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Three American Fur Hat Fighters For Freedom



The Status of the Banner of Liberty

We may well be facing the last days of the United States of America. The election of Barack Hussein Obama has, for the first time in this nation's history, resulted in the White House being occupied by a putative president who ardently espouses the very Marxist goals against which this nation has so long striven.¹ The presence of Barack Hussein Obama is a profound threat to the continued existence of the United States of America as a free nation. From Obama's appalling promotion of the welfare state and entitlements to his signing of the sinister National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which gives him the power to indefinitely detain and even assassinate any United States citizen suspected of being a *terrorist* (according to him), Obama is waging war on the most foundational principles of the greatest nation in the entire history of the world, the Republic that is the United States of America!

Yet, it is a true fact, not a concocted fact like those that always coming out of the various lying mouths of Barack Hussein Obama, that someone like Obama could get elected only shows how far this country has intellectually degenerated – in the common terminology, has been dumbed down. Every great nation falls from within, and so it is with America now. We have betrayed the fundamental principles of liberty on which this most magnificent nation was founded. Freedom of speech, freedom to advance by one's own labors in order to achieve prosperity, and freedom to live one's life without the hand of government in one's pocket or interfering with one's business are the basic founding principles of the United States of America.

America must reclaim these founding principles if Americans are to have any chance of rescuing the banner of liberty from the ruins toward which Barack Hussein Obama and his legions of POLDS [progressives, obots (Obama robots), liberals,

¹ The author thought about using the word *ideals*. However, because there is nothing ideal in Marxism this author chose the term *goals*, instead. Indeed, neither are Marxist goals ideal.

dumbed-downers, and socialists] are leading the nation. Fortunately, this country has a long and proud tradition of freedom fighters. They were and are bold, noble men who articulated and still articulate principles that were often quite radical in their time and nowadays. They are men who were and are willing to envision a different way of being and living, often at odds with the conventional wisdom of their time. The wisdom of these men can guide us still, if only we have ears to listen and heart and courage to take action.² Moreover, as we shall see, the spirit of freedom fighting in this country is anything but dead. The legacy we have inherited is still very much alive. Even now there is hope for America. Not even Barack Hussein Obama's lying promises and actual tyrannies have been sufficient to preclude the possibility of undoing all the damage that he has caused and the damage that enabled his rise. Let us learn from these three American Fur Hat Freedom Fighters from yore and now.



Raising the Banner of Freedom: Dr. Benjamin Franklin, America's Renaissance Man and Original Big Fur Hat Fighter for Freedom.

This author's first choice as an American Fur Fat fighter For Freedom is Dr. Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), an ardent believer in America. Throughout his whole life Benjamin Franklin was one of the most eminent and influential polymaths in Colonial America. A multi-lingual, international personality, Benjamin Franklin was highly regarded in England and France, as well as in Germany for his enlightenment thoughts and politics. The spectrum of his erudition and interests remind one of the Renaissance man thirsty for knowledge. The following is only a short listing of this American Patriot's accomplishments:³

² Of course, there are also articulate, patriotic women. They probably wear fur hats on occasion, but they are not known for wearing them. Ayn Rand, Pamela Geller, Joan Swirsky, Debbie Hamilton, Ann Coulter, Susan North, Diana West, Sharon Sebastian, Tabitha Korol, Janet Tassel, Roni Drukan, Izzy Woods, Susan North, Evelyn Robinson, Nancy Bonus, and Sharon Rondeau are only a few of America's modern-day women patriots. Many historical patriotic women are presented by Sharon S. Harris, in her book *American Women Writers to 1800*, Oxford University Press, New York: 1996, wherein there is a seven-page listing of over 200 notable American women.

³ See also <http://www.franklinbusybody.com/facts.asp>.

- Minister to France (1776-1785).
- Established the first public works programs of street lighting and paved roads, Philadelphia.
- Created the first free lending library in America, the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731.
- Created the first insurance company in 1751, the Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss By Fire.
- Established fire departments in America, Philadelphia, 1736.
- Founded the University of Pennsylvania in 1751, 1765.
- Founded the American Philosophical Society in 1769.
- Founded the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1751.
- Invented a glass armonica (1758), an improved rocking chair, bifocal eye glasses (1783-18784), the Franklin stove (1742), the lightning rod (1752).
- Publisher of several newspapers.
- Musician (violin, harp, and guitar) and composer (noted for a string quartet known today as *Open Strings*⁴).
- Famous American chess player.
- Multi-linguist (French, Latin, Spanish, Italian, and some German).
- Was the first Postmaster General of the United States, 1775-1776
- Undertook population studies.
- Researched the wave theory of light.
- Researched and wrote treatises on the nature of electricity.
- Undertook studies on meteorology.
- Investigated the concept of cooling.
- Did research in oceanography and wave currents.
- Explored the philosophy and logic of decision making.

Oxford University awarded this philosopher, printer, inventor, statesman, and brilliant political thinker an honorary doctorate degree for his scientific accomplishments in 1762. From that time on he referred to his person as *Dr.*

⁴ <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/ae/uncategorized/scholars-revive-debate-on-whether-ben-franklin-composed-tongue-in-cheek-string-quartet-444052/> has audio excerpts.

Franklin. He laid down many of the founding ideas of the *Constitution for the United States of America*, articulated a vision of limited government, and published a bold defense of freedom of the press.



Dr. Benjamin Franklin is America's original Big Fur Hat. The image is in the public domain. Source: <http://beeskneesdaily.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Engraving-of-Benjamin-Franklin-wearing-fur-cap-dated-1777-Credit-Wikipedia.jpg> and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Franklin1877.jpg> From a carbonic alloy engraving, drawn by Charles-Nicolas Cochin le Jeune (the Younger, 1715-1790) and engraved by Alexander Hay Ritchie (1822-1895). Cochin was a French engraver, designer, writer, and art critic. Ritchie was a Scottish engraver who specialized in messotints.

Benjamin Franklin was a firm defender of freedom of speech. In his essay *Apology for Printers*,⁵ Franklin responded to an incident that had resulted in him becoming the center of a firestorm of controversy. A printer by trade, he had set to

⁵ Benjamin Franklin, *Apology for Printers*, published in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, May 27, 1731. <http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/becomingamer/ideas/text5/franklinprinting.pdf> is the pdf version of the essay.

press a ship captain's advertisement which specifically disallowed clergy to travel as passengers. The result was a threatened boycott by the local clergy. Franklin responded with a somewhat flustered, wholly earnest, and entirely brilliant reply. Franklin's first point, so often lost in today's age of whiny political correctness, was that everyone has an opinion, a point of view, and therefore a set of matters to which they will take offense. This is a basic truth, a plain fact, as Franklin points out. Secondly, Franklin pointed out that his business, namely *printing*, was concerned with people's opinions: that is, in those times, long before the internet, desktop printers, and Xerox machines, a printer provided a service that enabled people to express their opinions. The consequence of this, Franklin asks his audience to recognize, is that the printer is in the unfortunate position of having to print things that will certainly offend someone, if he wishes to eat and provide for a family.⁶

