revitalizing relations with Iran that President Trump had halted during his first term, Biden set Iran's quest for nuclear power back on track and was in effect "funding" both sides of the war on Israel.

His disastrous deadly and costly retreat of federal troops from Afghanistan signaled our adversaries that they no longer need to be concerned that America has the strength or will to oppose any aggressive moves they might make. "Don't" is a pathetically weak foreign policy. His weakness emboldened Putin to attack the Ukraine and financed the heinous barbaric October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel. At home, our armed forces were displaying weakness. The emphasis was on "social equity and inclusion" – not on military preparedness. Volunteers quit coming because of it. Weakness encourages hostile nations and terrorist movements to test us.

By failing to enforce border laws, President Biden allowed a full force invasion. American citizens have died because of it, and increased the risk of 9/11 type events. The economic toll of it is astronomical, as well as the crime and frustration and housing shortages. His concern over the human slavery, the unknown fate and location of several hundred thousand children who have crossed the border into our nation, for those Americans murdered by aliens or died of fentanyl poisoning and for their families was nowhere in sight.

The President, as Commander in Chief, has a duty to protect the country from foreign threats and invasion. That includes strong borders, military readiness, support for allies, and clear resolve toward enemies such as Iran-backed terrorists, Russia, China, and North Korea. President Biden was an abject failure with both foreign and domestic affairs. Diplomacy without strength becomes pleading. "Don't" is an abject failure as Commander in Chief of the U S forces.

America tries to use diplomacy with war only coming when diplomacy cannot protect America. Remaining strong enough that our enemies fear attacking us is a very important deterrent. President Trump has reasserted Reagan's peace-through-strength diplomacy.

America always needs a president who projects strength on the world stage and at the border. Donald Trump does projects strength and resolve. No one can prove whether his boast that the Russia-Ukraine war would never have happened if he had been re-elected in 2020 is true or not, but if he had, history would likely have told a different story, and many who are now dead would likely still be alive.

President Trump has been able to stop several wars throughout the world, but he hasn't been able to stop the war between Russia and the Ukraine yet. He has been able to stop the fighting in the Gaza Strip; but Hamas still hasn't laid down their arms. He has dramatically reduced, if not stopped the illegal and deadly flow of fentanyl into America and is aggressively removing illegals out of the country.

While he pushes for diplomacy when possible rather than war, he has shown the world the strength of our Armed Forces in his on-going attempts to end Iran's nuclear abilities. Russia, China and North Korea take notice, and China at least is probably helping Iran.

He also has declared tariffs as a tool of diplomacy. Past presidents have used tariffs both as a matter of foreign affairs and to raise money for the operation of the U S government. Before the 16th amendment in 1913 that allows Congress to levy income tax upon the people, the government fared well with surpluses just using tariffs to fund the federal government; of course it wasn't so big with so many executive departments as we have now. The Supreme Court has curtailed the power of the Presidency to a certain degree in using tariffs, asking for some of the authority to come from new acts of Congress. The press calls it a tax on the people! I'd rather have the revenue from the tariffs and the new businesses that he is bringing in that will offset its

effect on prices. Tariffs are a far better method of foreign diplomacy than warfare.

Another big problem facing the protection of our country is birthright tourism. Countries send pregnant women to the U. S. to have birth so the child can become an American citizen. Then the mother goes back to her country where the child is raised to hate America then send him/her back to vote. To date, the Supreme Court says the 14th Amendment allows this. Other approaches will have to be used to counter the Court's interpretation of the 14th Amendment, which was just intended to give freed slaves and their children citizenship. They never envisioned that it could be used by foreign governments to help them invade America.

Chapter 11: January 6th

January 6, 2021. Contrary to what mainstream media would have us believe, there is no proof whatsoever of Donald Trump's involvement in the January 6th insurrection. The hearings about it unconstitutionally consisted of Democrat members only, who denied constitutional rights to the accused and then destroyed the evidence. He has never been tried nor convicted of involvement, his words presented out of context to create a false negative narrative. He asked the Speaker of the House ahead of time and was denied the presence of forces to ensure order. FBI and/or CIA infiltration stirring it up, orchestrating it and participating in it to frame him still remain as a very real yet undetermined possible other side of the story. Citizens should be concerned about selective hearings, destroyed or withheld evidence, unequal treatment, and the innocent woman killed and persons held without due process for extended time and political narratives used to silence questions. Equal justice requires that every accused person receive due process, and that government power not be used to punish political opponents. It is chain rattling by the Democrats and shows their true nature.

Conclusion

"The Greeks and the Romans lost their freedoms. Will we? We don't have to!
"Either you will control the government, or the government will control you." --
(Ronald Reagan)

"It's a great republic, if you can keep it." (Benjamin Franklin) That challenge now belongs to us! The answer is not despair. The answer is duty.

We must not drift into dependence, fear, anger, or ignorance. We must not let old party habits replace clear judgment. We must not allow schools, media, government agencies, courts, or wealthy elites to weaken the Constitution without resistance from informed citizens.

Learn the Constitution. Teach it to the young. Demand honest education. Compare news sources. Vote in every election. Support secure ballots. Know your local leaders. Serve where you can. Hold officials accountable. Defend free speech, religious liberty, private property, lawful borders, equal justice, and the rule of law.

"If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth."
Ronald Reagan

Will this be the generation that gives it all away? I pray not! For this election and the next, and the next, let us be citizens who recognize the great blessing we have to be living in a time and place under the gem of freedom from tyrannical government.

May we be dedicated to the proposition that *"government of, by and for the people shall not perish from this earth."* (Abraham Lincoln. Gettysburg Address) That is our calling and our responsibility!

Unfortunately, we are faced with the unprecedented situation of having only one political party dedicated to preserving it. The Democrat Party has fallen into the grips of forces touting a dictatorial socialist government takeover of America and destruction of our Constitutional freedoms. *They have joined up with those plotting to destroy us.*

This election and likely in 2028, that means we must vote for Republican Party candidates! And we must vote! Not voting is supporting the destruction of our freedom. Pray that either the Democrat Party once again becomes the party it was under President Kennedy, or a new second party will form that will place our freedoms and our welfare over greed and power. We must have choices! "America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good she will cease to be great." (Alexis de Tocqueville) Our system of government is based on goodness. Socialist dictators will not allow it. If they win, only their greed and power will rein over a once-free America.

Do your part! Don't let that happen! We the people have the power if we but use it. Together, we have the power! *We are the sleepy giants!*

Wake up! America is still ours to keep, if we but do our part. Keep it great!