Franklin also emphasized a very important thought that was just as lost on the kneejerk reactionaries of his time as it is on those of our own day. It is not reasonable to expect, given how very many things are published, that any one person or group of persons will never be offended and always be pleased. Inevitably, no matter what one's opinions, one will encounter something one finds disagreeable. The role of the printer, Franklin explained, was simply to provide the service of facilitating these opinions, giving them fair play to compete for attention and influence. Because of this, it is ridiculous to expect a printer to be anything but unconcerned with what he prints. What the printer cares about is the service of printing he provides, not the content a paying customer is asking him to print. It is equally stupid (though Franklin was far more diplomatic) to believe that a printer must share the convictions of any- and everything that he prints, or that he must print only that of which he approves. Franklin points out that if printers did that, it would be the end of *freedom of the pen*, because no one would be able to get anything published without finding a sympathetic printer, if such a person could ever be found. Franklin goes on to say that this notwithstanding, both he and other printers of his time did on many occasions forebear from printing content that they thought were injurious or otherwise immoral, even at the cost of losing business and making enemies, because

⁶ Franklin, *Apology for Printers*, pp. 1-2.

they believed their profession dictated it the right action to take.⁷ Nevertheless and emphatically,

"Freedom of speech is a principal pillar of a free government; when this support is taken away, the constitution of a free society is dissolved, and tyranny is erected on its ruins. Republics and limited monarchies derive their strength and vigor from a popular examination into the action of the magistrates."⁸

Franklin pointed out that the printers of his time had an important part to play in disseminating opinions, and ensuring that different voices had the opportunity to compete for influence.

In a day when our most basic freedoms are under attack, we would do well to look back to this great architect of American exceptionalism and freedom because Dr. Benjamin Franklin was not only a successful printer, diplomat, inventor and businessman-entrepreneur, but most importantly one of the foundational philosophers upon whose thoughts the United States Republic was erected. Benjamin Franklin's belief in America was a vision for freedom: a vision of an America free of the tyranny of a big government that was unresponsive and fundamentally unaccountable to the people.⁹ Franklin used his *Poor Richard's Almanac* as a platform for his ideas about freedom and liberty, which matured as he grew older. By the 1740s, Franklin's vision was of a truly free society, a society without an aristocracy, a society where a man could be a truly self-made man.¹⁰

Although he advocated being thrifty, Franklin also believed in making money, maintaining that it was not a negative activity, but a positive activity. In an age when this is constantly belittled, scorned, and treated as something evil by so-called *liberal progressives*, like the entitlement-minded Occupy Wall Street protesters, many of

⁷ Franklin, *Apology for Printers*, pp. 1-2.

⁸ Benjamin Franklin, "[On Freedom of Speech and the Press](http://jpetrie.myweb.uga.edu/poor_richard.html)", *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 17 November 1737. http://jpetrie.myweb.uga.edu/poor_richard.html.

⁹ Walter Isaacson, *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*, Simon & Schuster, New York: 2004, pp. 2-3.

¹⁰ David H. Fischer, *Liberty and Freedom: A Visual History of America's Founding Ideas*, Oxford University Press, New York: 2005, pp. 184-185.

whom are not living near or under the poverty level, it may seem jarring indeed to consider that one of our nation's greatest Founding Fathers was an ardent capitalist. Franklin demonstrates that it was capitalism that built America. America's success not the socialist redistribution of wealth promoted by the whiny Occupy Wall Street protesters and other liberals, all the way up to President Barack Hussein Obama. That destroys America.

Franklin was not a shallow materialist.

Far from it!

In keeping with the best traditions of freedom going back to classical antiquity, Franklin recognized that it was necessary to cultivate virtue in order to be happy.¹¹ However, he parted company with shallow materialists on the issue of making money. Where great thinkers in antiquity had argued that making money was at odds with the interests of a healthy, strong, democratic-republican society, Franklin saw clearly that making money was a necessary component of freedom, and the pursuit of it as something beneficial to both the individual and to society as a whole.¹²

Franklin once stated that

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."¹³

Virtue, freedom, and thrift go together, as far as Franklin was concerned. He was a living embodiment of the ideas and spirit that built America: thrift, hard work, and prosperity, achieved by means of a capitalistic order protected under a constitution of liberty. These very ideas have been brilliantly expressed in our day by Ludwig von Mises in his classic book *Liberalism*, wherein he refers to classical liberalism, which is capitalism, rather than modern left-liberalism, which is socialism/communism. Ludwig von Mises observes that capitalism has brought more

¹¹ Lorraine Smith Pangle, *The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, Maryland: 2007, p. 15.

¹² Pangle, *The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin*, pp. 15-16.

¹³ Quoted in Gary Galles, *Ben Franklin on Liberty*, Ludwig von Mises Institute, February 03, 2003, <http://mises.org/daily/1144>.

prosperity to a wider cross-section of society, including and especially the working classes, than any other economic system in history.¹⁴

Of course, these very same ideas and spirit have been consistently disparaged and savaged by generations of liberal professors who have indoctrinated whole cadres of university students into serving as the foot soldiers of socialism, often in the name of *political correctness*, which is nothing more than lying in a nice tone, and *social justice*, which is nothing more than taking from the producers who have and giving it to the parasites who do not have and who think that the government is responsible for solving their situation of being destitute not only in the financial-economical sphere, but also in the educational-intellectual sphere. Just as Franklin's ideas proved indispensable to building America and represented the very best of the spirit of his times, so too the abandonment of these ideas of hard work, thrift, and earning one's own way in life have led America to founder in every way, most vividly since the ascension to the presidency of America's closet socialist-communist Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (1882-1945, President 1933-1945).¹⁵ Many upstanding Americans have been rightly horrified at Barack Hussein Obama's war on American values and freedoms. However, the crucial aspect to understand is that without a rising tide of support for socialism and other liberal-progressive ideas, Barack Hussein Obama would never have been elected to public office as a putative president in the first place.

Benjamin Franklin's homespun wisdom helped to found a Republic on the institutions of freedom. At the same time, he was clear that it would take the right kind of people – people with virtues; the right kind of nation – an independent, constitutional republic, to keep the new United States of America free.¹⁶

¹⁴ Ludwig von Mises, *Liberalism: In the Classical Tradition*, Third edition, Cobden Press, San Francisco, California: 1985, pp. 1-2.

¹⁵ Read Diana West's extremely well-documented book *American Betrayal: The Secret Assault on Our Nation's Character*, Saint Martin's Press, New York: 2013, and there will be no doubt left in the reader's mind.

¹⁶ Franklin's list of virtues from <http://www.listsofnote.com/2012/03/franklins-13-virtues.html>.

1. TEMPERANCE. Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. SILENCE. Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
3. ORDER. Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
4. RESOLUTION. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.

Big Government and its taxpayer-funded generosity offers one of the clearest object lessons in the folly that America has embraced in rejecting Benjamin Franklin's principles of thrift and the ruinous consequences of this rejecting. Franklin was adamant that time is money. He even went so far as to point out that when one fritters away time that one could spend productively working, one is essentially throwing away money. Franklin also pointed out that credit is money. If one lends money to someone else, one can get it back with interest. And finally, money can be used to produce more money, either by lending or by investing in capital for one's own business.¹⁷

Franklin believed firmly in limited government. His personal view was that liberty is essential for happiness, as is prosperity, which can only come through the liberty to advance on one's own merit, and the liberty in an overall thriving civil society. The paramount question for civil society is: What is the role of government? For Franklin, the answer was simple: to protect the law-abiding citizens from criminals and from foreign enemies, and to construct large public works that are too difficult for individuals to construct. Simplicity, Franklin believed, was most important. A government needed to be simple in form and in function, so that it would not be wasteful or counter-productive. Yet, Franklin was also a staunch Federalist. He believed in the emerging independent nation America, in a vision of a nation strong and united enough to ward off its foes and better manage those functions of a limited government on the national level.¹⁸

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5. FRUGALITY. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
 6. INDUSTRY. Lose no time; be always employ'd (sic) in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
 7. SINCERITY. Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
 8. JUSTICE. Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
 9. MODERATION. Avoid extreams (sic); forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
 10. CLEANLINESS. Tolerate no uncleanliness in body, cloaths (sic), or habitation.
 11. TRANQUILLITY. Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
 12. CHASTITY. Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness (sic), weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.
 13. HUMILITY. Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

¹⁷ Pangle, *The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin*, p. 16.

¹⁸ Pangle, *The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin*, pp. 128-129.

Many of Barack Hussein Obama's policies such as

- his massive increases of the national debt,
- his directing the government take-over in the American automobile industry,
- his regime's extortion of the American citizen by the extermination of the former healthcare system,
- his overreaching taxation of fossil fuels,
- and most shamefully, his anti-American demagoguery in foreign capitals.

are fatally undermining America:

Whether or not Obama shares the Muslim beliefs of his father and step-father is certainly open to conjecture, but what is not open to question is the fact of his attendance, for twenty years of his life, at the church of the hatemonger Jeremiah Wright. Furthermore, his involvement in the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now [ACORN] attests to his love of Big Government and the subsidies it provides. All those fat government subsidies are a great, practically fool-proof method to obtain the backing of constituents. People who are in a condition of dependence on Big Government for handouts are not going to vote against a politician who will keep the handouts coming. This plight of learned helplessness is a kind of self-imposed, yet Big Government-enabled, taxpayer-funded slavery. It traps the parasites with few skills, little education, and few options into a never-ending cycle of depending on other people who produce to meet their most basic needs.¹⁹

In an age of welfare kings and queens and liberal advocates of Big Government, Occupy Wall Street protesters, immorality of every kind, and victim politics in service to political correctness, is it any wonder that a putative president as destructive as Barack Hussein Obama was elected? There could be no more clear or tragic demonstration of the importance of virtue in maintaining liberty. "Sell not... liberty to purchase power," Franklin said.²⁰ How far America has fallen! Indeed, one author makes an impeccable case that the figure best suited for the role of archetype

¹⁹ Mitch Michener, *Barack Obama: Hope Destroyed*, Tate Publishing, LLC, Mustang, Oklahoma: 2011, pp. 20-21.

²⁰ Quoted in Gary Galles, *op. cit.*

of the modern liberal is not any of the iconic figures of the twentieth century that have been identified with liberalism. Rather, the figure who best embodies modern liberalism is Peter Pan, a character from a fairytale "who avoids responsibility, refuses to grow up, and is terribly self-absorbed."²¹ Peter Schweizer compares the heroic efforts of Ronald Reagan, a great American president and American patriot who served his country well and never boasted of his many achievements, with William Jefferson [the Cigar] Clinton, but a much better comparison is between Ronald Reagan or Benjamin Franklin and Barack Hussein Obama.²²

Benjamin Franklin said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety..."²³ The Marxist, socialist, Big Government policies that have culminated in the election of America's first truly socialist and putative president bear witness to the ruinous legacy of disregarding this wisdom. As the great thinker Michael Savage reminds us, Obama ushered in an era of dictatorial presidential powers when he signed NDAA into law, authorizing him to indefinitely detain and even assassinate any United States citizen on suspicion of being a terrorist.²⁴ This stands as the nadir – so far – of a presidency that has been an unmitigated disaster, from Obama's ruinous socialism to his repugnant and treasonous apologies for American greatness. Don Frederick of *The Obama Timeline*, where this essay appears, has named the Obama years *The Doomed Presidency*. Indeed, Barack Hussein Obama is a person of doom!

The United States of America is still the greatest nation on earth, thanks to the vision of Benjamin Franklin and the other Founding Fathers. However, if patriotic Americans are to restore the country to her former glory, it will only be by reclaiming Dr. Benjamin Franklin's vision of limited government and prosperity.



²¹ Peter Schweizer, *Makers and Takers*, Random House, New York: 2008, p. 29.

²² Schweizer, pp. 29-30.

²³ Quoted in Gary Galles, op. cit.

²⁴ Michael Savage, *Trickle Down Tyranny: Crushing Obama's Dream of the Socialist States of America*, Harper Collins, New York: 2012, p. 22.

Hoisting the Banner of Liberty: The Fur Hat Frontiersman Davy Crockett: and *Not Yours To Give*

Contrary to his predecessor and quasi-contemporary Daniel Boone (1734-1820), who preferred a felt, broad-brimmed beaver hat,²⁵ Davy Crockett (1786-1836) wore a fur hat. Imaginative American history presents him as a folk hero and frontiersman.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Davy_Crockett_by_William_Henry_Huddle,_1889.jpg. The image is in the public domain. Although the original oil on masonite painting by the American William Henry Huddle (1847-1892) was done in 1888, it is based on historical reports and poetic license of facts from Davy Crockett's early life as a frontiersman.

In the image below Davy Crockett is portrayed as the perfect gentleman congressman from Tennessee (1827-1831; 1833-1835). Davy Crockett had served in the Tennessee Militia under the command of General Andrew Jackson. However,

²⁵ <http://www.boonesociety.org/articles/Daniel%20Boone%20Was%20A%20Man.htm>. The common type of fur hat of a frontiersman was a coonskin hat or cap.

when Jackson became president and instituted the Indian Removal Act (1830), Crockett heatedly spoke out against Andrew Jackson (1767-1845, President 1829-1837). Crockett said, "I bark at no man's bid. I will never come and go, and fetch and carry, at the whistle of the great man in the White House no matter who he is."²⁶ This caused Davy to lose the bid for reelection to Congress in 1830. After winning another Congressional term in 1833 and then losing reelection in 1835, Davy Crockett went west and enlisted with the Texas militia forces of William Travis (1809-1836). While fighting for Texan independence at the Battle of the Alamo in San Antonio on March 6, 1836, Davy Crockett was killed by General Santa Anna's troops.²⁷



Photo of the oil-on-canvas portrait of Davy Crockett in the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. Chester Harding (1792-1866) did the portrait in Boston in 1834 while Crockett was promoting his biography, published that same year. Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:David_Crockett.jpg. The image is in the public domain.

Davy Crockett is this author's second American Fur Hat Fighter For Freedom. He explored and settled the American frontiers in the westward movement. A frontiersman and congressman of exceptional integrity, Crockett articulated a vision

²⁶ Quoted in Elaine Marie Alphin, *Davy Crockett*, Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2003, p. 33.

²⁷ Antonio de Padua María Severino López de Santa Anna y Pérez de Lebrón (1794-1876), was called the *Napoleon of the West*.

of limited government. He argued against government handouts, *compulsory charity*, in favor of real, *voluntary charity*. In an age of ever-expanding Big Government welfare safety nets, Crockett's advice has never appeared sounder or more relevant. He understood that government has no right – ethically and indeed, morally speaking – to spend other people's money in such a fashion. In an age when Big Government-run welfare has resulted in ever-increasing levels of dependency and learned helplessness, Crockett's message is one America must reclaim.

For good reason, Davy Crockett has become an icon of the frontier not only because he was an accomplished frontiersman, but exceedingly importantly because he even died for the cause of Texan freedom at the Alamo.²⁸ What is sometimes not remembered about him, however, was that as congressman, Davy Crockett was a champion for the common man against governmental appropriation – against the Big Government of his own age. In the outstanding *Not Yours to Give* speech, attributed to Davy Crockett, Crockett demolished the cause of Big Government, and, in effect, launched a preemptive broadside against the welfare state.²⁹ The occasion was a

²⁸ The Battle of the Alamo from February 23-March 6, 1836 is considered the critical and most important event in the struggle of Texas Independence from Mexico. There were no surviving Texas militia fighters. This caused a massive surge of revolutionaries who were out for revenge and they joined the side of Texas, defeating the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This ended the revolution. Texas became independent.

²⁹ This author does not claim that Davy Crockett gave the *Not Yours To Give Speech*. However, with reference to the topic of this essay, it thoroughly portrays the mindset of Crockett and those who see through the sham that is Big Government welfare spending. Therefore, the essay will continue as if Davy Crockett had given the speech. The historical circumstances are in the following report summary (with links) by Ann Toplovich, a well-known, authoritative Tennessee historian. (<http://radicalreference.info/NotYoursToGive>)

"Thank you to those who replied to my query regarding the text of "Not Yours to Give," attributed to an 1828 speech by Tennessee Congressman David Crockett (1786-1836, Congress 1827-1831): under the influence of constituent Horatio Bunce, Crockett delivers a speech to Congress condemning public relief as not consistent with the Constitution. Here is a summary of the results. Tennessee historians were already aware that Crockett was a darling of the Whigs (and their successors) after turning against Andrew Jackson in 1829-1830, splitting with Jackson over land reform and Indian removal, among other issues. He was used as a cat's paw to attack the Democrats even after his death. Crockett also allowed himself to be mythologized during his lifetime as a frontiersman, and it can be hard to separate the truth of what he said and did from the political/popular media creation he himself aided.

In the case of "Not Yours to Give," this episode of Crockett's life was first published in the January 1867 issue of Harper's Magazine as "[Davy Crockett's Electioneering Tour](#)" (pp. 606-611, speech on p. 607) by James J. Bethune, a nom de plume used by Edward S. Ellis (1840-1916). ("Bethune" published another piece in Harper's, "Walter Colquitt of Georgia" which is also about a wonderful speaker whose speeches were not recorded, except in Bethune's later memories. Ellis was most well known for his dime novels, "Deerhunter" and other Wild West tales for boys.) The 1867 Bethune piece was reprinted by Ellis in his 1884 edition of *The Life of Colonel David Crockett*, but it does not appear

bill that had been put forward for the benefit of the widow of a distinguished Army general named Brown. The speech, however, deftly distinguished between the legitimacy of the charitable cause, and the question of how it should be addressed. In other words, the objection was not to the intended recipient of the bill's largesse, but rather the source: public money. In this attributed speech, Crockett pointed out that the sum in question was not a debt. "We cannot, without the grossest corruption, appropriate this money as the payment of a debt. We have not the semblance of authority to appropriate it as a charity."³⁰

Government welfare began in a time of tremendous urgency. It was during the early 1930s, as the Great Depression stalked the nation, that Franklin Delano Roosevelt stepped in with his socialist-communist New Deal, in effect using government programs to nationalize much of the charitable sector of society. Though this was intended as a short-term, emergency measure, it proved to be a very fateful Rubicon indeed.³¹ Short-term, temporary government assistance turned into the permanent, long-term government-run dole termed *welfare*. Capitalizing on this virtueless idea, Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973, President 1963-1969) instituted a War on Poverty in the 1960s, which intensified government-run welfare. This was the true beginning of the Big Government-run welfare state – indeed, the entitlement regime. For the first time in the history of this great American nation, free handouts

in his original 1861 book on Crockett (available at GoogleBooks). Clearly, Ellis could not have heard Crockett give a speech that took place 12 years before Ellis/Bethune's birth.

James R. Boylston published an article in [The Crockett Chronicle](#) (November 2004, #6) debunking the "Not Yours to Give"/Horatio Bunce story, and also addresses the speech in his new book, [David Crockett in Congress: The Rise and Fall of the Poor Man's Friend](#) (October 2009). Gale and Seaton's [Register of Debates for the House](#) on April 1, 1828, records there was indeed a lengthy debate (see images 2079-2089) on whether to award funds to a Widow Brown (wife of a general, not Ellis's widow of a naval officer); however, although Crockett cast a vote against the bill, he was not present for the discussion. Crockett did demand a roll-call vote. Contrary to what the Harper's article claimed, however, the bill passed the House and the Senate. Ellis states that Bunce's opposition to Crockett originated in a vote Crockett made in favor of relief for victims of a Georgetown fire. However, the fire was in Alexandria, not Georgetown, and the vote was taken on January 19, 1827 – while Crockett was not elected to Congress until late 1827. All evidence points to the Bunce/"Not Yours to Give" story as a fabrication – as are so many tales about Crockett, including many he told himself.

³⁰ <http://www.linkamerica.com/freedom/lessonlearned.html> Davy Crockett, *Not Yours to Give* in the *Congressional Record—Extension of Remarks, Proceedings and Debates of the 102nd Congress, First Session*, May 01, 1991.

³¹ This phrase alludes to Julius Caesar's crossing of the River Rubicon in 49 BC, which resulted in a civil war in Rome.

from the government were seen as *entitlements*, things that people were owed simply by virtue of their *existing*.³²

This sorry state of affairs has, of course, continued and developed into a much worse quagmire. A once thriving, voluntary charity sector was completely demolished and distorted by Big Government, with its model of *forced charity* extorted from taxpayers with the threat and use of force. Big Government liberals like to wax eloquently about compassion for the disenfranchised and the unfortunate. The model that they promote is decidedly uncompassionate. It relies on force to extort money from producers, and then gives it to non-producers. Utterly faceless, the social welfare bureaucracy needed to run this system of government extortion and patronage is, predictably enough, far more concerned about its own miserable perpetuation than it is about actually helping people out of a sense of compassion and good old-fashioned Christian charity. The Big Government-run system is so soul-crushing that it goes through a very high rate of case manager turnover, the two most common complaints being high caseloads and paperwork, that is, the endless red tape with which government and organizations must deal. This faceless bureaucracy has obliterated mutual aid societies, and resulted in a dramatic drop of at least 30% in church spending on the poor.³³

Davy Crockett could have set the advocates of Big Government-run welfare straight. The *Not Yours to Give* Davy Crockett speech – even if it is a fabrication – told of a time when Crockett had voted for a bill appropriating \$20,000 for the victims of a fire in Georgetown.³⁴ According to the tale, he later had cause to regret this, however, when a man of his district showed him that the measure had been unconstitutional:

"If you have the right to give to one, you have the right to give to all; and, as the *Constitution* neither defines charity nor

³² Steve Forbes and Elizabeth Ames, *Freedom Manifesto: Why Free Markets are Moral and Big Government Isn't*, Random House, New York: 2012, p. 154.

³³ Forbes and Ames, pp. 154-156.

³⁴ The fire was in Alexandria, Virginia.

stipulates the amount, you are at liberty to give to any and everything..."³⁵

This could, as the man rightly perceived, lead to two abuses: misuse of funds for any number of corrupt or fraudulent purposes, and robbing the people to acquire such funds. Individual contributions are fine because individuals may give as much of their money to any charitable cause they wish. Government appropriating funds and giving handouts is something entirely different. In fact, as the story is related, this was the very line that Crockett took on the floor of Congress. He suggested that all members of Congress give up one week's pay for the purpose of benefiting the widow of the distinguished United States Army officer. He pointed out that by so doing, they would actually raise more money, and they would do so in a manner that did not violate the *Constitution* and would not impose on public expense. Davy Crockett's argument failed to convince the majority of his colleagues.

The approach taken by the so-called Davy Crockett *Not Yours to Give* speech is that voluntary charity is a good undertaking, but compulsory, government-run welfare is not. It is a message that is completely lost on the entitled, irresponsible, Big Government welfare-mongering liberals. The proof is in the pudding.³⁶ Big Government-favoring liberals are responsible for our current welfare state, which provides generous benefits for people who are not required to work. In other words, liberals are actually penalizing successful people, because Big Government needs tax dollars to keep that welfare state solvent, and taxes have to be paid by people who are actually earning money.

Of course, liberals love to carry on about how they're helping the poor, the unfortunate, all the while begging the question that they need Big Government to force everyone to do it. However, this is a lie that is remarkably easy to expose. Nowhere in the entire welfare state complex, with its considerable army of social workers and community organizers, is there any plan for getting those on welfare off welfare, and turning them into productive, tax-paying members of society.

³⁵ Crockett, *Not Yours to Give*.

³⁶ The saying is sometimes *All the proof of a pudding is in the eating*. The saying is from Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*, book IV, chapter 10, Modern Library Giant Edition, New York: 1930, p. 322.

Dear reader, examine the rhetoric that so many of these Big Government apologists use to defend the welfare state. You will not find a place for a robust sense of individual responsibility. From those that are legitimately down on their luck to the most degenerate and depraved addicts and street criminals, all are viewed as victims of *The System*, usually some combination of government, society, and the economy. In reality they are victims of themselves and Big Government. *But of course, we should make sure we're not enabling willful freeloaders* is a statement you will never hear come out of the mouth of a committed, dyed-in-the-wool Big Government-promoting liberal welfare state advocate!³⁷ Yet, the willful freeloaders are always present in the Big Government dole system.

If anything, the *why* of this whole regime makes the whole situation far worse, even to the point of being outright sinister. The reason that no liberal defender of the Big Government welfare state will ever truly advocate individual responsibility and not enabling willful freeloaders who are choosing to be social parasites is very, very simple: it is too politically profitable for them to pass up.

That's right!

Welfare dependents are a guaranteed locked-in bloc of voters. So long as a liberal Democrat like putative president Barack Hussein Obama is in favor of redistributing the wealth through Big Government-run welfare programs, those on welfare are a guaranteed group of voters. In fact, the problem is even deeper and even more far-reaching than that because Big Government-run welfare is only one sinister tentacle on the kraken that is Big Government. Like the kraken out of the legend, Big Government is a monster fully capable of sinking the ship – in this case, the ship of liberty. With its tax-and-spend regime, the federal government has become a bloated cesspool of patronage and power.³⁸ The present commander in chief of this cesspool is the pos Barack Hussein Obama.

As a man of the frontier, Crockett consistently fought for the rights of self-made frontier farmers and frontiersmen. Throughout his political career, Crockett

³⁷ James R. Kennedy and Walter D. Kennedy, *Why Not Freedom!: America's Revolt Against Big Government*, second edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., Gretna, Louisiana: 2005, p. 17.

³⁸ Kennedy and Kennedy, pp. 17, 23.

consistently stood for hard-working farmers against speculators, who enriched themselves by means of what were often very shady land deals. It was this that led him into opposition with Andrew Jackson, after the latter was elected president in 1829. Despite the fact that the two were personal friends, their politics led them into bitter rivalry, often over the various interests and politics of the frontier. Davy Crockett's opposition to the speculators put him on a collision course with the powerful Jackson. He deemed Jackson's scheme of Indian removal to be outrageous. Crockett stood for the rights of a vulnerable group at a time when doing so was an outright political liability. With steadfastness Davy Crockett demonstrated his integrity, courage, and commitment to principle.³⁹

The matter of the western lands in Tennessee, the central issue of his political career, is a case in point. Tennessee had originally been an extension of North Carolina. It was turned over to the federal government to create Tennessee, in exchange for the government's promise to honor warrants for land grants that North Carolina had issued to Revolutionary War veterans. The eastern parts of Tennessee were appropriately divided up, with the western section to remain as public. However, the eastern part proved insufficient to satisfy the warrants. Crockett's own stance on the issue was resolutely in favor of small farmers, demonstrating his remarkable integrity.⁴⁰ Therefore, during his first term as a state legislator in 1821, "he voted to release landowners in the Western District of Tennessee from paying double tax assessments for delinquent taxes during 1820."⁴¹

"Coercion is the flip side of dependency," Steve Forbes and Elisabeth Ames observe in their important book *Freedom Manifesto: Why Free Markets Are Moral and Big Government Isn't*.⁴² Davy Crockett understood this, and could even get other members of Congress to understand it on occasion. Government cannot do anything for free. Thus, there is no such thing as *free* healthcare compliments of Big

³⁹ Daniel E. Harmon, *Davy Crockett* Chelsea House, Stockton, New Jersey: 2002, pp. 44-47.

⁴⁰ James A. Shackford, *David Crockett: The Man and the Legend*, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: 1986, pp. 48-51.

⁴¹ Shackford, *David Crockett*, p. 47.

⁴² Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 156.

Government. In actuality, it is decidedly *un-free* healthcare coerced from the taxpayers. Because it is provided by Big Government, it is Big Government – ultimately bureaucrats – who get to make the decision about what healthcare any given person gets, or indeed, if they get any at all. The same process takes place with *free* food from the food stamp program: bureaucrats determine what types of food one is eligible for.⁴³



United States Post Office Davy Crockett Five Cent stamp, issued in 1967. Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Davy_Crockett2_1967_Issue-5c.jpg.

Not Yours to Give was the proclamation then and should be proclamation now! Big Government welfare erodes freedom! So does Big Government corporate welfare, like the bailout which was designed under the administration of George W. Bush (1946, President 2001-2009) and carried out, to ruinous effect by Barack Hussein Obama. The result has been an escalation of government involvement in the financial sector with ramifications that have ripped disastrously across the rest of the economy. As government involvement has produced a stricken financial sector, so too has the stricken financial sector produced an increasingly ailing economy that

⁴³ Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 156.

is supported by the ailing Big Government.⁴⁴ The solution was hit on by the alleged Davy Crockett *Not Yours to Give* speech already in the nineteenth century, and by the great social-political philosopher Ayn Rand (1905-1982) in the twentieth century. It is simple, profound, elegant and American: total separation of government and the economy. Capitalism is the answer, and anything less than 100% decoupling of government from the economy is, plainly and simply, not capitalism! In the imperishable words of Ayn Rand, this principle is: "the liberation of men's economic activities, of production and trade, from any form of intervention, coercion, compulsion, regulation, or control by the government."⁴⁵

Davy Crockett understood the importance of governmental non-involvement in the economy. Politicians are very good at spending other people's money. In referring to his fellow politicians in Congress, Crockett said, "Money with them is nothing but trash when it is to come out of the people."⁴⁶ The more Big Government becomes involved in dispensing largesse from other people's money, the more that the abuses mount. What Crockett learned was that this is not true charity, but rather compulsion. For freedom to prevail, government must disassociate itself from the economy. It is time to convert Davy Crockett's warnings into action.



Keeping the Banner of Freedom Flying: BigFurHat, The American Conservative Instance Par Excellence.

This author's third Fur Hat Fighter For Freedom is one who symbolizes the modern-day American Patriot. Indeed, he is an American Patriot who goes by the name of BigFurHat (no dates).

⁴⁴ Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, 157.

⁴⁵ Quoted in Yaron Brook and Don Watkins, *Free Market Revolution: How Ayn Rand's Ideas Can End Big Government*, Palgrave MacMillan, New York: 2012, p. 134.

⁴⁶ *Davy Crockett vs. Welfare* from [The Life of Colonel David Crockett](http://archive.lewrockwell.com/orig4/ellis1.html), by Edward S. Ellis, Porter & Coates: Philadelphia: 1884, reproduced at <http://archive.lewrockwell.com/orig4/ellis1.html>.

An immediate, spontaneous comparison of BigFurHat to Barack Hussein Obama yields the following:

BigFurHat is a conservative, political blogger, cartoonist, and artist.

Barack Hussein Obama is a leftist, lying politician, cartoon fool, and con-artist.



This 2 inch x 4 inch self-portrait, acrylic on canvas, unframed, by BigFurHat was auctioned off. Read more at <http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=199015#dEPYG8dSpAbbJWzR.99> Source: <http://iowntheworld.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/bfhsp.jpg>. For the results go to <http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=199050>.

A voice for freedom, already in 2009 and before, BigFurHat was accurately discerning Barack Hussein Obama's Marxist convictions. BigFurHat has spent much of his recent years exposing Obama's radical Marxist agenda for redistributing the wealth. At the same time, Obama's election and reelection to a second presidential term speaks to the spread of liberalism as a mental disorder; as a psychological condition driven by the entitlement mentality. The result of this mental disorder that has taken hold of politicians is that the adult is converted into an infantile dependent of government. The competence of *We the People* has become crippled. Defeating

this mental disorder is the key to defeating Barack Hussein Obama's anti-American and anti-human agenda.⁴⁷

BigFurHat is a modern conservative genius. He has the homespun wit and humor, as well as down-to-earth logic of both Benjamin Franklin and Davy Crockett. Indeed, BigFurHat has a penchant for sardonic and snarky, truthful jesting all his own. The genius behind iOwnTheWorld.com, BigFurHat is a blogger whose collective works contain much humorous lampooning of Barack Hussein Obama. BigFurHat's articles at iOwnTheWorld and *The American Thinker* brilliantly skewer the left and socialism.⁴⁸

In one comic concerning the Occupy Wall Street protestors, Barack Hussein Obama comes back to the White House looking disheveled. He is wearing a fake nose and glasses. Michelle asks him what happened, and he tells her he was out visiting the Occupy Wall Street protestors (inspired by their socialism, of course!). "I felt like I should go down there and pick their brains, get my boots on the ground and get my finger on the pulse and get some ideas," Obama says.⁴⁹ Because he did not want to go down there in recognizable form ("then it would just become a lovefest and I wouldn't learn anything"), he borrowed a set of fake glasses and the nose from Joe Biden ("You know, the glasses he always wears when he goes to the midget wrestling"). But, as luck would have it, Obama forgets to change out of his extremely expensive suit. So, when he tries mingling and asking questions, predictably enough, the whiny Occupy Wall Street Marxists turn on him and raise the hue and cry: "Jew! Jew banker! Kill the Jew! Get the Zionist pig!" This last is depicted

⁴⁷ The best scientific study of the deranged liberal mentality is Lyle H. Rossitere, Jr. MD., *The Liberal Mind The Psychological Causes of Political Madness*, Free World, Books, St. Charles, Illinois: 2008.

⁴⁸ At http://www.americanthinker.com/big_fur_hat/ the reader should click the following links: [Top 100 Films of Obama Era](#) [Anagrams and Politics](#) [Obama's War Politics in Jeopardy](#). Each article and all of them together will provide the reader with an insight into how this genius thinks and blogs. His commentary, articles, selections at iOwnTheWorld and his artistry will be some of the most enjoyable readings you will ever experience.

⁴⁹ <http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=99426> BigFurHat, "The Obama's #105 – Occupation," October 16, 2011.

brilliantly, with the baying horde of Occupiers depicted as zombie-like, a grasping mob of brain-dead cretins.⁵⁰

Another brilliant post highlights Obama's patronizing, paternalistic ways. In an address to schoolchildren, Obama preaches that they should take responsibility for themselves and study hard. This is mixed in with the usual babble and platitudes. Then, during a National Address to Adults, Obama says "You cannot take responsibility for yourselves... You are children..." and preaches against independence.⁵¹ It's a brilliant skewering of Obama's Big Government socialism. Barack Hussein Obama's war on America and our institutions threatens our economic liberty, precisely because of the way in which Obama, the one-time community organizer and welfare enabler, has been handing out welfare benefits through Big Government. Obama's destructive commitment to Marxism is evident in the way that he has interfered in the workings of the banks. As Forbes and Ames explain, his attempts to mandate *fairness* have caused a great deal of damage to the financial sector and the economy overall. The environment that this present occupier of the Oval Office has created, albeit by following a policy that was at least designed under George W. Bush, is one that is extremely hostile to investment – something surely George W. Bush would never have condoned. With investment rendered extremely difficult, small and medium-sized businesses have trouble getting loans. In turn, this has been bad for bank stocks, and so the economy goes ... down the drain.⁵² It appears, as BigFurHat would also argue, that Barack Hussein Obama is causing the destruction of the American economy intentionally.

Like a runaway train, or an avalanche down a mountainside, it is very difficult to stop the Big Government entitlement state until it is too late. Like both the runaway train and the avalanche, the welfare state grows on its own momentum. The Section Eight program, which was introduced in the 1970s under Richard M. Nixon (1913-1994, President 1969-1974), is a perfect example of this. Originally created to help the homeless by providing housing subsidies, Section Eight has been

⁵⁰ BigFurHat, *The Obama's #105—Occupation*.

⁵¹ <http://iowntheworld.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/obamas63strip.jpg>, BigFurHat, *The Obamas #63*, September 2009.

⁵² Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 157.

growing and growing. Today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "subsidizes more than two million households. Payments can reach as much as \$2,800 per household or more."⁵³ In 1994, the budget stood at \$7 billion. If that sounds like a lot, in 2011 the budget stood at \$19 billion. But all of that goes to keeping the neediest families housed.

Right?

Wrong!

The mission of HUD has expanded to the point that it will dole out subsidies for people in order to secure a certain quality of life for them.

That's right!

The government is using taxpayer dollars, *\$19 billion of them already in 2011*, to maintain *quality* standards of living. What does that entail? In fact, it can be as simple as a new teen mother getting into a fight with her mother or grandmother over her baby's presence, and opting to run off to a shelter. Once she is there, she can be classified as *homeless*, and the government (compliments of the taxpayers!) will pay for her to move into a new home.⁵⁴ Another example is 29-year-old Jason Greenslate, a La Jolla, California man who lives off government welfare – according to him – "free money" – and does nothing productive. He surfs almost every day, hangs out, and chases women. Moreover, the bum and parasite receives food stamps with which he purchases sushi, lobster, coconut water, etc.

"All paid for by our wonderful tax dollars," he said with a smirk, leaving the store with his purchases.

"I'll usually get sushi, but make it my own way, they didn't have any good fish, so I just got the premade stuff," he told Roberts after the grocery store visit, explaining his typical food buy.

Greenslate and his friends grilled the lobster along with chicken and hot dogs and shared the meat.

Greenslate has no intention of getting a job.

⁵³ Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 160.

⁵⁴ Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 160.

“That’s not the direction I’m going right now,” he said to Roberts, explaining his ambition is to be a rock star.

“It’s going great,” Greenslate said about his state of unemployment. “Yeah, it’s going really well.”

“This is the way I live and I don’t see anything changing,” he said, adding that he does not see anything wrong with his lifestyle on food stamps. “Why would it be bad in any way? It’s free food. It’s awesome.”⁵⁵

So far, the liberals have been winning the war for Big Government entitlements. They are very good at convincing many Americans, at least in blue states, the states controlled by the Democratic Party, that they have the moral high ground. Of course, this is a contradiction in logic because POLDS are debauched moralists. Anyone who has ever been in a debate with a liberal on the subject of entitlements knows this. They will invariably, as if by some law of nature, start bleating about how cruel, heartless, vitriolic, and full of hate one must be for opposing a handout program run by Big Government and funded by extortion from the taxpayers. Indulging in their favorite pastime of guilt-mongering, these liberal scolds will wag their fingers and tell any critic to *Check your privilege!* or sanctimoniously waffle about how they bet the critic would feel differently if only the critic were homeless or starving, etc. There was a time when this author attempted to respond to people like this by telling them that he was all for voluntary giving, and believed firmly in Christian charity and mutual aid, but not in Big Government handouts. This author also believes in the credo, which sadly seems to have disappeared from the crudely-lettered cardboard signs that panhandlers carry, *Will Work For Food*.

What this author and BigFurHat have learned in more recent years, however, is that there is absolutely no reasoning with these people. They defend insane, ruinous ideas like Marxism in the name of *helping the less fortunate*, and they defend kleptocratic autocrats like Hugo Chavez (1954-2013), the former President of Venezuela (1999-2013). As anyone who spends a lot of time viewing *Facebook* and other social media sites can attest, the liberal left indulged in a wave of eulogizing for

⁵⁵ <http://dailycaller.com/2013/08/10/the-new-face-of-snap-food-stamps-buy-lobster-for-surfer-and-his-buddies/#ixzz2h7i5ovPU>
<http://politicsandfinance.blogspot.de/2013/08/must-watch-video-twenty-something-bum.html>.

Chavez when the cancer-ridden despot finally shucked the mortal coil. This liberal sniveling was a spectacle as revolting as it was pathetically predictable.

In truth, even with all of this, this author did not entirely understand the mental disease that is contemporary liberalism until he started to view it as a psychological disorder. The works of authors like Michael Savage, Al Snow, and, of course, Forbes and Ames were of immense help in this regard. Actually, Forbes and Ames sum it up best for the purposes in this essay: the roots of the mental disease of liberalism lie with the entitlement mentality.

Think about it!

From the pathetic Occupy Wall Street protesters to Big Government-run welfare, to Obamacare, to practically everything else the liberals have advocated. It all comes down to the conclusion that people are *entitled* to goods and services, just for *existing*. This is the idea that *I deserve X, Y, Z from the government [the taxpayers] because I need X, Y, and Z*. Instead of *I very much want/need X, Y, and Z, therefore I will go out and get a job and earn them*, we now have a nation where everyone is always demanding that what they want come out of someone else's pocket.⁵⁶ The parasites are saying the producers must pay for them!

BigFurHat recognizes this, much to his credit, and – crucially – he recognizes Obama's destructive role in expanding it. As BigFurHat pointed out, the Obamabots LOVE to shriek about how George W. Bush plotted the whole thing out in advance: his evil program for world domination by invading Iraq in cahoots with the Bilderberg Group, (or whatever group). But what about Barack Hussein Obama? Do they recognize the real-world parallels between the real actions of Barack Hussein Obama and the phantasmagoric narrative they have conjured up about George W. Bush? No, of course not, that would be asking them to think.⁵⁷

Yet, Barack Hussein Obama's war plans are undeniable. He is going to war with an *enemy force* that he has been indoctrinated to believe is evil since childhood: *American capitalism*. His mentor in Marxism Frank Marshall Davis (1905-1987) taught him to view capitalism as oppressive and unjust, and Obama drafted out his

⁵⁶ Forbes and Ames, *Freedom Manifesto*, p. 162.

⁵⁷ BigFurHat, *Obama's War at American Thinker*, March 01, 2009, http://www.americanthinker.com/2009/03/obamas_war_1.html

anti-capitalist war plan long before he was elected. He has appropriated trillions, and the useful idiots in the lamestream media have followed his lead in calling his appropriations a *stimulus package*, despite the opposition of half of America and all but three Republican members of Congress.⁵⁸ Make no mistake, Obama's war on capitalism is the execution of a long-held design, one that aims at nothing less than the destruction of everything Americans hold dear.⁵⁹

As of this researching and writing there is actually a movement afoot, right now, to get McDonald's and other *low-wage* employers to pay their workers a *living wage*. *We Are Worth More* their signs proclaim. How much, one might well ask, do these people think they are worth? How much is the labor of someone tasked with flipping burgers, asking customers "Do you want fries with that?" and barely maintaining an acceptable restroom worth? As Tom Woods, a senior fellow of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, handily explains, "If they were worth more, other firms would have captured their extra worth by bidding them away from the fast-food industry and hiring them themselves."⁶⁰ Since Woods lives in the real world, the world of conservative economics where people are expected to actually *earn* their keep, he, like BigFurHat sees through the protesters' nonsense quite handily. People who work those jobs without either advancing themselves within the company or using their work experience to get a better job really have no one to blame but themselves (if there is blame to be parceled out), if they are still stuck there after many years have passed. Indeed, blame is to be parceled out on others. But then, that would actually be *doing* something other than whining and asking other people to pay up for one's own disappointments in life.⁶¹

What are the strikers asking for?

What do they think they're worth?

\$15.00/hour.

⁵⁸ The names have been withheld to protect the guilty!

⁵⁹ BigFurHat, *Obama's War*.

⁶⁰ Tom Woods, *The Fast-Food Protests*, *TomWoods.com*, August 2, 2013, <http://www.tomwoods.com/blog/the-fast-food-protests/>

⁶¹ Tom Woods, *The Fast-Food Protests*.

Welcome to Obama's America, where you are supposed to be entitled to \$15.00/hour job at McDonald's. Never mind if you have zero skills or previous work experience, never mind if you barely graduated from high school and are only semi-literate, never mind if you lack the motivation or the drive to build on your skills and improve yourself, you are *Entitled To A Living Wage!* You are entitled to it merely because you live. *Sum ergo tribuo volo.* You exist, therefore you are owed. Naturally, the useful idiots of the liberal left have hastened to step up to the plate. Brimming with bonhomie and full of idealistic ideas for helping the less fortunate, these Latte Liberals, the wealthy who support liberal policies, have proposed that McDonald's and others could simply raise their prices slightly, or keep the prices the same but make less money. This, in Tom Woods's words, "gives the game away". These liberals are perfectly happy to help some poor people by hurting others (price increases) or by having someone else pay for it (McDonald's making less money). Forget economics, so long as somebody else is paying the price! If it's a member of the evil capitalist class, preferably a Rich White Man or an Evil (White-owned) Corporation, so much the better!⁶²

The absurdities of the *Fight For Fifteen* campaign are merely a recent symptom of the underlying pathology that is liberalism, which is consistently attacked and exposed by BigFurHat. At the heart of liberalism is a mentality that is decidedly anti-capitalist, holding as it does to a view of the world where everyone is entitled to have their needs met, especially at someone else's expense if that person is deemed to be well off. BigFurHat wisely recognizes that Obama is contributing to this because Obama is the logical culmination of this mentality: the epitome of mental disorder! In every daily edition of iOwnTheWorld we learn that only by returning to the founding principles of the Republic can our great nation be saved from the total destruction to which Obama and the legions of liberal-progressive Marxists would consign it.

BigFurHat's battle cry in his fight for freedom is *molon labe!* A defiant declaration of freedom against the demands of tyranny is this classical Greek saying

⁶² Tom Woods, *The Fast-Food Protests*; Tom Woods, *Who Needs Economics: Double Everyone's Wages by Paying 17 Cents More!* TomWoods.com, August 12, 2013, <http://www.tomwoods.com/blog/who-needs-economics-double-everyones-wages-by-paying-17-cents-more/>

molon labe, which when translated roughly means *Come and get it!* The words were first uttered by King Leonidas of Sparta (also known as Leonidas the Brave, c. BC-480 BC, King of Sparta 489-480 BC) to the armies of the Persian tyrant Xerxes I (also known as Xerxes the Great, 519-465 BC, King of Persia 486-465 BC). The Persians had invaded Greece, their aim being to subjugate still another people under the yoke of their empire. But when Xerxes I demanded Leonidas and his Spartans surrender, the Spartan king dared him to make good on his threat: *molon labe* – *come and get it!* Needless to say, this is a fitting new watchword for patriots in the age of Obama! With Barack Hussein Obama the Destroyer riding roughshod over our constitutional liberties, spreading his tyranny of Big Government, the imperative for *molon labe* has never been clearer, nor more appropriate and timely⁶³

BigFurHat has become involved in the *molon labe* movement, the emerging consensus among American Patriots that Obama's attempts to confiscate their weapons must be resisted at any and all costs. BigFurHat is taking up the cause by selling *molon labe* merchandise, first a t-shirt and then a line of custom shoes.⁶⁴ It is a fashion statement that reflects his own deeply held convictions. In a superb episode of his *99 Second Radio Show*, BigFurHat did an *Obamatax Special* with C. Steven Tucker, the expert on the Obamacare fraud. The episode explored the many outrages against our freedoms committed in Obamacare, notably the tax assessed for not complying, and the fact that in practice, it will be the 53% who end up paying for it. Because only 53% of Americans pay income tax, 47% will not face penalties on their taxes for not complying with Obamacare. Thus, our leftist-community-organizer-promulgator-of-socialism president will yet again be committing active class warfare. There are the other absurdities of Obamacare, notably the fact that there's nothing to stop a young, healthy person who does not pay income taxes from just opting out, thereby undermining even the feasibility of the system. Fortunately,

⁶³ Russ Vaughn, *Molon Labe, the Code of Those Born Fighting* at *American Thinker*, January 30, 2013, <http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/01/molon-labe-the-code-of-those-born-fighting.html>.

⁶⁴ Angry White Dude, *Conservative Designer Big Fur Hat Selling Custom Molon Labe Shoes!* at *Angrywhitedude.com*, June 18, 2013, <http://angrywhitedude.com/2013/06/conservative-designer-big-fur-hat-selling-custom-molon-labe-shoes/>.

patriots are fighting back, and the episode also discussed how we can defeat Obamacare.⁶⁵

Of course, Obama's war on the Second Amendment is more directly responsible for the popularity of *molon labe*. There has never been a more ruinous presidency in the history of this nation, but out of all Obama's abuses of power and flagrant displays of contempt for the values that made America great, this may very well be the worst. As the *Oath Keepers* organization declares:

“We will never disarm. We will never surrender our military pattern, semi-automatic rifles and the full capacity magazines, parts, and ammunition that go with them.”⁶⁶

This is the reason *molon labe* is necessary: to protect freedom from liberal tyranny.

Liberal tyranny, typically fueled by some mixture of fear and moral sanctimony, is the common thread tying together all of Barack the Destroyer's campaigns on freedom. Obama went after guns with a vengeance in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, capitalizing on the socialist drive to cause a wave of fear, sorrow, and moral revulsion that swept the nation.⁶⁷ The fear, sorrow, and moral revulsion were all perfectly normal responses to a tragedy of such magnitude, but Obama's sinister manipulations are inexcusable. Yet, this is an old trick, one Barack Hussein Obama has consistently used with his attempts at socialist-communist redistribution. “Obama evokes the image of our yet-to-be-born children in a lachrymose attempt to justify his draconian plan,” BigFurHat fulminates.

Exactly!

⁶⁵ BigFurHat, *BigFurHat's 99 Second Radio Show Obamatax Special with C. Steven Tucker*, IOTW2009, June 30, 2012, http://youtu.be/30ObdY1P4_o

⁶⁶ Oath Keepers, *Molon Labe Pledge: To Resist Disarmament and Registration* at *Oathkeepers.org*, n.d., <http://oathkeepers.org/oath/pledge/?p=1>

⁶⁷ There was an amok shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on the morning of December 14, 2012. There were 28 people who were shot and killed, among them 20 children, 6 school employees, the committer of the crime, Adam Lanza, and his mother, whom Adam Lanza had killed previously that morning. There are some reports that the shooting was a hoax. Google Sandy Hook Hoax.

Obama has consistently resorted to precisely this mixture of fear and liberal sentiment to get what he wants, the destruction of American freedom and capitalism.⁶⁸ The modern *modus operandi* is continuing with the present politics of the American budget proposals and the institution of Obamacare that have resulted in a government shutdown. To these Barack Hussein Obama-caused crises true American Patriots must ever answer, *molon labe!* as Leonidas did and as BigFurHat is doing.



Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Davy Crockett, and BigFurHat personify the virtues that are traditionally American as they emerged from the Judeo-Christian cultures and heritages. They have kept their banners flying.

Dear reader, you are still an American Patriot who can help in taking back the United States of America. A problem is that you are too still. You can overcome this status. A good way for you to begin is to emulate Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Davy Crockett (*Not Yours To Give*), and BigFurHat. By so doing you can become an America hero. Keep fighting against everything that is Obamaesque and anti-American. If you do not become active, there will be a dictatorial take-over of the United States of America by the evil Barack Hussein Obama regime. It may come sooner than you think.⁶⁹

Wave and support the Banner of Freedom constantly!



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⁶⁸ BigFurHat, *Obama's War*.

⁶⁹ This may already be in the making. Read <http://www.thetotalcollapse.com/pentagon-warns-to-expect-radical-change-in-us-government-soon/>